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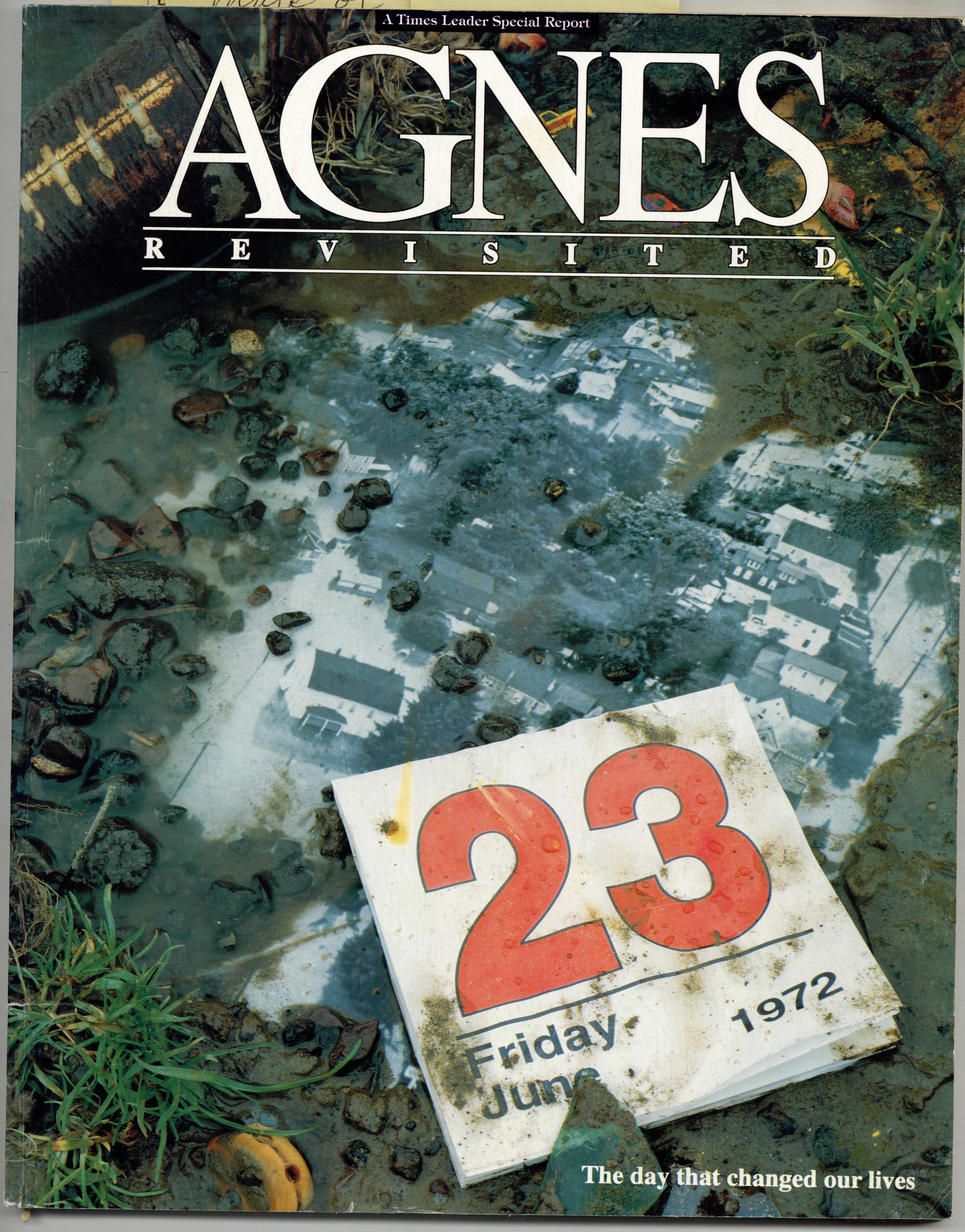
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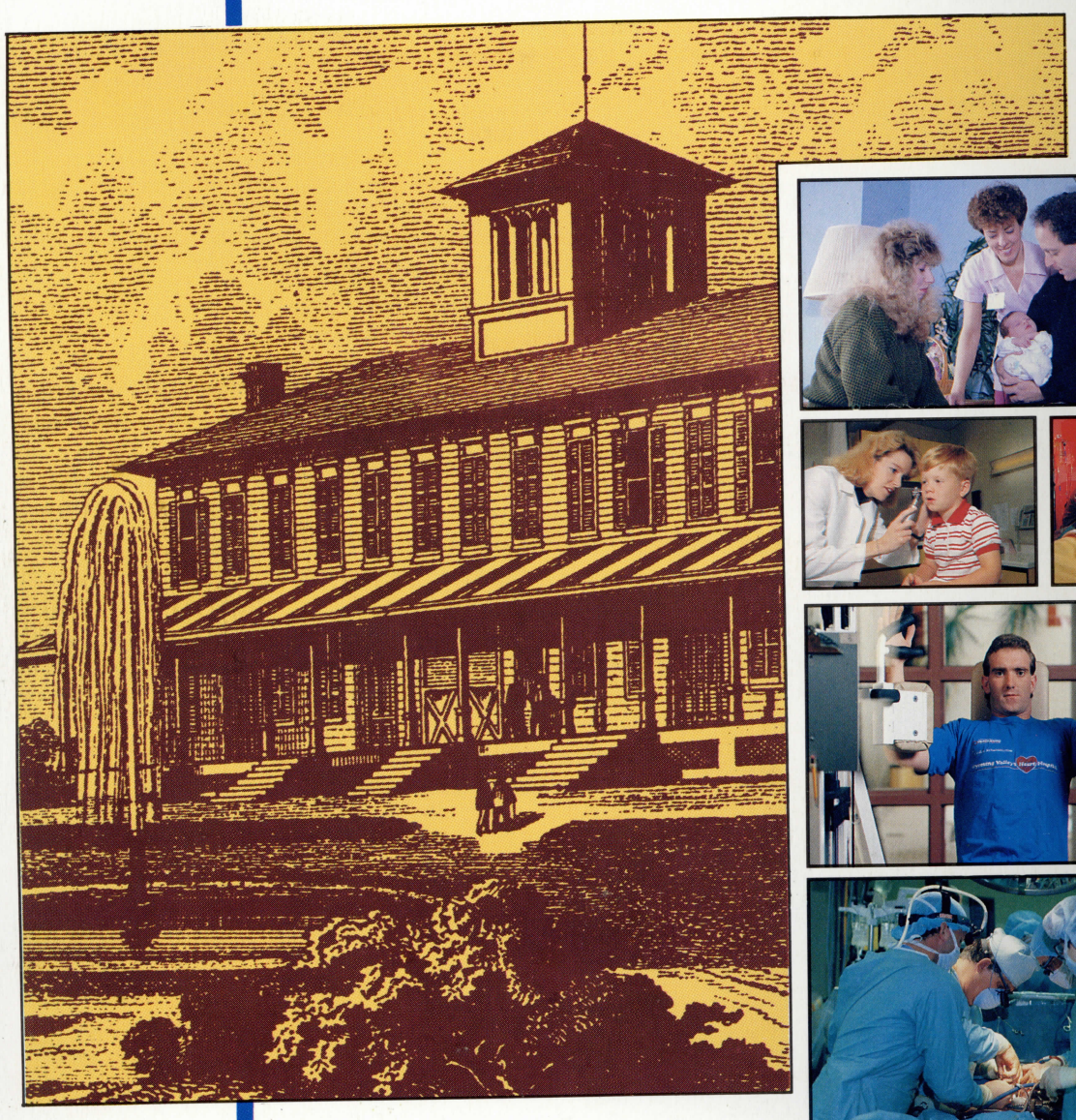
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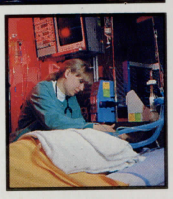
The Wyoming Valley's history is defined by nature.

In the 19th Century, mining its rich anthracite deposits provided work for hundreds of thousands of European immigrants and made the Valley the center of America's industrial revolution.

As oil replaced coal in the nation's homes and businesses, the Wyoming Valley lost its place in America's prosperity.

In 1972, Hurricane Agnes redefined the Valley. And the descendants of those immigrants took the opportunity to refine it, replacing devastation and decay with new buildings, new businesses, and a spirit of hope and community involvement.





The Wyoming Valley has created a new place for itself in America's future. And just as the Wyoming Valley has been redefined for the 21st Century, so has the healthcare Wilkes-Barre General Hospital provides.

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It's been 20 years since Hurricane Agnes changed the Wyoming Valley's future. It's been 120 years since General first began helping the ill and injured recover theirs.

Both have brought lasting effects and, as we celebrate these anniversaries, a flood of memories for all of us who have the Valley in our hearts.

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A Part Of History, A Part Of All Of Us

The actual event is 20 years old; the feelings for many of you are as fresh — make that muddy — as yesterday.



At least that's the feeling we get each time we revisit the flood of 1972, affectionately known as Hurricane Agnes.

I didn't live here through the flood. I couldn't help it: I had just finished my freshman year at college and was home in New York state for the summer.

But my husband and his family were here and over the years stories of the flood have crept into our conversations.

Like when we're taking down the dining room table after a holiday meal and my mother-in-law casually recalls the time people were sleeping in this same dining room. Lots of them.

Two bathrooms and 40 people. You can do the math and imagine the chaos. And yet the memories are of laughter and pitching in.

Of too many women in the kitchen; of marathon meals; of a washing machine that finally died under the added pressure; of curfew disputes with married adults who were not used to being children again.



And where did all these people sleep, I asked my mother-in-law. Everywhere. Around the dining table and on floors. A female friend even shared the king-sized bed in the master bedroom.

It was an experience that was life defining for all who lived here.

If you weren't forced out of your own home, you were forced into sharing it with those who were.

It was a community forced into communes, most emerging none the worse for wear.

Which is what we have tried to capture in this anniversary look back at The Flood.

For all of you who were here, it's a time to remember. Maybe you'll take a minute to share a story or two.

For those who didn't live here yet, it's a way to get to know us better.

We've tried to give the "Were Heres" and the "Were Nots" some common ground: It's called history.

On each page, you'll see short reminders of what else was going on in the summer of 1972.

For those of you who spent the summer shoveling mud, you might not remember that this was also the summer of Watergate.

For those of you not here yet, we hope our historic glimpses will serve as a trigger, shooting you back to the past.

As difficult, distressing and dirty it must have been after Hurricane Agnes charged through this area, it is a truly fascinating story to remember.

You have to admit: You love telling it, too. And we thank the many of you who shared your stories, your photos, your memories as we pieced together this look at Agnes: The Day That Changed Our Lives.

Allison Walzer
Vice-president and Editor

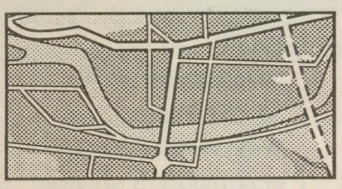
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Staff photographer Alejandro A. Alvarez submerged himself into his work for this project. Standing on the banks of the Susquehanna, Alvarez tried to capture the memory of Agnes by covering a 20-year-old aerial picture of the flooding with the river's mud.

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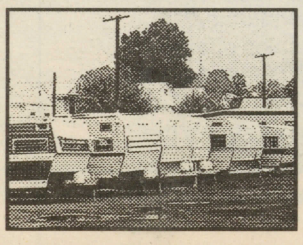
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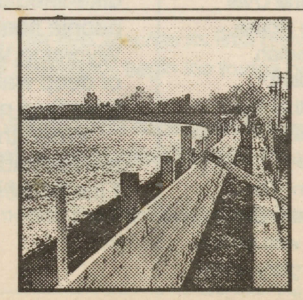
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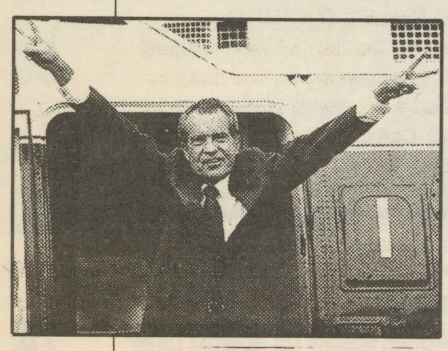


FLOOD FACTS

72,000 people were evacuated during the flood, most from Wilkes-Barre.

``If I had to relive it all over again, I would get in my car and just keep on going." - Dorothy Kravitz, who lost her Edwardsville house, furniture and treasured memories to Agnes.

SUMMER OF '72
The world went on...



■ **IMPEACHING TAPE:** On June 23, 1972, in the Oval Office of the White House, adviser H.R. Haldeman suggests to President Richard M. Nixon that the CIA interfere with the investigation of the Watergate break-in. The recorded conversation later proved that Nixon was aware of the June 17 burglary, even though he denied it.

JUNE 23, 1972

Twenty years ago this week, as a tropical storm weaved its way northward, life in the Wyoming Valley went on as usual. Not for long.

THE DAY THAT CHANGED OUR LIVES



It began as a "tropical depression," or area of low barometric pressure, over Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula on Thursday, June 15, 1972.

Twelve days later, weather observers last glimpsed it as another weak low over the North Atlantic Ocean near Nova Scotia, Canada.

In between those dates, the windy, watery storm known as "Agnes" tore through the eastern seaboard of the United States, killing 122 people (four in Wyoming Valley) and doing an estimated $3 billion in damages.

As it stalled and danced over Pennsylvania, Agnes entered history. The rain-filled monster sent the Susquehanna River to an all-time height, spilling over its dike-lined banks and sending thousands of people fleeing to higher ground. It turned Wyoming Valley into a bizarre landscape of deep water, wailing sirens and flames from fires no one could reach.

When the water fell back, it was as if armies had fought up and down the Valley. Fine homes were left wrenched into the streets, debris hung from wires, shopping centers were muddy ghost villages, newborn babies were bawling in makeshift hospitals and families were trying to reunite without telephones or bridges.

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The weekend that Agnes took shape in the Caribbean was, in most ways, a very ordinary late-spring time for Wyoming Valley. Moviegoers in downtown Wilkes-Barre could choose between the violent Mafia drama "The Godfather" and "Carnage," billed as being in the tradition of "Psycho." Racing at Pocono Downs was under way.

With Father's Day coming up Sunday, Iorio's Restaurant was announcing a dinner special for dad at $3.95, and Pastor Dennis Madeira of Kingston's Westmoor Church of Christ announced a sermon entitled "Are You a Good Father?"

End-of-model-year sales offered a Pontiac Catalina for $3,590 and a Ford Torino for $2,449. The Sells and Gray Circus planned to open its shows the

story by: ***Tom Mooney***
Times Leader Staff Writer

EAST NORTHAMPTON STREET in Wilkes-Barre is under approximately six feet of water. Boats were the only method of transportation throughout much of the city, where water depths reached up to 20 feet.

following Thursday in Edwardsville.

Not all was happy. In the early hours of Saturday, June 17, young Kevin Barker of Kingston was shot to death across the street from an Edwardsville tavern by an unknown man who jumped in his car and sped away.

That Saturday was also the day several apparent burglars were arrested in Washington, D.C. One of the men taken into custody early that morning in the Democratic Party's offices in the Watergate building turned out to be James McCord, a security chief for President Nixon's re-election organization.

The weather service announced a light rain, produced by faraway Agnes, would likely continue for a few days.

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The giant atmospheric disturbance, meanwhile, was building its power. On Friday, June 16, centered over the Caribbean Sea, it was declared a tropical storm and given a name beginning with "A," since it was the first of the season. By early evening the following day, still over the Caribbean, the storm's winds reached 75 miles an hour, and it was designated a true hurricane.

There was nothing to distinguish Agnes from the many other storms that had struck America's southeastern underbelly as it finally made landfall in the Florida panhandle about noon on Monday, June 19. In fact, as the storm moved over land its winds began to diminish. Hurricane Agnes was downgraded back to Tropical Storm Agnes.

Windy or not, the storm was still deadly. In Florida's Okeechobee City it spawned a tornado that ripped through a mobile home park, killing six people.

Moving northward, the storm passed through Georgia on Tuesday the 20th, entering South Carolina Wednesday morning bearing northeast. Those states saw mostly crop damage, with little flooding.

In North Carolina that Wednesday, however, small streams and some larger rivers began flooding, and several drowning deaths were reported. It looked as if Agnes wasn't ready to die yet.

* * *

Wyoming Valley had suffered many disastrous floods in the distant past. In the springs of 1865, 1875, 1902 and 1929 the Susquehanna River, choked with run-off from melting ice upstream, had risen well beyond its banks and flooded large areas of Wilkes-Barre and the West Side.

In 1972 older people still talked of the great flood of March, 1936 as the worst disaster ever to hit the Valley. It outranked the tornado of 1890 and Hurricane Hazel of 1954. Nearly everyone had a story of himself, or a friend or relative, who had been evacuated in a little rowboat.

Susquehanna River Readings

date	time	feet
Wed., 6/21	10:00 pm.	4.30
Thurs., 6/22	7:00 pm.	8.30
	4:30 pm.	17.16
	10:00 pm.	24.80
Fri., 6/23	1:00 am.	28.90
	4:00 am.	32.30
	9:00 am.	36.70
	10:00 am.	37.20
	1:00 pm.	38.50
	6:00 pm.	37.50
	10:00 pm.	38.50
Sat., 6/24	9:30 am.	40.00
	1:30 pm.	40.35
	7:00 pm.	40.60
	10:00 pm.	40.50
Sun., 6/25	7:00 am.	39.00
	1:00 pm.	36.00
	8:00 pm.	32.30
Mon., 6/26	7:00 am.	24.22
	5:00 pm.	19.82

There was even a popular spiral-bound book of photographs of main streets filled with water that reached nearly all the way up to business signs and traffic lights. Parents, pointing to markers on public buildings showing the height of the water, explained to their children that once the flood was here.

But by 1972 the fading pictures had a quaint charm. Few thought any disaster like that could happen again. How could it? In the early 1940s the United States Army Corps of Engineers had constructed an impressive dike system. Lining both sides of the river, it was designed to protect Wyoming Valley's most heavily populated low-lying areas.

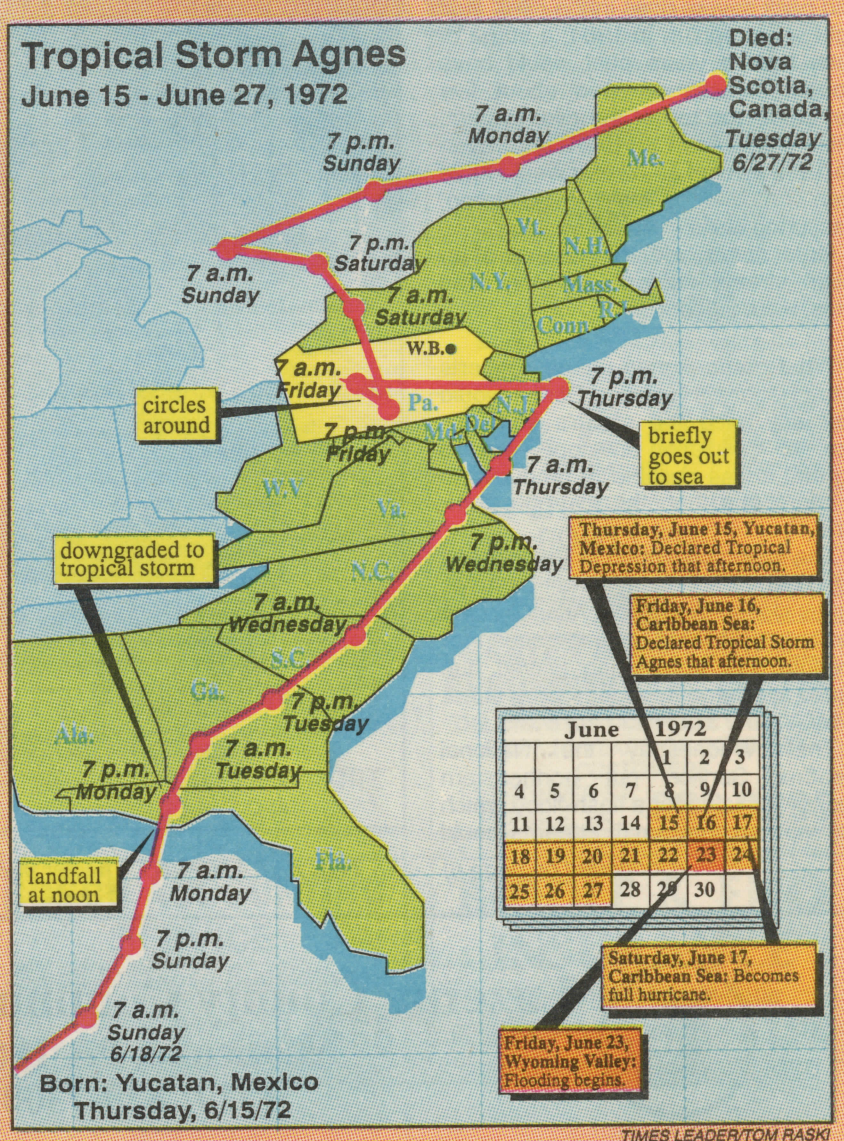
The dike project came with a price. It had virtually destroyed Wilkes-Barre's magnificently landscaped River Common, with its gardens, streetlights and walkways. On the West Side, about a third of neatly manicured Kirby

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THE RAIN-SWOLLEN Susquehanna River blanketed Wilkes-Barre with five to 10 feet of water

The Life of AGNES



TIMES LEADER/TOM RASKI

Sunday, June 18, 1972: Agnes, the hurricane that developed in the Gulf of Mexico, slams into Florida's panhandle.

Wednesday, June 21, 10 p.m.: The Susquehanna River level is at 4.72 feet, higher than normal but not critical.

Thursday June 22, 7 a.m.: River level reaches 8.3 feet.

Thursday, 11 p.m.: Plymouth residents are warned to begin evacuating low-lying areas. Local officials expect a river crest of 37 feet. Civil Defense officials decide a general evacuation alarm can wait until 5 a.m. Friday.

Friday, June 23, 1 a.m.: Nicholas H. Souchik, Civil Defense administrator and "river-watcher," estimates the river will reach 40 feet

Friday, 5 a.m.: The general alarm to evacuate is sounded by radio, television and siren; 72,000 people prepare to leave their homes to fate.

Friday, 6 a.m.: Gen. Frank Townend, Civil Defense director, makes the first of countless radio broadcasts, calling for help.

Friday, 11:14 a.m.: Seven short siren blasts mark the Susquehanna's breach of the dike at Charles Street.

Friday, 1 p.m.: The river reaches its first crest at 38.5 feet, then recedes a foot before beginning another climb.

Saturday, June 24, 9:30 a.m.: Pennsylvania Air National Guard units are called to support Army National Guard Disaster Operations in Wilkes-Barre.

Saturday, 7 p.m.: The river reaches its final crest at 40.6 feet.

Monday, June 25 : Refugees begin the trudge home and discover the devastation.

Friday, June 29: Wilkes-Barre once again is evacuated due to a reported chemical leak at the Master Chemical Plant in Wilkes-Barre. It turns out to be a false alarm.

Friday, June 29, noon: The Pennsylvania Air National Guard pulls out of Wilkes-Barre.

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Park, including the zoo and bandstand, had been lopped off for the dikes and left to turn, forgotten, into a jungle.

But walking or relaxing on the pathways atop those dikes, people looked down at the meandering river and felt safe.

They had reason to. Five times since they were built, the dikes had held back severe rises in the river. Just eight years earlier, in 1964, a surge of water that in years past would have brought disaster stopped about five feet below the top of the dike system, which varied from 35 to 37 feet. Even the 1936 level of 33.32 feet would have been contained by those thick, strong, reassuring walls.

Great floods, with their scenes of familiar streets turned suddenly into lakes, were folklore.

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What made Agnes unique, experts at the National Hurricane Center would later say, was the storm's immense size. Its "circulation envelope" was so big that it was capable of producing a lot more rain than the average hurricane.

The havoc continued in Virginia and Maryland Wednesday the 21st as Agnes skirted the Middle Atlantic coast and began drawing upon the ocean for strength. Far from being played out, Agnes appeared to be a growing threat now.

That Wednesday the National Weather Service put northeastern Pennsylvania under a flash-flood watch and warned that small streams could

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AS THE PARAMOUNT Theater pitches the movie 'A Clockwork Orange' on its marquee, waters roll through Public Square

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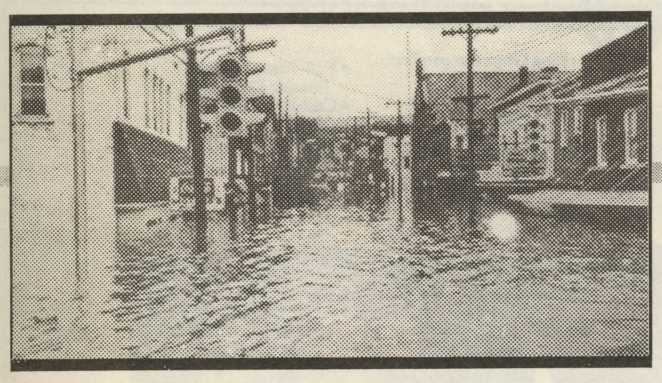
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overflow their banks. The spring had been cool and wet, and the ground was less able to absorb new rainfall than it normally would have been.

Parts of Maryland were being hit by 10 inches and more of rain. Record low barometric pressures were being catalogued in New Jersey and New York. All over the northeast, too much water was pouring into the streams and rivers.

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It was on Thursday, June 22, that northeastern Pennsylvania began to experience its first flooding as smaller streams overflowed their banks and rainwater ran wild.

With parts of Interstate 80 flooded, state police in Luzerne County began waving motorists away from the interchange near Drums. At Danville, a bridge weakened by rushing water collapsed under a 63-car freight train, sending the diesel engines and several cars into a stream.

That morning a stretch of Route 655 between Mocanaqua and Nescopeck had to be closed for high water. In early afternoon Route 11, near Shickshinny, was closed to all vehicles but large trucks.

In Shickshinny itself a broken dam sent water cascading into the main streets, forcing evacuations. Gardner Creek, in Jenkins Township, overflowed and began flooding homes in the Westminster section, forcing families out.

A section of Route 309 in Kingston Township washed out completely, leaving a four- or five-foot depression in the ground. In the Trucksville section, water rushing down a hillside knocked a Holcomb's Grove Road home off its foundation.

Reports also filtered in from outlying areas. Near Bloomsburg, in Columbia County, there were some rescues by boat, and a nursing home threatened by rising waters of a nearby creek was evacuated. Route 11 was under high water, and the Geisinger Medical Center at Danville was becoming difficult to reach.

Elsewhere, severe flooding, evacuations and drownings were reported up and down the Susquehanna. Harrisburg had deep water in the streets, and Gov. Milton Shapp was evacuated along with other refugees.

Now Tropical Storm Agnes was doing something strange, something that made it unique — and especially deadly among storms. Having become a rain-making machine, it began to move westward, doing a circling move over central Pennsylvania and then drifting northward over western New York, drenching the northeast more and more.

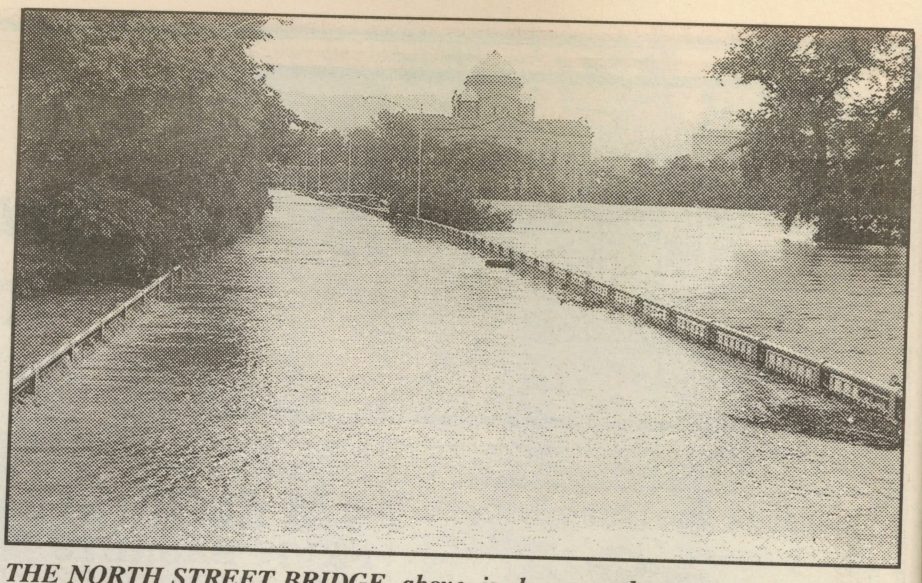
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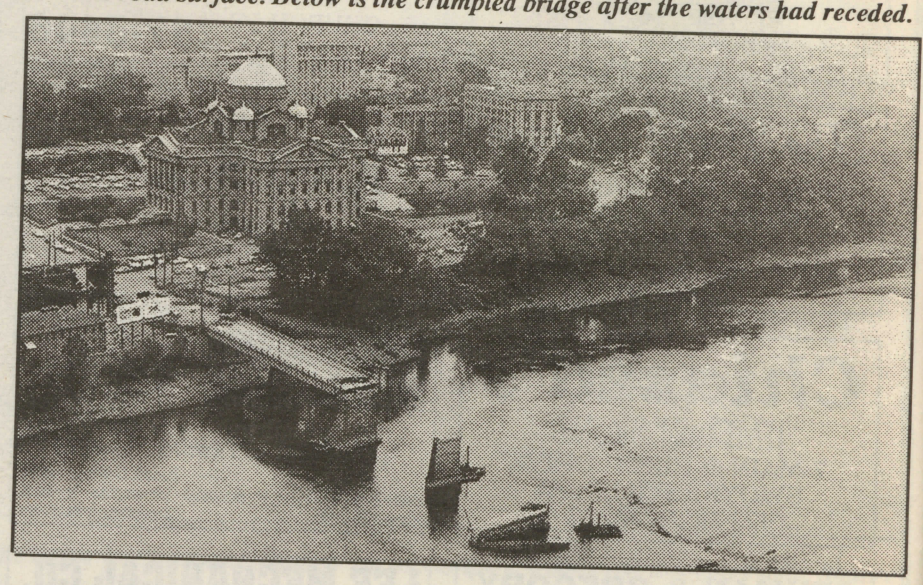
The ultimate danger to Wyoming Valley, however, would not be the small streams, but the river. Once again the community would have to rely on its dike system.

By the sheerest accident, the first stage of the battle would be fought that Thursday at Plymouth, where there was a major weak spot in the dike.

A sewer line that ran under the dike near Ferry Street had collapsed in March, and part of the dike had sunk

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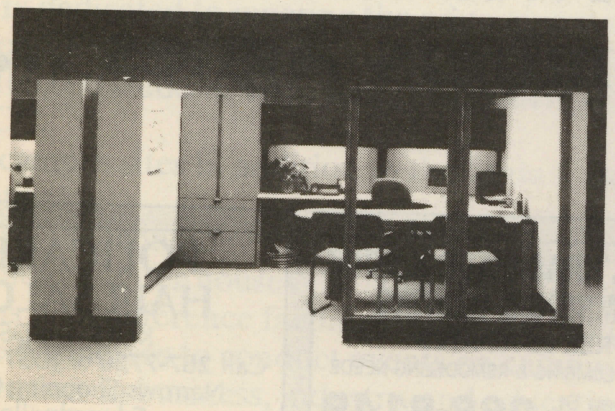


THE NORTH STREET BRIDGE, above, is shown as the water begins to wash over the road surface. Below is the crumpled bridge after the waters had receded.

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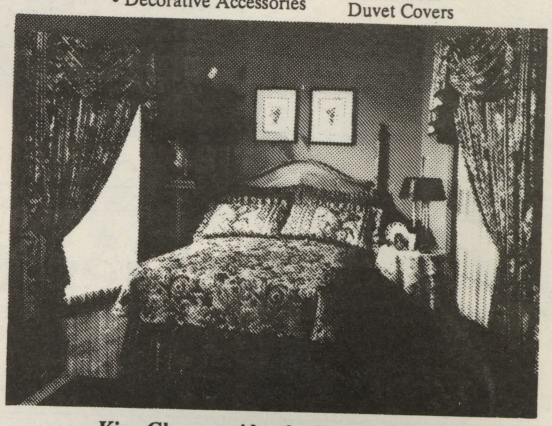


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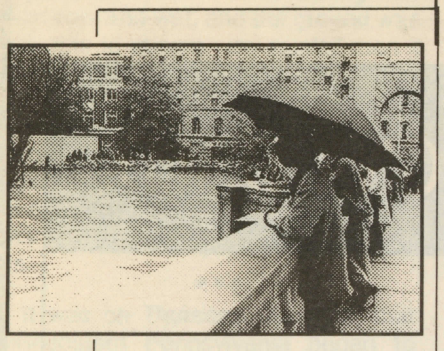
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FLOOD FACTS

150 factories were flooded, putting 11,335 people out of work



THIS BLOCK of E. Northampton St. was completely ruined by a fire caused by the flood

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with it. Administrative delays held up repair work by the Army Corps of Engineers. As Agnes approached, nervous Civil Defense and borough officials realized water could pour right through, flooding the low-lying portions of the borough.

Nearly 200 volunteers and National Guardsmen, using truckloads of shale and rock, built a cofferdam and furiously filled and stacked sandbags. But by Thursday evening, with the river having risen dramatically to more than 17 feet, it had become clear the jerry-built barrier would not be enough. A crest of 37 feet was now being predicted, and the workers had not been able to rebuild the dike past 32 feet.

At about 11 p.m. Deputy Civil Defense Director John McCormick gave the evacuation order, and police cars with bullhorns took to the streets, telling people to move up to higher ground.

The attempt to plug the gap went on, but early the following morning, with water pouring over the break, the order to abandon the effort was given.

The fight had not started well.

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In Wyoming Valley, a reading of 22 feet for the Susquehanna is called "flood stage." That means the water has reached the top of its natural banks and is at the foot of the dikes. The dike system was designed to contain the river for a total of 35 feet.

Later and better information by midnight led Civil Defense river watcher Nicholas Souchik to calculate that the crest would now be around 40 feet, well above the capacity of the dikes. As far as could be determined, Civil Defense Director Frank Townend said, the river would likely spill over the dikes at about 10 a.m., and he made the decision to order residents to evacuate all low-lying areas. But in the event the river did not go that high, sandbagging at key points was to continue.

In the war with the river, the Valley's retreat began in the early hours of Friday, June 23. Soon after midnight Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre and Nesbitt Hospital in Kingston began evacuating patients to facilities on higher ground.

As the water continued to rise, police began closing bridges threatened with inundation: the Eighth Street Bridge in Wyoming, the Water Street Bridge in Pittston, the North Street Bridge linking Wilkes-Barre and Kingston were all shut down through the early morning.

Beginning Thursday night, more and more flood news began to appear on radio and television, pre-empting commercials and programming. It started with notices of event postponements. Eventually it was endless lists of road closures and Civil Defense news.

At 5 a.m. Townend went on the radio, ordering the evacuation and calling for volunteers to help with sandbagging. Police helped, sending cruisers around the various towns to spread the warning.

Over the rest of the gray, misty morning, thousands of people — by car and on foot — streamed in a melancholy parade up to higher ground, to the homes of friends and relatives or to refugee centers they'd been told to go to.

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For most of Wyoming Valley, Friday, June 23, was the day the flood hit.

By 10 a.m., with temperatures in the 60s and a fine mist in the air, the water stood at 37.20 feet, nearly four feet higher than it had reached in 1936, and it was still rising.

The river was making its first inroads in the city, sloshing over the dike at Ross Street and Riverside Drive. Threatened by the water rising near the Luzerne County Courthouse, Civil Defense moved its headquarters up from the sub-basement. UGI Corp. asked its customers to limit their use of electrical power to the essential. The telephone company made a similar request. By late in the morning, though, electricity and phone service were going out in some areas.

At 11:14 Townend ordered the sandbagging stopped and the volunteers to move to safety. The wail of sirens began.

A news photographer summed up the sense of defeat when he snapped a picture of hundreds of volunteer sandbaggers sprinting away from the dike near Riverside Drive.

Wilkes-Barre's Market Street Bridge, the last connecting link between the east and west sides of the Valley, closed shortly before noon. About an hour later water was filling Kennedy Boulevard in Pittston and lapping at the courthouse steps in Wilkes-Barre.

By 1:30 p.m. it was pouring over the dikes near the Gateway Apartments in Edwardsville. By 2 p.m., there were radio reports that the flooding was moving up South Main Street and had reached the Boston Store. By 2:30 p.m. the Midway Shopping Center in Wyoming was reported to be taking water.

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It was possible that gray, misty afternoon to stand on the mountainside and watch a steady parade of evacuees move up from the Valley as sirens wailed endlessly.

It was also possible to see fires burning out of control. An entire block of Wilkes-Barre's wholesale district along East Northampton Street blazed furiously. Fireboats were of little use. Another fire started on South Franklin Street.

Some things were more difficult to see. At bends in the river the onrushing water did terrible damage.

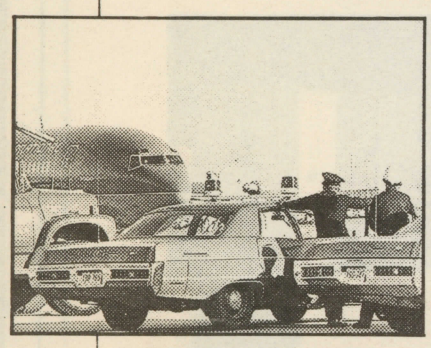
In Forty Fort, near the historic cemetery, sandbagging efforts were abandoned late in the morning. At approximately 3 p.m. a huge whirlpool formed, tore into the cemetery from below, and swept up gravestones, trees and more than 1,000 coffins, scattering them far and wide.

At Wilkes-Barre's Riverside Drive and Charles Street the water surging over the dike hit with tremendous force, knocking big homes from their foundations and battering them down to piles

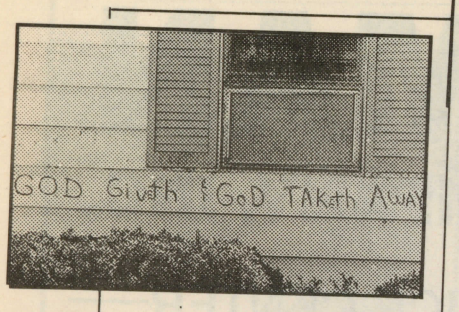
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"Most of our relatives were either flooded out of their homes or had a house full of people staying with them."
–Regina Husovski Yankalunas, of Wyoming, was a newlywed living in Kingston in 1972.

SUMMER OF '72
The world went on...



■ AIRLINE HIJACKINGS: With plane hijackings and terrorist extortion growing more frequent, pilots and other airline personnel in many nations staged a one-day strike on June 19 to demand tougher international actions against hijackers and extortionists. Airports began a policy of putting passengers and baggage through screening devices designed to detect weapons.



FLOOD FACTS

Part of downtown Wilkes-Barre lost electricity for 13 days

Harry and Bev Hiscoxes' children thought the flood-soaked carpet would make good padding for their wagon. They set a piece inside and waited for it to dry. Instead, the mud served as fertile soil and the wagon sprouted grass.



MORE THAN 3,500 HOMES in the Wyoming Valley were destroyed by the flood

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of broken wood.

There was no normal communication. Radio stations and Civil Defense, having moved from the courthouse, worked together out of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District's headquarters. Television station WBRE, Channel 28, moved equipment to a nearby mountain and broadcast as well as it could from outdoors. The Wilkes-Barre Record put out its usual Friday morning edition, while the afternoon Times Leader was able to get out just an early edition whose lead story began "Wyoming Valley was in the throes of the greatest disaster in its history today."

Telephone service was gone, and it was possible to get from one side of the Valley to another only by boat or helicopter.

Fleets of yellow school buses began to ferry evacuees to yet-more-outlying areas. Those who were lucky slept Friday night in the homes of strangers who'd volunteered to take them in. Others used the floors of firehouses.

By 10 p.m. the water level stood at 38.50 and was still rising.

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By Saturday morning aerial observers looked down on a bizarre landscape of roofs sticking out of a sheet of brown water. Incredibly, the water was still rising.

Businesses had had no chance to move stock. Even automobile dealers left most of their vehicles behind. Police and fire departments operated out of makeshift quarters.

The bridges had held up well. A few smaller ones had been swept away, but the major ones remained in place — until Saturday. At about 6 in the morning, a big section of the North Street Bridge, running from Kingston almost clear over to Wilkes-Barre, snapped off and sank.

Rescues were still going on. Many had thought they would wait out the flood, and with the water continuing to rise they had to be evacuated by boat or helicopter.

The river continued to rise Saturday, but more slowly. It was not until Saturday evening that the river finally reached its crest — an all-time high of 40.6 feet.

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Over Sunday the river began to fall, and water began to leave the streets. By 8 p.m. the water had fallen below dike level. By Monday afternoon the river level was below the 22-foot flood stage, sinking back and away from the dikes.

On Tuesday authorities began to allow residents to walk to their properties in the flood zone. Vehicles were out of the question because of debris and glass. When they did return, through streets caked with yellow mud that made a sucking sound with every step, they found smashed homes, ruined businesses and an almost complete silence. The traffic, schools and church bells of normal times would not return for months.

For most, the first order of business was hauling heavy, mud-soaked furniture out front for disposal and washing down the insides of their homes and stores with hoses.

Gradually streets were opened to traffic, though night curfews were still enforced. Public clean-up efforts began in downtown areas and fanned outward.

The images of the next few months were unforgettable: Soldiers, wearing gas masks against the choking yellow dust, directing traffic; the endless piles of ruined stock outside businessplaces; the darkness of buildings that still had no electricity; the huge tracts filled with trailers provided by the federal government for those who had lost their homes or whose homes needed extensive repair.

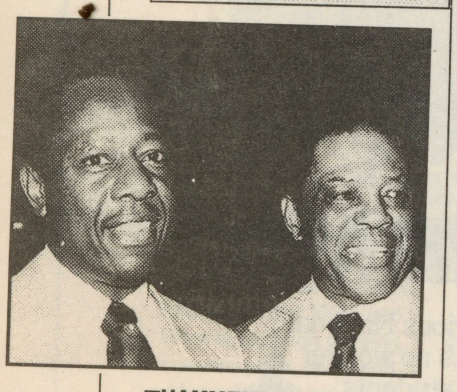
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The 1972 flood changed the face of every town it touched. Public Square went from four blocks of turn-of-the-century businessplaces to a collection of sparkling, modern structures.

But the greatest change was in the people who lived through the flood. Newcomers to Wyoming Valley frequently comment wonderingly on the native tendency to speak of events as "before the flood" or "after Agnes."

Never again would the simple faith that "It can't happen these days" be possible. ■

SUMMER OF '72
The world went on...



■**HAMMERIN' AWAY:** Atlanta Braves slugger Hank Aaron, left, began June with 648 home runs, third on the all-time homer list. He soon passed Willie Mays, right, at 653 in his pursuit of the 714 of the legendary Babe Ruth.

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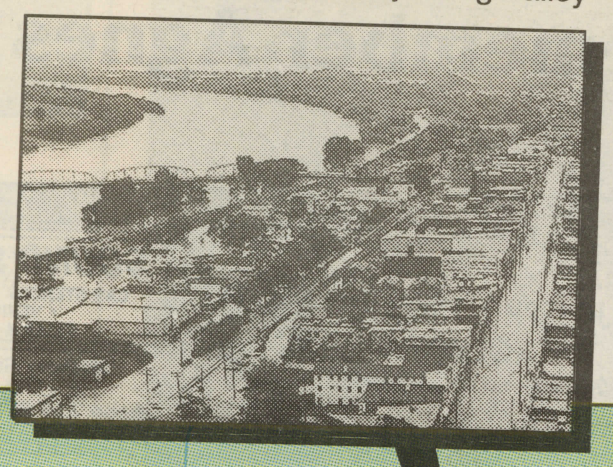
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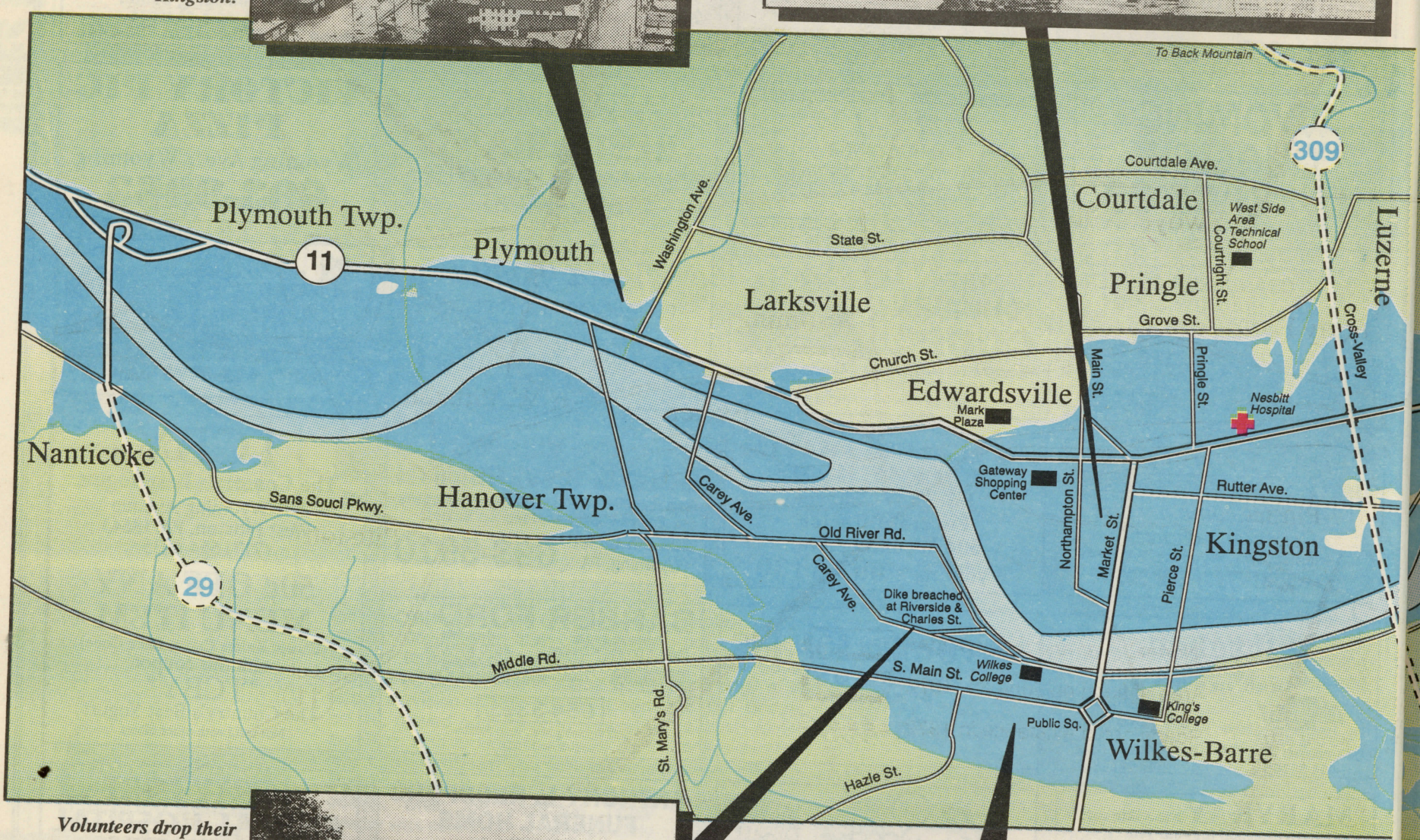
Tracing the devastation as the Susquehanna overflows its banks, flooding the Wyoming Valley



At immediate right, Main Street in Plymouth resembles a canal; at far right, high waters swamp Market Street in Kingston.









Volunteers drop their sandbags as the river tops the dike at Charles Street in Wilkes-Barre.



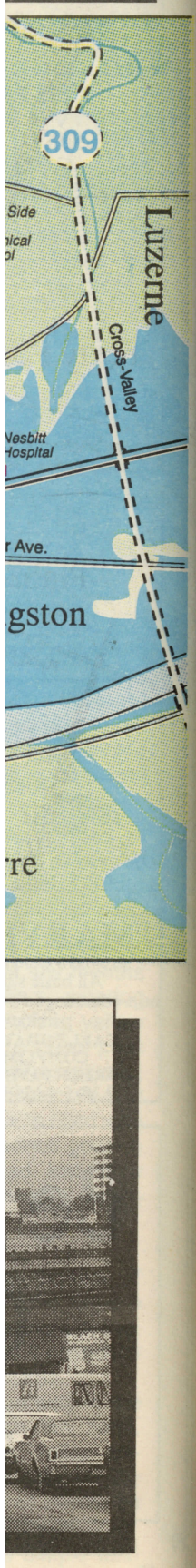
Fires rage on Northampton Street in Wilkes-Barre, right, as residents watch, helpless.

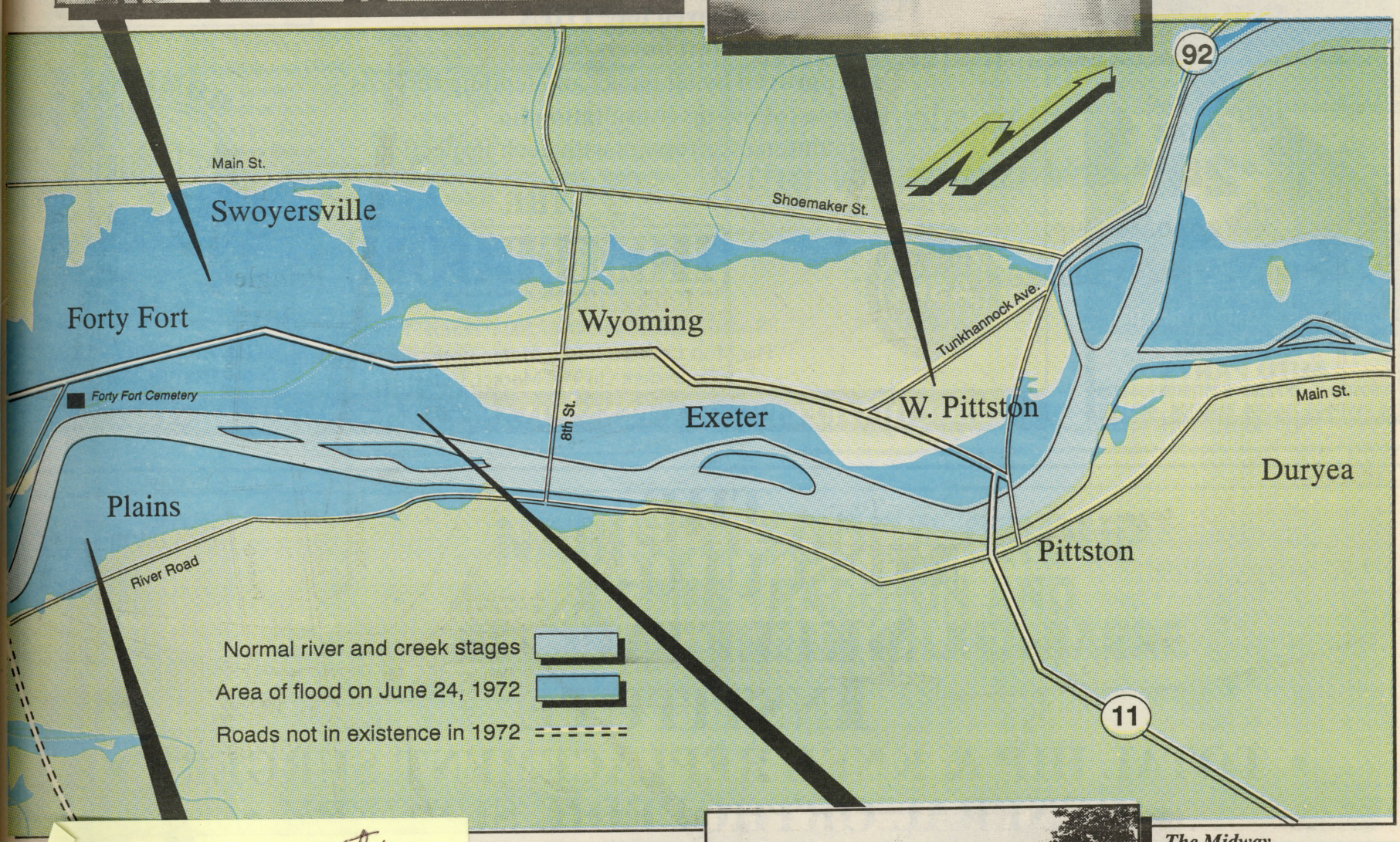


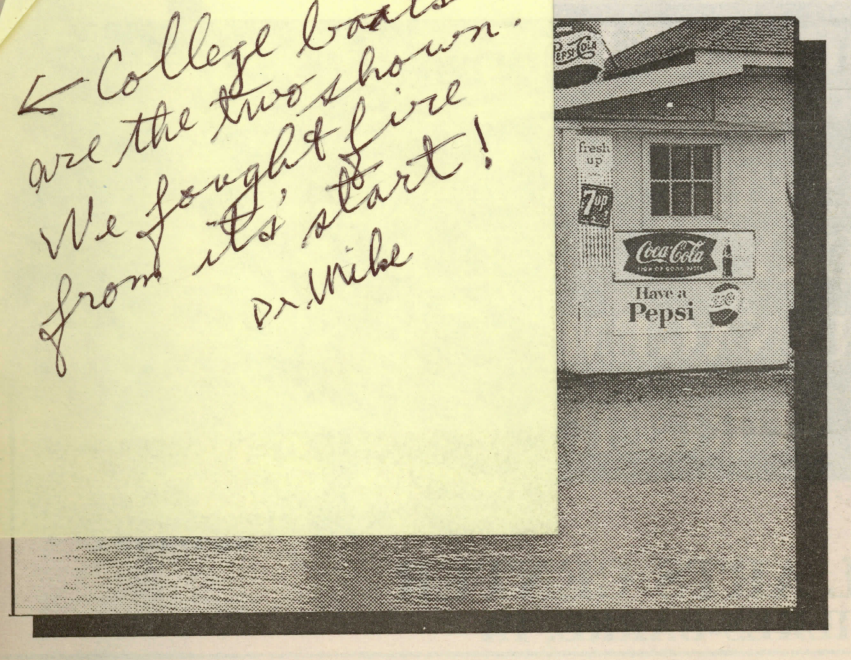
Rescuers, left, come to the aid of residents in Swoyersville cut off by floodwaters.



The river takes over Wyoming Avenue in West Pittston.







A rescuer, left, comes to the aid of a woman trapped at a luncheonette in Plainsville.



The Midway Shopping Center in Wyoming takes on the appearance of a lake.

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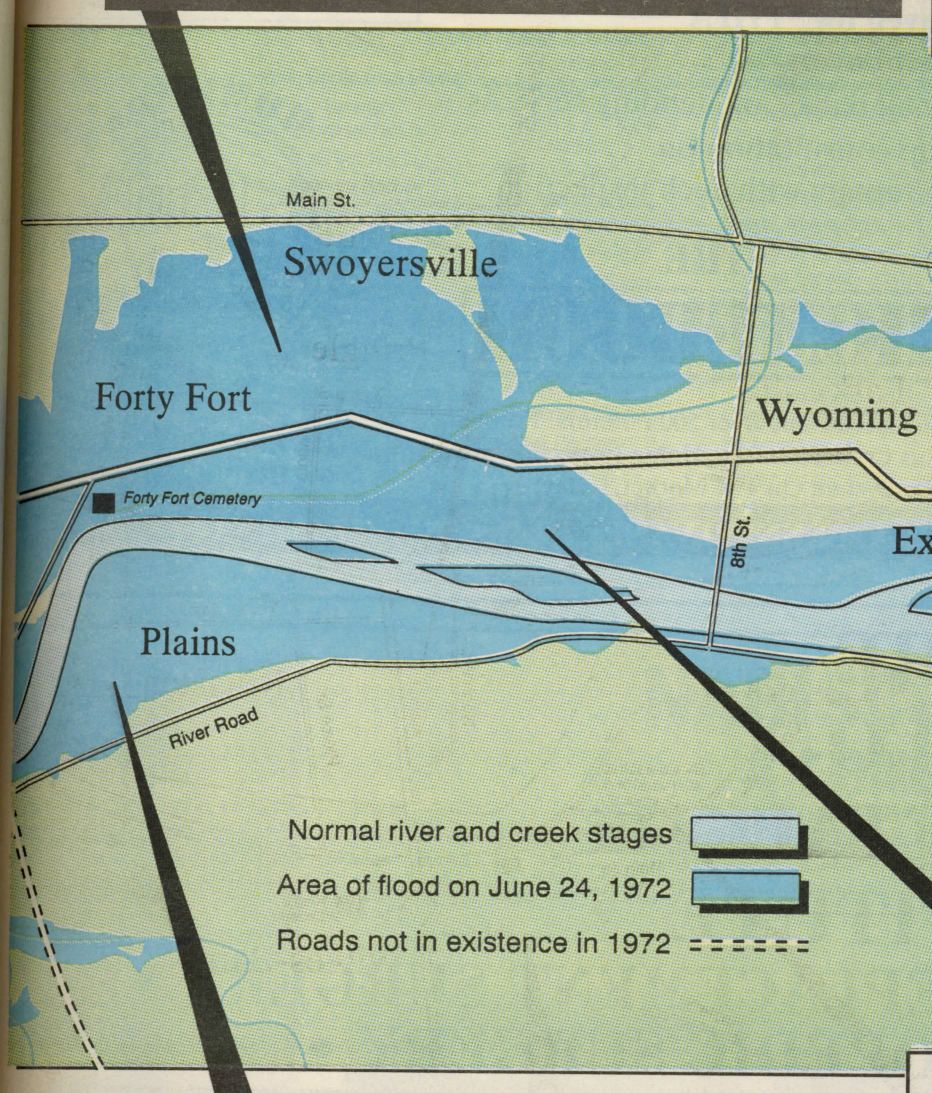


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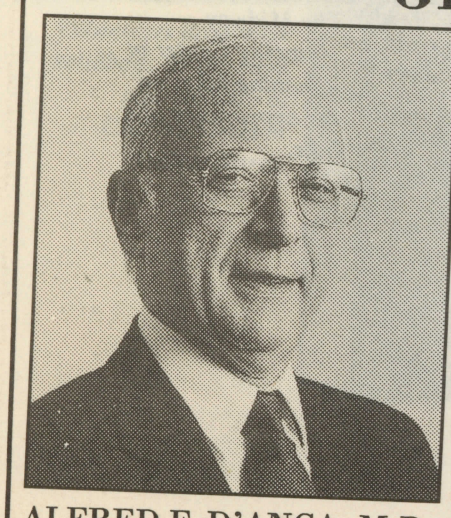
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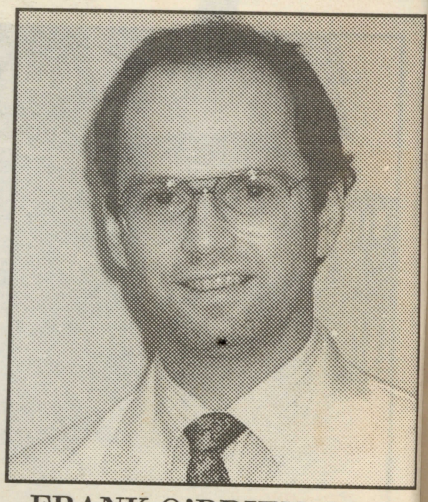
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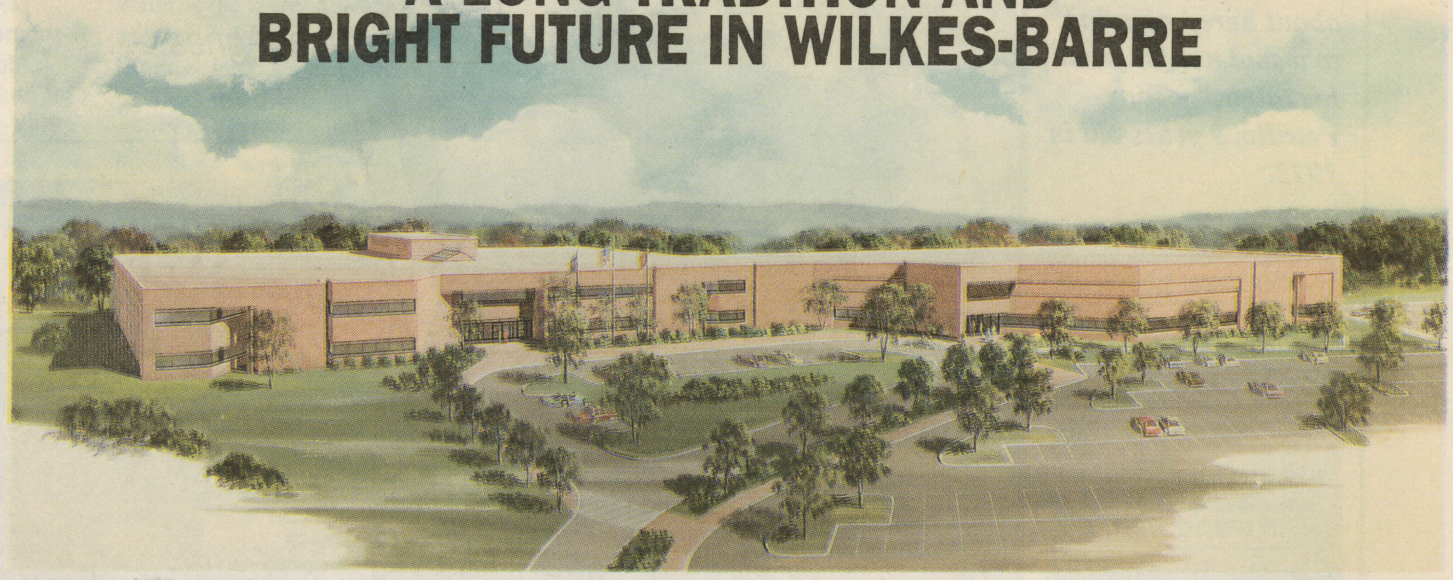
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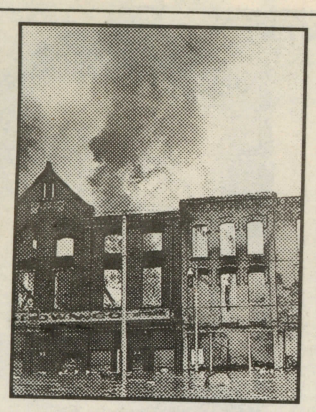
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During the flood of '72, 64,000 homes were damaged and 3,500 were destroyed.

"Tending to assume that history is always on the verge of repeating itself, most older folk started talking about the flood of '36. This meant a little water in the basement, maybe a foot or two on the first floor. One man predicted it would 'only come up to about here,' pointing to a spot not far from his thigh." - Tony Petrillo, 9 years old in 1972.

SUMMER OF '72
The world went on...

■ **AIRPORT MASSACRE:** On May 30, three Japanese terrorists who had just gotten off a plane from Rome fired machine guns and threw hand grenades in Tel Aviv's Lod Airport, killing 28 people and wounding 76 others. One terrorist accidentally blew himself up, and another was accidentally shot by a companion.

MEMORIES

LIVES TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

FLASH

They remember thinking it wouldn't be any worse than '36. They remember standing in disbelief, looking at their homes. They remember the mud, and the smell. Here is how five families look back at Agnes.

Tropical Storm Agnes unleashed her full-blown fury in Betty and Job Coslett's neighborhood, a new development on North Gates Avenue, the lowest point in Kingston, just a quarter-mile from the Susquehanna River.

With the river rushing south through the eroded dike in Forty Fort and north through the dike in Edwardsville, it erupted on North Gates and James Street, knocking a dozen homes off their foundations and drowning the bi-level the Cosletts built five years earlier.

Friday morning, June 23, 1972, after moving just a few pieces of furniture to the second level, the Cosletts evacuated.

He went to the plumbing supply store he'd bought in January; she and their daughter went to a relative's house on a hill in Edwardsville.

"Job called me at noon," Betty Coslett recalls. "He said he'd gone t to the house and everything was OK Later, all hell broke loose. Job was across the street from the store on Union Street having tea with a neig when firemen came through with loudspeakers telling everyone to get out. Job ran to the store, grabbed the accounts receivable and put them on the second floor."

"By the time I got downstairs," Jo Coslett says, "I had to jump from the loading dock to get out. The water came so fast. In 10 minutes it was up my hips. The water rose nine feet in store. Nine feet."

The water chasing him, Coslett dashed to his car and hurried to his family.

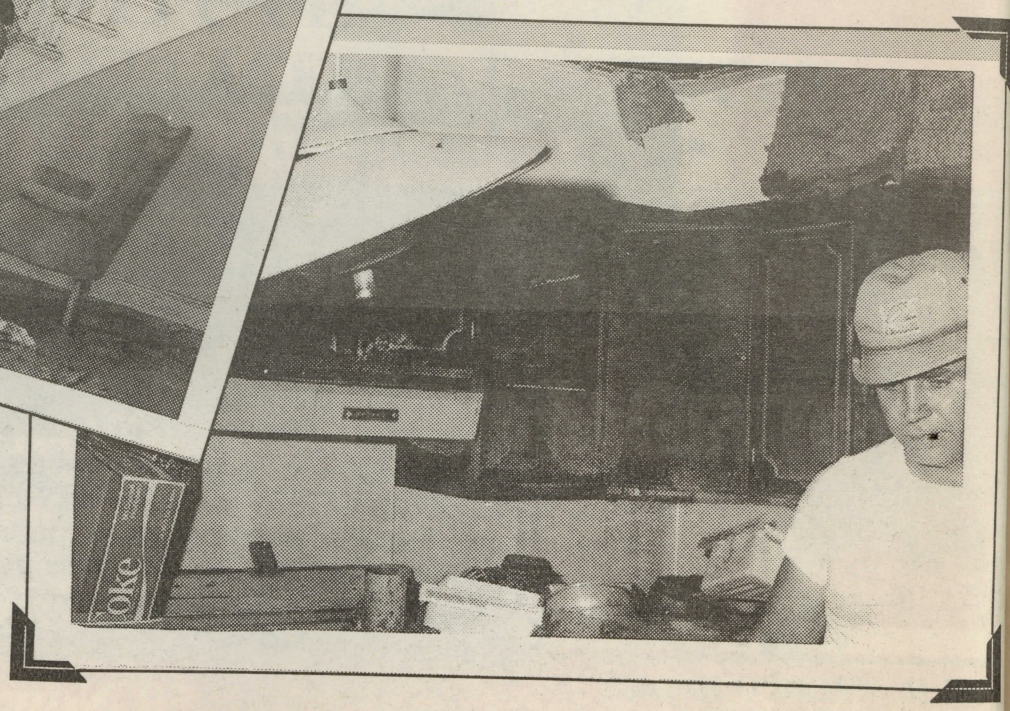
Days later, a firefighter delivered the bad news by boat.

"Job,'' he said, "I've been to your street and I'm sorry to tell you the water is over your house. But it's sti standing."

Twenty-nine feet of water submerged the Coslett home.

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story by: ***Marita Lowman***
Times Leader Staff Writer

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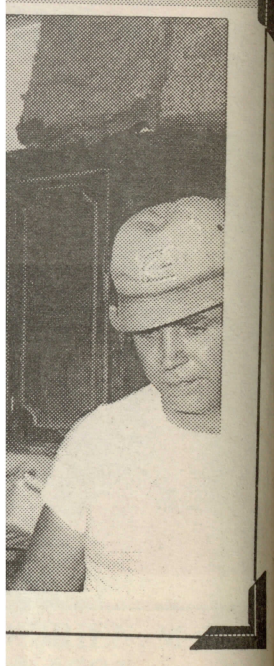
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The hardwood floors looked to Job Coslett 'like big whales with their ribs sticking out.'

"It was a horrible thing," his wife says, "but we were healthy and young enough, and Job said we're coming back. We'd give it one more shot. We loved our house and we had nice neighbors."

So Betty Coslett, who was 47, and her sister Bea lugged furniture and debris to the curb; Job Coslett, who was 49, pulled up floors and removed doors.

They set up large radiators and opened windows to let the mud dry. Then they swept out the dust.

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It was a long haul, and it didn't always go smoothly.

They worked 18-hour days repairing the house and store.

Kingston Plumbing Supply, operated today by their daughter, found plenty of post-flood customers, but they had to dig through mud to find the supplies.

Betty Coslett ordered drapes and new furniture for the house.

"I had everything all squared away," she says, "then one night I saw on the news that the furniture store burned down. I couldn't believe it."

Their original builder reconstructed the inside of the house in the fall.

They bought furniture from a woman moving out of her apartment.

But they couldn't replace the pictures and home movies of their daughter's birthday parties, christening and other memorable events, such as the day she first walked.

They couldn't save their clothes, but it wasn't until a week or two after the flood that they realized how few clothes they had.

They were driving to a tiny house they'd rented at Harveys Lake for temporary shelter when Betty Coslett suggested dinner at Elby's Restaurant.

"Job said `no, Betty, I can't. Look at my feet. I don't have any shoes.' Oh, I looked and I felt so bad. All he had were bedroom slippers. He'd lost his shoes when he jumped into the water at the store. Later, my brother-in-law gave him his `Sunday best' shoes to wear."

They were so busy, they didn't have time to dwell on their flood losses.

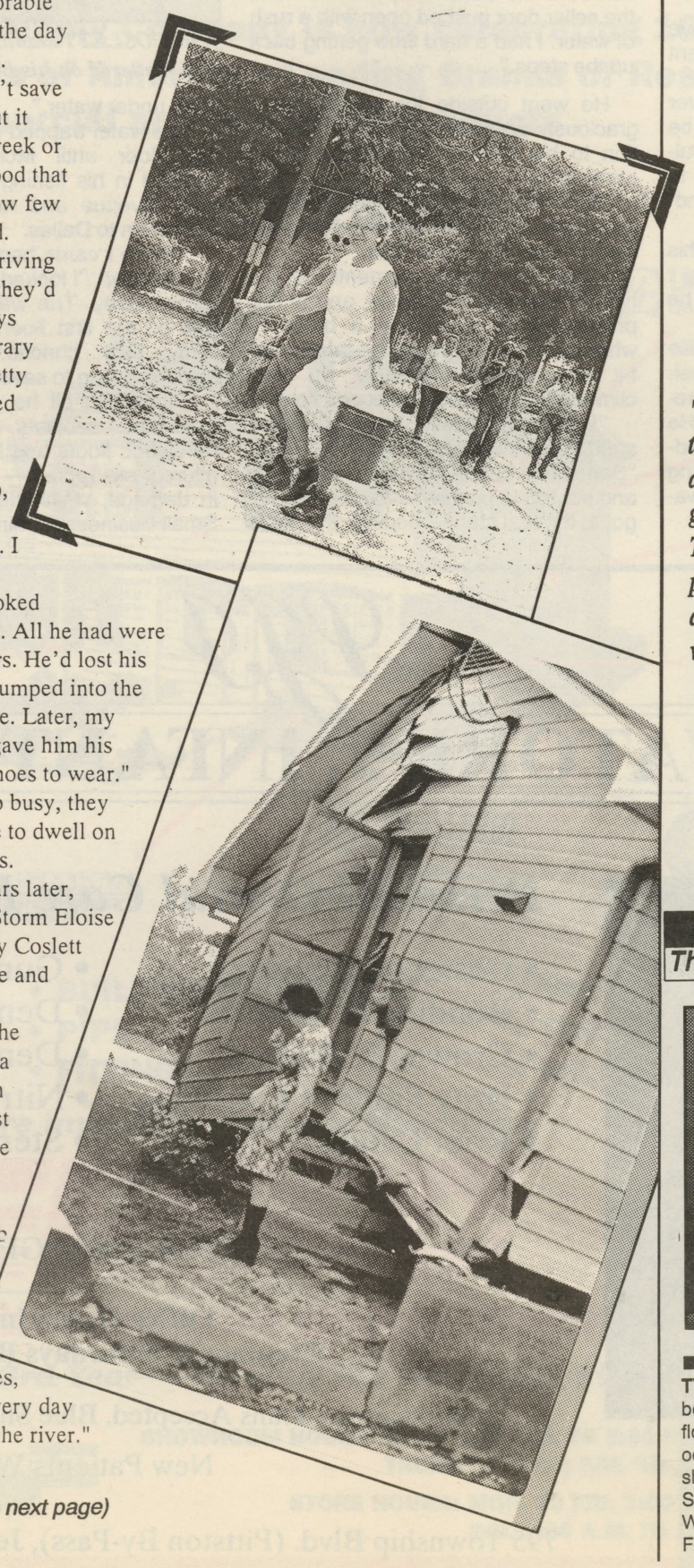
But three years later, when Tropical Storm Eloise threatened, Betty Coslett stood on the dike and cried.

A year ago, the Cosletts bought a summer home in Wyalusing -- just five feet from the river.

"We took precautions," Job Coslett says. "We've got flood insurance now. And besides, you can't live every day worrying about the river."

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The muddy cleanup: Below, construction company owner Elizabeth Ruckno checks out the damages. — June, 1972





FLOOD FACTS

Pennsylvania is one of the most vulnerable states to flooding;
93 percent of its 2,572 municipalities are classified as flood prone.

AGNES REVISITED

"It was as if the very throne of God had sprung a nasty leak - can't they get a plumber up there?" Tony Petrillo, waxing poetic about his memories as a 9-year-old flood victim.

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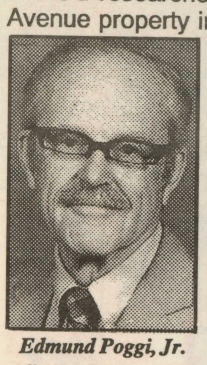


■ I WANT MY PRE-FLOOD TV: On Thursday, the evening before Wyoming Valley was flooded, TV audiences occupied themselves with shows such as "The Mod Squad," "Owen Marshall," "The Waltons," "Ironside" and "The Flip Wilson Show."

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The Agnes flood startled realtor Edmund Poggi Jr. as much as anyone.

He'd researched the Westmoreland Avenue property in Kingston before he bought his home there in 1962. He'd examined the substantial structure of the 40-year-old two-story; he'd even acquired maps of the 1936 and 1940 floods — water simply didn't accumulate on this street.



Edmund Poggi, Jr.

So when a friend called him at 4 a.m. Friday, June 23, 1972, and said "Ed, get the hell out," he wasn't particularly fearful.

"Our house was three feet above ground level. I said, 'So, our basement could get a little wet.' "

Still, Poggi, then 60 and a widower since January, thought it would be nicer for his two daughters to be in Dallas. He drove them, and returned to Kingston with his teenage son to sandbag the dikes.

As the river grew nastier, he sent his son back to Dallas with the family car.

"I stayed. If it was going to flood," he says, "I wanted to see it."

He drove to the dike in Edwardsville in a neighbor's car, then, ever genteel, worried he'd dirty the car so he returned it to the neighbor's garage. He hopped on his child's bicycle and pedaled to Market Street — soon finding himself in a constant retreat as the water pursued him.

"At one point, I became concerned and went to the house. I moved a television set from the basement to the first floor, put on chest-high fishing waders and went back out, this time on foot, walking street to street to see what was happening.

"We no longer had electrical power, but I was not alone. Many of my neighbors were still in their homes. As I passed James Street, Charles Pfiefferling was sitting on his side porch having dinner by candlelight. 'Ed,' he called to me, 'come join us for dinner.' 'Well, thank you, Charles, but you should look out onto the street,' I said. The water was approaching his house."

Poggi ambled home.

"I retrieved the pet mice and goldfish from the basement, and as I did, the cellar door pushed open with a rush of water. I had a hard time getting back up the steps."

He went outside for another look, graciously declined a neighbor's invitation to his house, and walked home once more.

"This time," he says, "I looked despairingly. The water was sweeping under the door of the first floor."

Poggi lifted fragile mementos to the tops of tables and shelves, and at approximately 9 p.m., with a bottle of whiskey, a loaf of bread, the family rabbit and Spaniel "Brittany" in tow, climbed the stairs to the second floor.

"I was exhausted from shoveling sand and I fell asleep," he says. "Sometime before daylight I woke up and started to go downstairs but when I got to the first step — oops — the stairs were under water."



JOB COSLETT stands near the spot where debris (inset) of the Agnes flood laid scattered on his front lawn

The water trapped Poggi on the second floor until Monday, when he sloshed in his fishing waders to Wyoming Avenue and met a friend who drove him to Dallas.

"When I came back a few days later," he says, "I looked at the house and turned away. The water had risen six feet on the first floor. Everything was slimy, dirty, chaotic. We broke our backs working to save everything."

Ultimately, all he could save were the kitchen cabinets. Appliances, rugs, hardwood floors and four rooms of furniture were ruined — at least $25,000 in damage, which he repaired with a Small Business Administration loan.

The pet mice and goldfish, w he'd placed on top of the washer dryer in the pantry, had died.

"But the hardest things to lose w our books and pictures, the fa memorabilia."

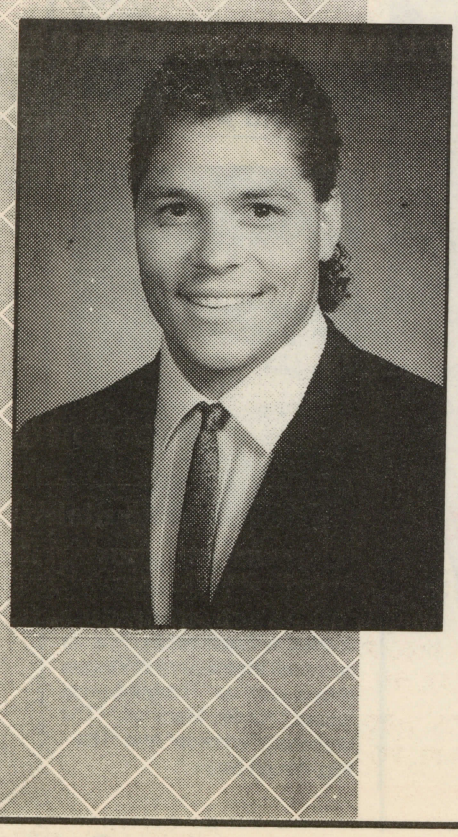
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"For weeks," he says, "we lived worked in slop. Everyone did. Bu the families on our block planne come back. I'm not worrying about other flood. Theoretically, it's possi but in reality, I think Agnes wa

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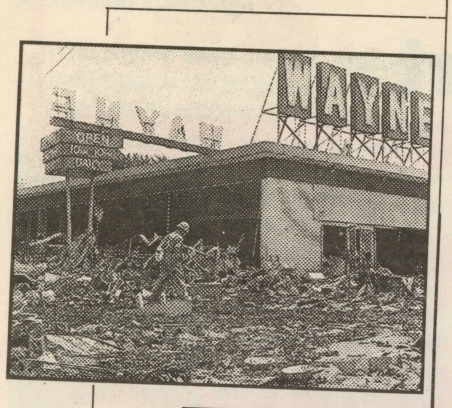
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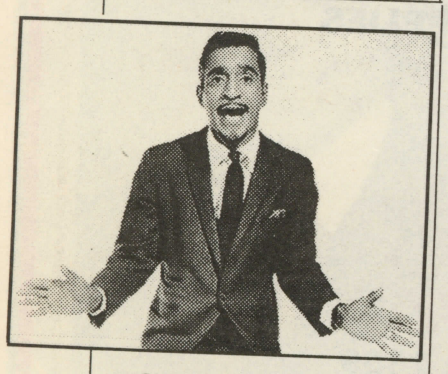


FLOOD FACTS

Five shopping centers were flooded

Some people worried about their money or their insurance. George Demko worried about his shoes. They were brand-new. To keep them safe, he put them on top of the refrigerator on the first floor of their home in Hanover Township. He was certain they'd be there when he and his brothers-in-law returned from sandbagging the dike. They weren't. Says his wife today, "Nothing in that house was safe. We had water up to the attic." - Evangeline Demko, who now lives on the mountain in Larksville, far from the river.

SUMMER OF '72
The world went on...



■**CHARTWATCH:** The Billboard number-one song for the week of the flood was ``The Candy Man" by Sammy Davis Jr.

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A street away from Poggi, soft-spoken 54-year-old Lester Saidman eyed his flood damage with disgust.

He'd been on round-the-clock duty as chief of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital's emergency room, with little chance to think about his home.

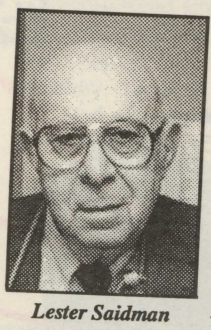
"Of course we'd heard of the terrific destruction, but we were hoping for the best. When we saw it the following week, well, we were just depressed."

The two-story 10-room wooden house on Gibson Avenue had been home to him and his wife, Bertha, since 1959.

It was the home where they'd raised their four children, where they'd displayed family photographs, where the nooks and crannies held precious memories, a valuable home medical library, first-edition books and a playful antique mechanical-bank collection.

It was the home designed for Bertha, a gentle woman bound to a wheelchair by multiple sclerosis.

It was the home where she and Lester celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on the first day of summer, June 21, 1972 — two days before the Agnes Flood destroyed the basement and first floor.



Lester Saidman

"When my wife saw it, she cried. I did not cry externally," Saidman says.

Mud caked the floors and walls. Furniture toppled and broke. The sofa floated from one end of the room to the other. The medical books, soaked with muddy water, fell apart when touched.

Chicken, which the Saidmans had been defrosting for the Sabbath, spoiled. The odor permeated the air.

"It seemed hopeless," Saidman says. "We talked about moving, but Bertha was familiar with this house. We'd designed it so she could move through it easily with the wheelchair."

The flood caused so much stress, it exacerbated Bertha Saidman's illness, forcing her into the hospital for a week.

She says she's never really gotten over it.

Ultimately, the Saidmans opted to restore their home, even though they estimated the damage at $150,000 and the work would consume a year.

Contractors who'd been patients of Saidman offered to help.

"We took out a Small Business Administration loan and started from scratch," Saidman says. "The whole damn kitchen was destroyed. The other rooms were a mess."

They never finished the basement, but concentrated instead on the first floor, adding a small, neat office for Saidman as a contrast to his cluttered one at the front of the house, and a comfortable room with new family photographs for his wife.

This month, the house on Gibson Avenue in Kingston, the one Bertha cried over and Lester labored to save, is the home where they're sharing their 50th wedding anniversary.

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***DONALD AND NORMAN FRANKS** reopened their Ruddle Street lumber about a week after the Agnes flood*

Norman Franks permitted himself one brief moment of despair.

"Well, we're ruined," he muttered as he listened to news reports from his son's home in Bear Creek. Floodwater topped the doors of the Salvation Army on Hazle Street in Wilkes-Barre — a stone's throw from his lumberyard.

At 65, with a history of hard work, no debts and an optimistic view of his senior years, Franks wondered that Friday in June if he'd ever bounce back from Agnes.

He and his wife Helen had moved to Carey Avenue in Wilkes-Barre in 1968, after the government bought their Laurel Run home and the adjacent lumberyard he'd built from scratch after World War II. A mine fire sent the government in and sent Franks packing.

"We looked all over for a lot, and then we saw this one. It was covered with weeds and trees, but it was available," he says.

His wife and son, Don, designed the $40,000 one-story ranch.

Franks purchased land on Ruddle Street for the 50-foot high lumberyard, a five-minute drive from the family home.

On June 23, he and his wife slept soundly until the phone rang at 5 a.m.

"One of our neighbors called and said we better get out. The dikes were going to break. My wife grabbed some clothes, I filled a suitcase with lumberyard papers," he says. "We drove to my son's house in Bear Creek. We hurried so much we forgot to take the family Bible, and we felt bad about that."

Returning to the city the following week, his son says, "was like walking into the end of the world. Everything was black. There was no power, no electricity. There was no traffic. You looked up and down the street and all you saw was mud."

Floodwater rose within six inches of Franks' ceiling at home. It warped the doors, softened the plaster, caked the joints of the cherry paneling with mud, demolished the appliances, television set, carpets and much of the furniture.

It ruined the piano, which he and Helen had amused themselves with for many years. Mercilessly, it ruined the photographs of their children and grandchildren.

It destroyed the lumberyard office, and sent new lumber and sheet floating down the street.

"If I was a person who wor Franks says, "it would have enough to kill me. But I just felt, 'it, and we started right in to correct

His wife wanted to live in town didn't know where else he could pu business.

"There was no place to go here," he says.

So they went home.

Franks' experience as a carp and businessman taught him pers ance.

At home, he and his wife ope windows and scrubbed. At the lum yard, he, his son and a handful of ployees toiled from dawn to dusk.

The damage exceeded half a mi dollars.

In retrospect, he feels "kind lucky."

He managed to save some ch paneling.

The particle board under the ca didn't disintegrate.

The family desk in the living r floated to the ceiling and landed up in the dining room. The desktop, w the family Bible rested, never got w

A marbletop table withstood the sault, though it took a year to clean

Two months after the flood, Franks moved home. A year later, t replaced their piano.

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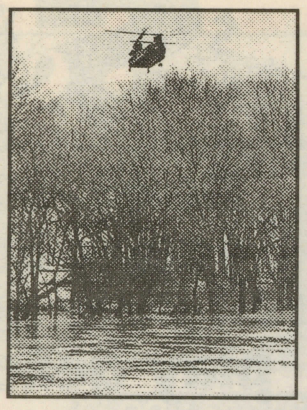
This year Norman Franks, no widower, will pay off his $150,(Small Business Administration fl loan. He's purchased flood insuran too.

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In October 1972, four months a Agnes ripped through their home Kingston and sabotaged their cloth store in Wilkes-Barre, Morty and Ir Blum moved to the crest of the hill Machell Avenue in Dallas — roug seven miles from the flood plain.

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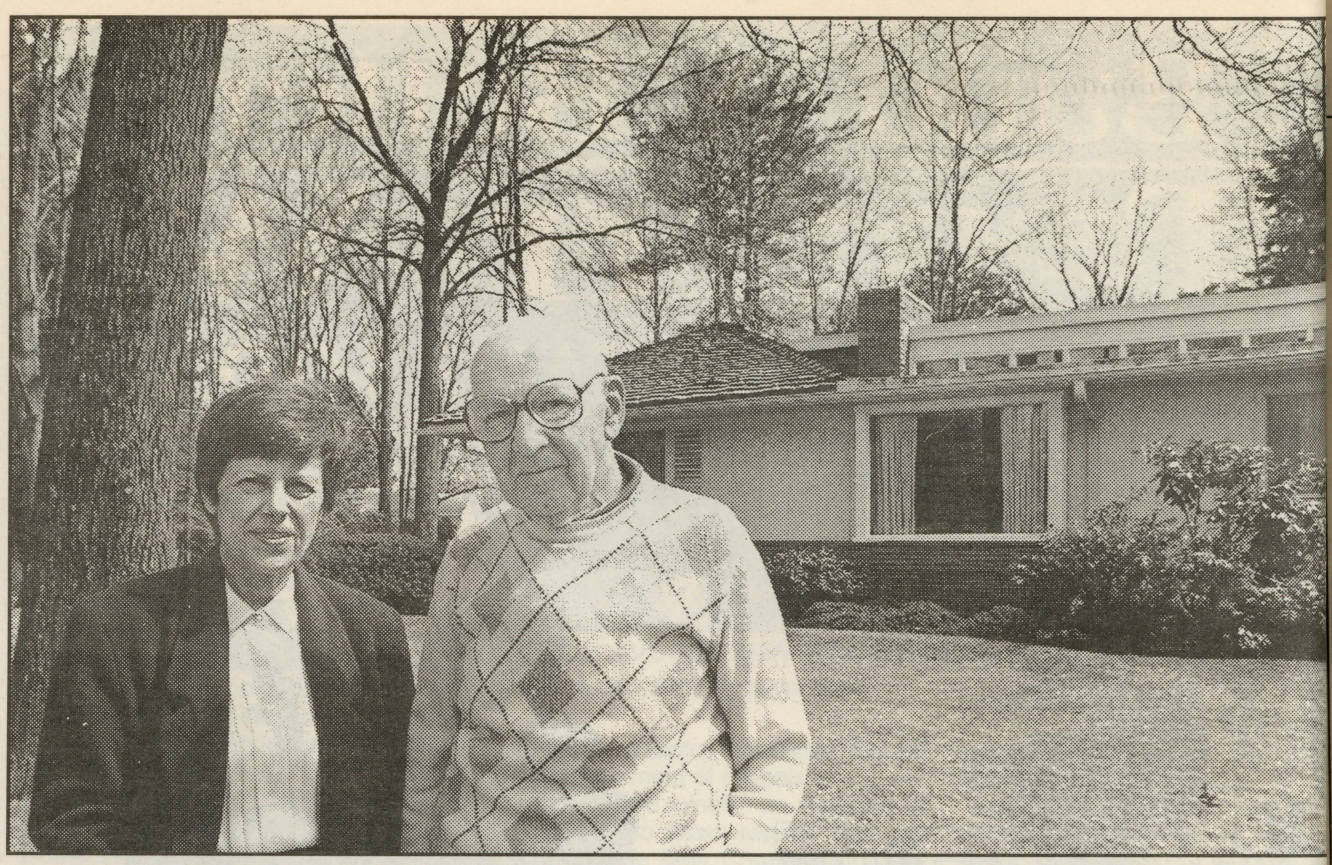
FLOOD FACTS

14,365 electric customers lost service

Agnes dealt a fatal blow to grand pianos. "It seems everyone who had a grand piano lost it in the flood," says Wilkes-Barre attorney Harry Hiscox, who also lost one. In Kingston, flood victim Edmund Poggi Jr. can still picture the day an Army truck came to scoop up grand pianos that lined the curbs.

SUMMER OF '72
The world went on...

■ **THE FIRST PICTURE SHOW:** The week the flood arrived, the Wyoming Valley welcomed the first multi-plex movie theater. The Cinema I and II opened in the Wyoming Valley Mall with "What's Up Doc?" "Swiss Family Robinson" and "101 Dalmations."



MORTY AND IRENE BLUM moved to this hilltop house in Dallas after trying to restore their Wilkes-Barre home several months following Agnes

The staggering odor of mud and sewage refused to go away.

A pervasive dampness greeted them in every room.

Since July, they'd struggled to repair their home, a modern two-story four-bedroom house built in 1952 on Gershom Place.

They'd moved there, Morty Blum says, after neighbors assured him the street escaped the 1936 flood.

Blum figured he'd had his fill of flood work in 1936 when the river water struck his parents' home on West River Street, across from the river bank in Wilkes-Barre. That year, his mother evacuated by boat and Blum stored vivid memories of the damage.

Thirty-six years later, he felt safe on Gershom Place, two miles from the Susquehanna.

That's why the Agnes flood warning didn't alarm him; that's why the damage caught him by surprise.

Even so, he, his wife and 19-year-old son Jonathan obeyed the evacuaton notice.

They took nothing with them — except copies of tax returns.

"What a dumb thing to take," Blum chuckles. "But that's what I stuck under my arm as I walked out."

At Blum Bros., they randomly moved merchandise to shelves and to the second floor, until the police chased them.

"We left," says Jonathan, "feeling very confident."

So confident, notes Blum, that "Jonathan, in his own way, stuck toilet paper under the door so the water wouldn't seep in. I didn't think in terms of major damage. I thought, 'What the hell, maybe the carpet will get wet.' I guess I thought in terms of personal safety."

Behind their backs, as they drove to Scranton to spend the night, Agnes cut a swath of destruction through their home and business.

They saw it four days later.

Irene Blum noticed the food that had washed out of a supermarket, spoiled and formed a mountain in her back yard.

Morty Blum spotted Goodwin Motors' ledgers and automobile plates scattered around his property. He picked them up and returned them.

They saw the walls and floors of their home splotched with mud, a cruel souvenir of seven feet of floodwater on the first floor.

"Everything was array," Morty Blum remembers. "The piano was overturned, the furniture was all moved about, the books, our Japanese art, the carpet, the appliances, wooden kitchen and large sliding windows were ruined. The sentimental stuff in filing cabinets in the basement — pictures, old report cards, Army papers, papers that have no value except sentimental — they were all destroyed. It was a mess."

> **"What a dumb thing to take. But that's what I stuck under my arm as I walked out."**
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> **Former Kingston resident Morty Blum, remembering that he took copies of tax returns when he evacuated for Agnes.**

The shattered piano was the second Steinway the Blum family lost to a flood. Blum's parents lost theirs in '36.

"We think losing two Steinways to floods is a world record," Blum says with a good-natured grin.

In Wilkes-Barre, muddy water fi the first floor of Blum Bros., ruining coats, expensive suits and dress and new fixtures and carpeting de ered shortly before the flood for a st expansion.

"The physical damage to the ho was bad. The business was a compl loss," says Blum.

They lived on the second floor Gershom Place, relying on candles light and the Salvation Army for food

They hauled, cleaned, presen some furniture and finally hired pro sionals to clean the house twice.

"But it was still muddy and dam Blum says. "The odor was sickeni like mud and garbage and sewa You just never forget it."

Irene Blum was frustrated and gry.

"But I didn't get too excited," Mo Blum says as he leans back in chair, his conversation a ticker tape flood memories.

"I made up my mind I was going cope. I had confidence that if the g ernment would lend us some mon we could do it. And when there's a n ural tragedy, local people are very operative."

Sordoni Construction Co. lent him pumper, and manufacturers helped h restock the store.

He opened for business 10 days ter the flood, and at the age of 78, h still running the store.

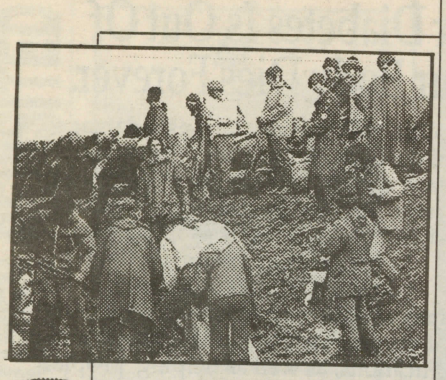
But the repair work lingered years, discouraging them the most home.

From their second-story windo Morty Blum watched vandals st parts from cars in nearby car lots, a Irene Blum grew "tired of the mud."

That fall, they bought a two-be room ranch in Dallas.

"We now live on the highest point Dallas so there'll never be a floo Morty Blum says. "We may get blo away, but no flood will ever touch us."

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FLOOD FACTS

Translated into today's dollars, flood damage from Agnes in the Wyoming Valley was about $6.3 billion.

"We'd be cleaning the mud from our houses, out there all hot and sweaty, and people would drive by with their car windows rolled up, the air conditioning on, sightseeing like they were in New York City. We'd get so mad we'd throw mud balls at them." - Ken and Bud Poor, who were 13 and 15 and living on Willow Street in Wilkes-Barre.

SUMMER OF '72
The world went on...



■ **MOVIES:** Pulling in the big audiences were the violent Mafia drama "The Godfather," the international thriller "The French Connection," the futuristic "A Clockwork Orange," and the controversial nude-scene romp "Oh! Calcutta."



MANY RESIDENTS who didn't heed the call to evacuate had to be rescued from their homes by boat

STAYING

LEAVING WAS THE HARDEST PART

While their neighbors were evacuating, these people hung on... as long as they could.

If it hadn't been for the blind woman, Elizabeth Prater would never have seen the piano float.

Without Aunt Clara, Prater wouldn't have seen the dining table and chairs bobbing around in the ebb and flow. She wouldn't have waded to the front door to discover it stuck — open — in mud and water.

For her own safety, Elizabeth "Dearie" Prater, 67 years old in 1972, shouldn't have been at Aunt Clara's Bedford Avenue, Forty Fort, home to see the river's onslaught. But Aunt Clara had survived the 1936 flood when the water failed to go any farther than the Methodist Church on Yeager Avenue.

Surely, it would go no farther this time.

And anyway, blind and 92, Clara was stubborn.

Clara and Elizabeth were among hundreds who stubbornly, heroically or foolishly watched their homes fill with water.

Some had just wanted to protect what was theirs. None imagined how brutal Agnes would be.

No one died by staying, but one man died trying to save them.

William O. Seiwell, a 27-year-old from Wilkes-Barre, became the flood's first reported casualty when he slipped from a porch and drowned trying to rescue two people from a second floor apartment near the Planters Peanut Co. in South Wilkes-Barre.

In ensuing weeks, boat-rescue volunteers remarked that most of those who stayed home were elderly.

Here are four of their stories:

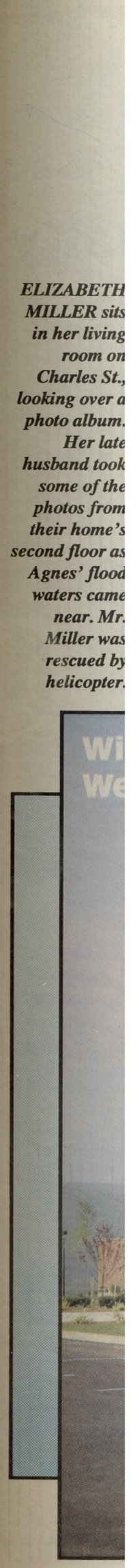
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At 6 a.m. Friday, Clara Prater was hugging the carved wood doorframe between the foyer and dining room of her old wooden house.

"I told her we were going and she said, 'uh uh,' " recalls Elizabeth Prater, Clara's sister-in-law. Elizabeth had pulled the car right up to the back step that morning, but Clara wasn't going.

"She never gave me trouble until that day. She was bound and determined not to leave," Elizabeth Prater, now 87, says.

story by: ***Christina Binkley***
Times Leader Staff Writer



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Chester Miller, across town on Charles Street in Wilkes-Barre, had similar feelings.

And he wasn't about to leave his house to the looters who were sure to have a free-for-all with the whole town evacuated.

"He wanted to stay here and protect things. It was going to be OK. Well, it wasn't so OK," says Elizabeth Miller, remembering why her late husband refused to evacuate.

Just as Aunt Clara and Chester Miller, John Henry didn't need someone telling him to get off his own property — the house he'd spent his life in, that his own father had built. Anyway, his property was about as flood-protected as you can get.

After seeing what the 1906 flood did to the Charles Street neighborhood, Henry's father built the house up high in 1908.

"*My* first flood was in 1916," 84-year-old Henry says. Then there was the big flood of '36 and even that brought only a couple of feet of water into the house.

So in 1972, "I didn't think it would get so bad," Henry says.

For those who stayed, there was a brief flurry of activity before the interminable waiting set in. There were preparations to be made — drinking water to be collected and food and prescious belongings to be carried onto higher floors.

Hindsight is 20-20, the saying goes, and in the wisdom of later years, some preparations made little sense.

For reasons she can't fathom now, Elizabeth Prater placed several throw rugs in front of Aunt Clara's doors in a futile attempt to keep the flood waters out.

The action was part of Prater's resolve — she had no choice but to stay with the immovable and sightless Clara, so she tried to prepare herself and protect Clara.

Prater headed back two blocks to her own Tripp Street home and grabbed a transister radio and her grandkids' chihuahua, Poco. Back at Clara's, she moved a couple chairs upstairs in the Forty Fort home.

In Wilkes-Barre, Miller sent his wife off to a friend's home on higher ground and then walked down to the dike and watched until the waters spilled over.

Down the street, Henry calmly settled in to wait.

There was nothing terribly exciting about it. Clara and Elizabeth spent Friday and Friday night sitting out the rising waters.

"We just sat all day and did nothing," Elizabeth Prater remembers.

The water began leaking in around supper time.

Chester Miller collected some food and water and headed upstairs. Along the stairwell, he passed photographs of his grandchildren that rose with the stairs.

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ELIZABETH PRATER of Forty Fort sits near the second-floor window she climbed out of when she was rescued by boat during the flood. Prater, 67 at the time, was helping her blind sister-in-law Clara, who was 92. Prater's grandson John, left, was 11 during the flood.

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"I watched your grandchildren drown one by one," Miller wrote two days later in a note to his wife, describing his emotions during his flood vigil.

Down the street, John Henry moved belongings from the first floor to the second. As the waters rose, the 64-year-old moved them again, to the third floor.

Three times Friday night, Elizabeth pulled Aunt Clara up the stairs as the blind woman tried to reach the first floor and "see" for herself that it was full of water.

Oh, the houses were full of water, all right.

Chester Miller knew he had a problem when the water chased him to the third floor. When he looked out the window and saw oil gather on the water above the porch roof, Miller knew it was time to get out fast. Already there were fires over on South Franklin street.

But it was too late to get out fast.

Miller searched through a box of stored clothes and found a red sweater a friend had sent their son from Scotland. He leaned out the window, waving the sweater on a broomstick, and began to yell for help.

"He was hollering so much over there, he wanted to go," says Henry, recalling hearing Miller.

Thanks to the foresight of John Henry's father, the water had not quite reached the second floor of Henry's elevated house. He had been occupying his time "just watching the stuff float by."

So Henry called to Miller that he would stay, if rescuers happened to come by.

"He (Miller) said, 'Well, it's all right for you, you've got another floor to go.' "

Two hours of hollering and waving the red sweater eventually flagged the notice of a helicopter that lowered a basket to Chester Miller's third-story window.

Miller did not leave empty handed. He convinced John Henry to evacuate in the same helicopter. And he made the precarious climb out of the window with a suitcase full of treasury records from Central United Methodist church, where he was treasurer.

"How he did it, I don't know. He said it was scary," Miller's wife remembers.

Miller's wasn't the only broomstick beckoning rescuers that day.

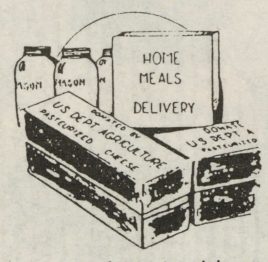
Elizabeth and Clara's story is now a family legend — how Elizabeth ripped a sheet and tied it to a broomstick, then waved the flag out a window until a roving helicopter spied them, then climbed out on to the sloping front porch roof and lowered herself, Poco, and Aunt Clara into the rescue boat sent by the helicopter.

"You do things you don't know how you did afterwards," Elizabeth Prater says, still surprised, after all these years, at how high the water came. ■

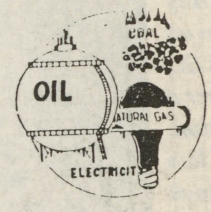


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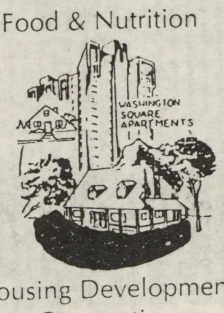
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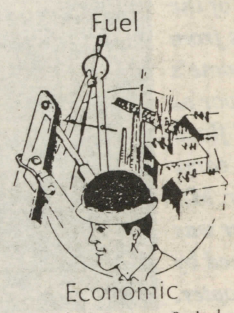
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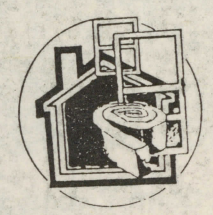
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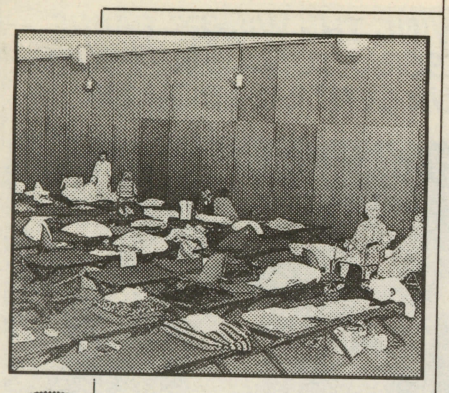
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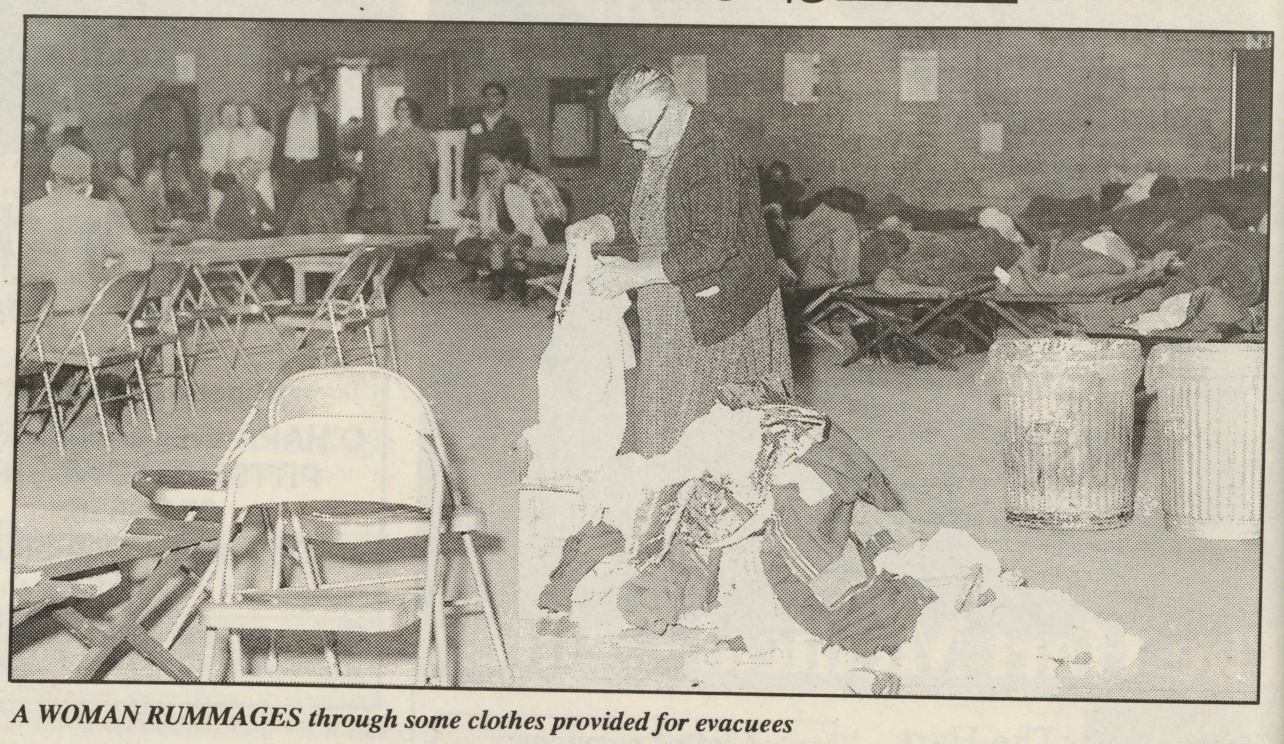
FLOOD FACTS

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development delivered between 12,000 and 15,000 trailers to the Wyoming Valley to provide temporary shelter.

"This whole Valley showed a lot of guts. You know what it was? Everybody was equal. The rich and the poor, everyone was in the same bad situation and you just helped each other out."- Jim Rittenhouse, retired volunteer firefighter from Kingston.

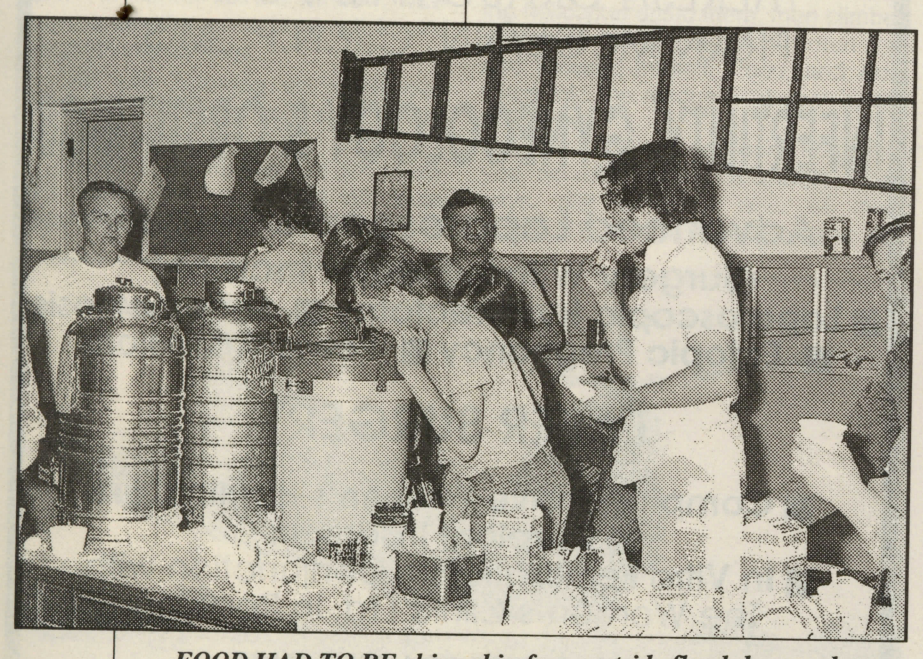
EVACUATION CENTERS

SOMETHING TO EAT, A PLACE TO SLEEP



A WOMAN RUMMAGES through some clothes provided for evacuees

As the waters rose, residents packed up and sought a place of refuge.



FOOD HAD TO BE shipped in from outside flood-damaged areas

The first calls came shortly after dawn on an early summer morning. Radios carried the message. Sirens sounded the signal.

Evacuate.

And the mass exodus of 72,000 men, women and children began. Young. Old. Rich. Poor. No matter. The swollen Susquehanna threatened everyone.

Some had left earlier, driving off in their cars, a few summer clothes, maybe a favorite toy or even a dog's dish tossed hurriedly in the trunk. Others, perhaps brave, perhaps foolish, waited until the river spilled over the dikes to run for their lives.

A few — infirm, frightened or just plain stubborn — were carried away in ambulances, boats, or the arms of a passing savior hours after floodwaters blanketed the valley.

But all united in search of the same thing — high, dry, safe ground.

Most believed they would be gone a few hours, maybe a day at most. They escaped without clothes or food and, certainly, without family treasures.

In 1972, there was no central plan, no page in the telephone book carefully explaining what to bring, where to go and who to contact during a disaster.

In all, roughly one of every five county residents was forced from the familiar into the unknown.

It's estimated two of every three evacuees found refuge with a friend or family. The rest flooded into shelters that sprang up — literally — overnight. The Salvation Army and Red Cross staffed many of these instant havens, providing beds, sandwiches and even underwear for thousands of refugees through mid-August. Other, makeshift shelters, housed as few as 10 people for as little as two days.

Hundreds fled to the College Misericordia campus in the Back Mountain and GAR High School. Others found temporary ports in the unlikeliest of places: a construction company in Forty Fort, a church rectory in Ashley, even a racetrack in Plains Township.

Thanks to a ready government, innumerable volunteers, friends, family and the occasional stranger, basic needs were met.

That summer, the Salvation Army provided 648,000 hot meals, 3,240,000 cold meals, 1,125,000 gallons of coffee and cold drinks, 375,000 gallons of soup and 8,040,000 doughnuts and pastries. The American Red Cross spent $13 million locally on food, supplies and personnel. Its vol-

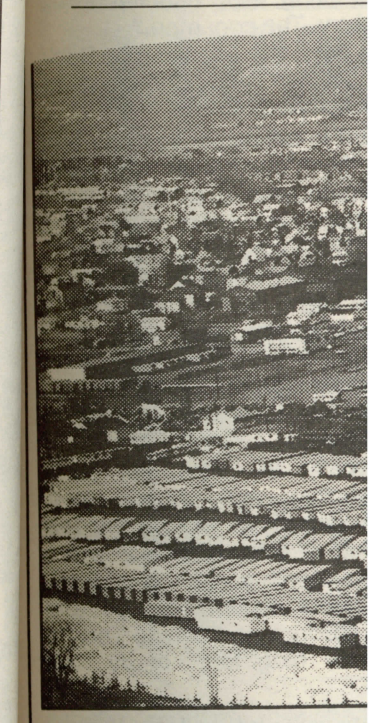
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HOUSING

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Trailers became home to nearly 15,000 families

story by: ***Dawn Shurmaitis***
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They were cold in the winter and hot in the summer. There were mice in some and hard ugly couches in most.

But they were free, and for nearly 15,000 Wyoming Valley families in 1972, they were home.

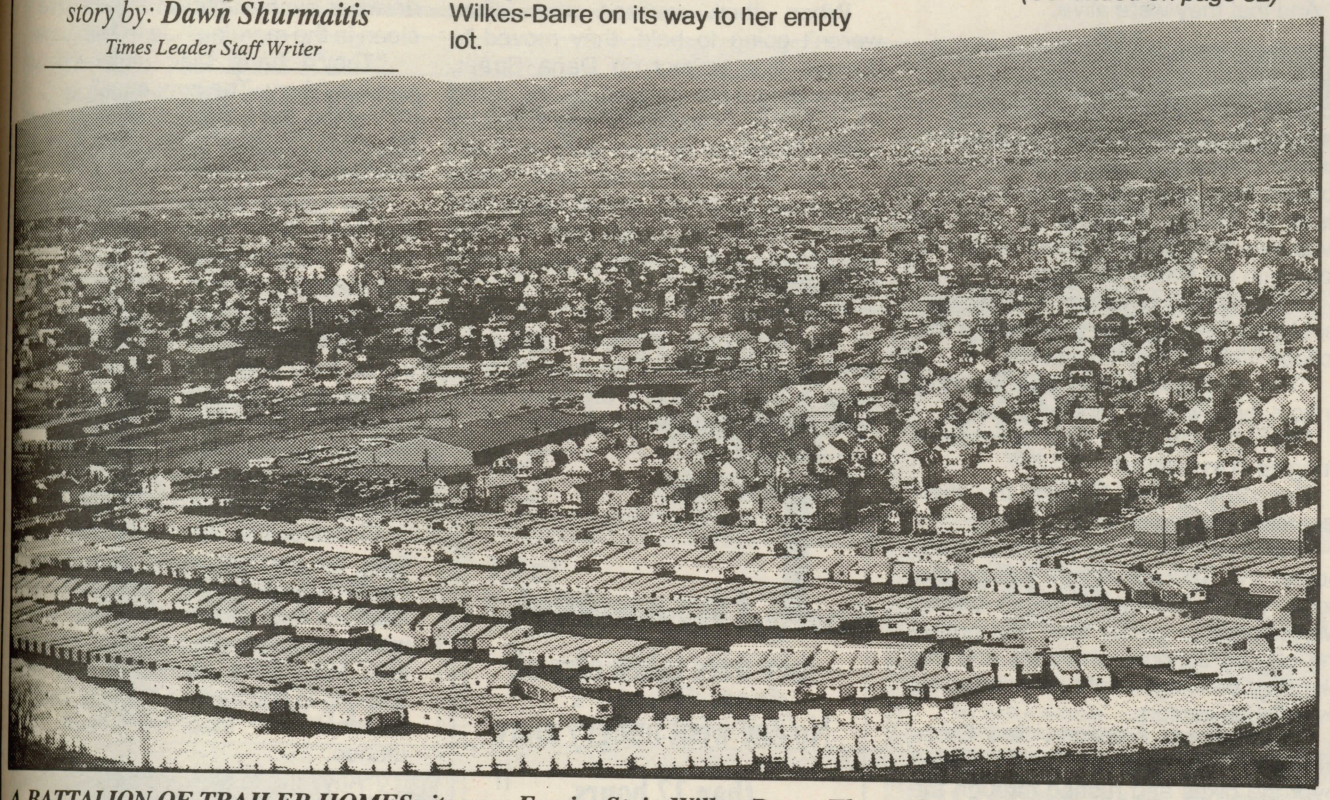
They were federal Housing and Urban Development trailers. Who among residents could forget their HUD huts?

Judy Karem remembers well the August day her 56-foot trailer came rolling down Willow Street in Wilkes-Barre on its way to her empty lot.

"I saw it and thought 'Is it mine? Is it mine?' It was like a gift from heaven," says Karem, who lived in that two-bedroom trailer with her husband, son, two cats and dog for 16 months while building a new home to replace the one ravaged by Tropical Storm Agnes.

Elizabeth and Anna Trexler, two retired schoolteachers from south Wilkes-Barre, remember with a laugh the night they woke to find a strange man in their temporary home.

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A BATTALION OF TRAILER HOMES sits near Empire St. in Wilkes-Barre. The trailers, provided by the U.S. department of Housing and Urban Development, were loaned to flood victims whose houses were destroyed or badly damaged

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unteers flew in from as far away as Germany.

Flooded Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, relocated at the college until July 31, admitted 300 patients, delivered 52 babies and treated 5,000 emergency cases.

The shelters provided asylum to anyone in need, from the elderly mourning ruined lives to children crying over lost toys.

Jean Mills, who was recuperating from a car crash, was transformed from housewife to refugee early Friday, when the water reached the seventh cellar step of her comfortable Cape Cod in Kingston.

Mills — her injured leg, neck and back bound by braces — grabbed only her poodle pup Andre when her family evacuated.

She would never live on North Gates Avenue again. Her wedding album, her children's high school yearbooks — everything dear was lost.

Mills spent six weeks at Misericordia before moving to a trailer and, more than a year later, to an apartment in Edwardsville. Her Kingston home, the one with the brand-new $4,000 swimming pool, was bulldozed.

And despite her personal suffering, when Mills looks back 20 years to those first dreadful weeks, she manages to see a few bright spots: the gracious and caring nuns at College Misericorida; the Red Cross and Salvation Army workers who dished out good meal after good meal; and the doctors and nurses who toiled in renovated dorm rooms to patch wounds, set bones and deliver babies.

"They were wonderful," the now 66-year-old woman says.

Mills and her husband, who was recovering from a stroke, their daughter, son-in-law and new granddaughter managed in a single room with two beds. Mills' grandchild slept in a bassinet on top of the dresser. The family pup stayed tied to a bookcase.

"What a mess it was," Mills recalls. "My husband, he'd cry 'Dear God gave to us and dear God he took from us. We have nothing.'

"And I'd say 'We do have our new baby, our dog and our lives.' "

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The disaster called numerous valley residents into service — some to sandbag; some to pilot boats looking for the stranded; others to man shelters, passing out coffee, blankets and comforting pats on the back.

Sister Mary Carmel McGarigle was in charge of Misericordia's Alumni Hall when the college was notified ambulances carrying Nesbitt Hospital patients were on their way. Arlene "Pooch" Kozich, a 19-year-old Misericordia sophomore, turned into an instant helpmate.

Anne Vernon was 47 and living in Kingston Township. When the flood hit, Vernon, the director of the Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley, dashed to the Kingston Township Municipal Building, where she was told by busy firefighters and police officers: "Do what you can."

A. Sheldon Glahn, 52 then, was living in flooded Forty Fort. The last piece of mail delivered to his house before the flood was the notification he'd been appointed volunteer chairman of disaster services for the Red Cross in his borough.

Gordon Fader had been at the helm of the local Red Cross chapter for one year when floodwaters wiped out not only his South River Street home but the agency's headquarters as well. Assisting Fader was Dorothy Pechulis, who was 45 in '72 and living in Wilkes-Barre Township.

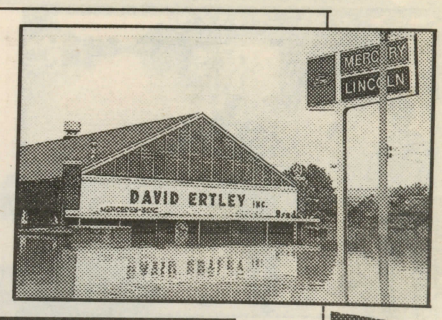
As the floodwaters threatened, the Red Cross moved its precious blood supply from North Franklin Street in refrigerated vans across town to General Hospital. By late Friday, the agency had moved into temporary quarters at the Palmer Elementary School in Wilkes-Barre.

Once the bridges were out, the Red Cross efforts were split by the river.

On the east side was Palmer. To the west was the Vo-Tech School. In addition to providing shelter, these large evacuation centers served as distribution centers for food and clothing.

At the same time, hundreds of evacuees fled north, taking shelter in the

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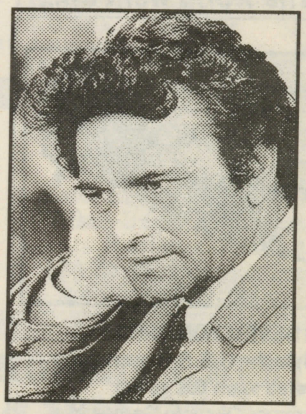


FLOOD FACTS

Since Agnes, there have been 12 major floods in Pennsylvania, each causing in excess of $20 million in property damages.

" 'Just stay calm,' they said. It seemed like we were in a scene from a war movie. Patients lined up in hallways, with medical records placed on them, waiting to be loaded into the next ambulance." Regina Husovski Yankalunas and her husband, Bob, watched the waters rise from their rooms at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, where they had been admitted following a motorcycle accident 10 days before the flood. They were evacuated to a temporary hospital set up at College Misericordia.

SUMMER OF '72
The world went on...



■ **COLUMBO:** "Columbo," starring Peter Falk as the grungy detective, was among the popular TV shows.

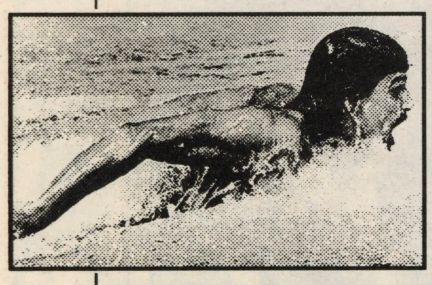


FLOOD FACTS

38 churches and three synagogues were damaged

Elizabeth Demko and her cousin Betty Karpowvich were helping build the dikes across from Wilkes College near the Market Street Bridge. "We were in my car, a Volkswagen Beetle, moving sandbags from one dike to another. Betty Jean was worried, she could hear the guys talking about how high the water was getting to the top. "I kept working, saying 'Don't worry, Liz, it's a Volkswagen, it'll float.' I wanted to stay until the end."- Elizabeth Demko Reese, who was 23 at the time of the flood, living in Hanover Township.

SUMMER OF '72
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■ **SEVEN FOR SPITZ:** While the U.S.S.R. won the overall team title at the Summer Olympic Games in Munich, West Germany, America thrilled to the heroics of swimmer Mark Spitz, who captured a record seven gold medals.

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Back Mountain. Communication between the various pools of refugees and the agencies established to help them became key.

"I saw thousands of people coming into the Back Mountain and I thought 'nobody is going to know where anybody is,' Vernon says.

To help stitch together the friends and family torn apart by Agnes, Vernon sent teenagers to the various shelters to gather names later read over the radio to let families and friends know where everyone was staying.

And that they were alive.

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College Misericordia received word from Nesbitt at 8 a.m. Friday that the hospital was moving its operations. A designated Civil Defense Center, the college immediately began preparing to convert from a place of learning to a place of refuge. Patients as well as evacuees from flooded areas began to pour onto the Dallas campus.

"What is ours is yours," is what Sister Miriam Teresa, then president of the college, said to hospital officials.

"The ambulances just kept pouring in from everywhere," McGarigle says.

"All night you could hear helicopters bringing in evacuees."

Despite the initial bedlam, the shelters met each basic need. Quickly.

The local Red Cross efforts officially began the Thursday night before the flood, when volunteers began calling warehouses to gather food and notifying various schools, churches and the like their buildings might be needed as evacuation centers.

The National American Red Cross arrived Friday, after the river spilled over the dikes and rushed through the valley, and immediately began supplementing existing services and distributing food, clothing and cots.

"We certainly weren't prepared for anything of that dimension," says Fader, who was in charge of the local chapter.

Most of the food, clothing and equipment had to be brought in from outside flood- and mud-damaged areas. Crates of cots and boxes of canned food were flown in by plane or helicopter to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Airport or Pocono Downs Racetrack, both of which doubled as temporary shelters.

State prison workers baked hundreds of loaves of bread and shipped out monster batches of soup. School cafeterias geared up too, shipping over whatever food they had in their freezers.

Evacuees at College Misericordia were fed three meals a day, meals that some say rivaled those served in a restaurant: eggs, juice, toast and fruit for breakfast, sandwiches for lunch and even meat and potatoes for supper.

"They ate well," Kozich says. "I remember one woman who wouldn't stop crying. I told her 'get in the food line, they're serving steaks tonight.' "

In addition to providing the basics, the shelters acted as islands of sanity surrounded by a sea of confusion.

"After spending the day surrounded by mud, cleaning up their homes, people would return to the shelter and say 'I'm so happy to be able to come back here. It's quiet, clean and I get a good meal,' " McGarigle says.

"I was impressed with how organized things were. There were lists of names of everyone sheltered. A system. I was amazed at that.

"The disaster brought out the best in people."

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At the height of the flood, 80 evacuation centers existed, ranging in size from College Misericordia to the offices of the Sordoni Construction Co. in Forty Fort, which 25 people called home for a week following the flood.

Glahn and about 50 or 60 of his neighbors had evacuated first to the Forty Fort Presbyterian Church.

When they realized the dikes weren't going to hold, they moved to the old high school on Dana Street, where they were trapped by the rising flood waters. Friday, they evacuated by boat through the second-story window.

From there, the group split. Glahn and about 25 others ended up at Sordoni's, located on a high spot off Murray Street. A night watchman opened the building.

Desperate, the refugees took stock of the building's contents and took what they needed — making sure to keep a careful record of every flashlight, battery and paint can used.

> **"If they were found, they were taken care of. No one went hungry more than 12 hours."**
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> **Gordon Fader, who was head of the local Red Cross chapter**

Glahn remembers using the paint to write "We need a radio" in big letters on the road, hoping a passing helicopter would see it and bring one by.

When they needed food, the evacuees took the glass out of the window of the nearby Leonard's general store. A few acted as clerks, passing out food and keeping a detailed record of who took what and at what cost.

Years later, Glahn was told by the store owner that every account had been cleared in full.

The makeup of various communities, with each neighborhood home to numerous schools and churches, provided ideal evacuations centers.

"People just opened them up and ran them," Glahn says of the makeshift shelters.

"No one talked about compensation. They just did it."

The overwhelming lesson learned was that no matter what, people pulled together.

"If they were found, they were taken care of," Fader says. "No one went hungry more than 12 hours."

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Each shelter tried to answer the special needs of the refugees. One shelter brought in a rabbi to bless the food. Another tried to ship in only kosher.

If electricity had not been restore the shelters relied on generators, flashlights. Doctors and nurses tra eled among shelters, tending banged shins, scraped knuckles a rusty nail wounds, injuries sustaine during cleanup and demolition.

The college made an ideal evacua tion center, complete with kitchens, church and even televisions. But the were drawbacks. There were only few bathrooms per dorm floor, share by both men and women.

"The men would wash out their u derwear every night so they'd have clean in the morning," Jean Mills says.

"They'd hang their underwear u and they'd cry. The poor men."

Vernon says she opened her Bac Mountain kitchen and bathroom t nearly a dozen people.

"It's hard to believe in this day an age but I didn't even know who slep there," Vernon says. "I'd leave in th morning and lay out spare sheets an towels."

Other refugees, who soon began liv ing on the second floor of their floode homes, made do with what they had.

"There were a lot of cold-wate showers by candlelight," Fader says.

"You were literally camping out i your own home."

Occasionally, to relieve the bore dom, the shelters would show movies Families would gather around the fe televisions to watch the news, whic was consumed with post-flood informa tion. Volunteers distributed toys an crayons to children, and "Uncle Ted," a Channel 16 magician, made the rounds.

"Anything to alleviate the boredom," Kozich says. "Shelter life is boring."

Since it was summer, some resi dents just sat outside in small groups talking and enjoying the evening breeze.

"The Lord sent it at the right time," Glahn says of the storm. "It was summer, it was warm and the schools were out."

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The start of school in September signalled the closing of many of the evacuation centers. It was time for people to find permanent places to live, ei ther the top floor of their flooded home a friend or relative's house, or a trailer.

Eventually, things began returning to what passed in 1972 and '73 as "normal." Many people began moving into trailers, where some would stay for as long as two years. At the same time, the Red Cross and other disaster-service agencies began assessing what had happened and what could happen again.

Fader says the flood forced the local Red Cross to develop a comprehensive Disaster Preparedness Plan, designed to meet any crisis, from a nuclear emergency to a chemical spill.

Says Glahn: "No matter what happens, we know what to do. In retrospect, (the flood) was the best thing that could have happened. In retrospect.

"The hardest thing is keeping a sheathed weapon sharp. We all wonder what would happen if we had to do it all over again."

Says Pechulis: "People would pull together. No matter what." ■



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It was raining hard that night and both sisters were in their rooms when Anna screamed out "Libby, Libby there's a man in our house."

Drunk, confused, the man had stumbled into the wrong trailer, an easy mistake since it looked identical to 303 other trailers parked in the Mundy Street lot, one of the larger HUD developments.

All Jean Mills remembers is moving, from one trailer beset with mice to another flooded by a faulty hot water heater and finally to what was to be her temporary home for more than a year — the Holy Name Trailer Park in Forty Fort.

But despite her travails, Mills says of that park: "It was beautiful. They poured concrete for streets and we had nice neighbors. My husband put in carpet and we had a couch."

The Karems, the Millses and the Trexlers lived in the trailers until they either renovated their flood-ravaged homes or found permanent housing. Most Agnes refugees stayed about a year. A few stayed as long as four years. Still others ended up buying their trailers from the federal government and staying on for good.

The trailers were there for the taking, to anyone who could demonstrate need to HUD. In 1972, one of 50 of those HUD employees assessing need was Hughestown resident Carl Hallstead, who came on board that September. Hallstead is now manager of the Disaster Assistance Program for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).



ELIZABETH AND ANNA TREXLER of Old River Road in Wilkes-Barre remember the Agnes flood as they browse through a photo album

The federal trailer program Hallstead helped run in '72 first was used in 1969 and 1970 during Hurricanes Camille and Celia. But it was Agnes that gave the infant program its first true test. All told, the federal government spent $82 million to buy and deliver the mobile homes and to construct trailer parks, the largest trailer program ever.

Hallstead says the two- and three-bedroom trailers, bought new from dealers across the country or manufactured per order of HUD, sold on the open market for between $6,000 and $8,000.

The trailers were either parked in HUD-managed trailer parks or on lots owned by flood victims.

The Karem family owned two such lots, a large enough area to park three trailers. The Karems, the six members of the Poor family and the three members of the Setta family — south Wilkes-Barre neighbors long accustomed to their own homes, driveways and yards — lived for more than a year within eight to 10 feet of each other.

But, says Karem, who lived for two months with in-laws after the flood: "We would have taken anything."

In addition to individual lots, Hallstead estimates HUD built between 20 and 30 trailer parks from the ground up, complete with water, sewer and electricity, utilities later paid by the re dents. Some, like the Pocono trail park, housed only six families. Othe like the Slocum and Barnum par which housed 267 and 117 families r spectively, were, says Hallstead, "ju like little cities."

Elizabeth and Anna Trexler lived what they called "our little village" f nearly a year.

Now 89 and 77, the sisters hav fond memories of their trailer par which was located where the Joh Heinz Institute for Rehabilitation Med cine stands today. The sisters move there in November 1972 after their O River Road apartment was flooded. year later, after the apartment was re paired, they moved back.

"If we didn't have a trailer I don know what we would have done," say Anna Trexler.

The trailer program, however, ha changed much since '72.

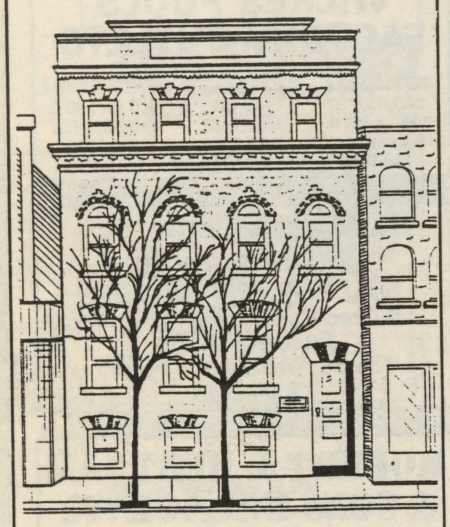
FEMA, which now runs the program tries to first house disaster victims i vacant rental properties. Hallstead est mates mobile homes provide less tha 1 percent of all temporary housing fo today's disaster victims.

Today, the Karem lot, where first house and then three trailers stood, is an empty lot. The Karems' home even tually was bulldozed. The Poors an the Settas repaired their houses an moved back.

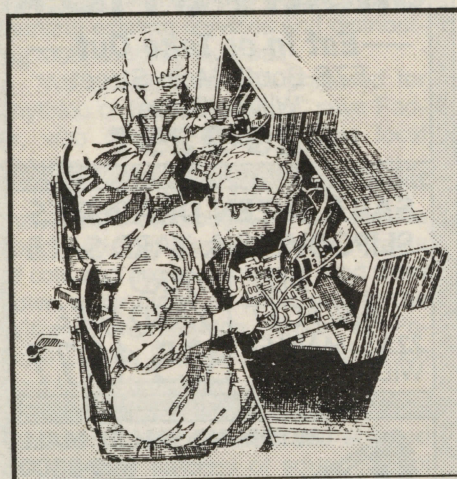
The Karems used their relocatio money and a 1 percent Small Busines Administration loan to buy a new hom in Hanover Township, far from the river

Says Judy Karem: "We couldn have done it without the government help." ■

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THE ELDERLY

A LIFETIME TORN APART



They were drifting into their twilight years, safe in their homes, familiar with every neighbor on the street, financially sound at last.

And then came Agnes.

Approximately 7,000 elderly residents of the Wyoming Valley affected by the 1972 flood survived high water only to find themselves mired in misfortune. Forced from their homes, faced with the loss of every material thing dear, saddled with new financial obligations, thousands of these aging men and women needed help.

Enter the Luzerne County Bureau for the Aging. Its mission was first to find, and then help, displaced elderly in Luzerne and Wyoming counties.

It was a herculean task.

"The first thing I'd hear from many of them was 'I want to die,' " remembers Sharon Miers, a 25-year-old bureau caseworker in 1972.

"There was a lot of crying, a lot of patting on the shoulder. That came first. Then we tried to answer their needs."

The bureau, then four years old, was headed by Margaret Spencer, who was 45 when disaster struck. From files she's carefully stored these last 20 years, Spencer pulls notes she took that summer on seniors in need:

"Mrs. X was found in her home, sitting in the midst of dried mud and clutter," reads one case history. "Her house is old, and as of Aug. 4, 1972, she still had no utilities."

Reads another: "This couple lost all their possessions and faced four moves as evacuees. As of Aug. 11, 1972, Red Cross will no longer provide meals. The A's cannot afford the hotel rates and still have no mobile home."

And finally: "They lost everything and were taken in by a couple who had 19 people living with them since the flood. All they possessed must be again replaced and housing found.

"Every gain seems lost."

The county bureau, which relocated from its flooded headquarters in the B'nai B'rith Apartments to the Hotel Sterling in downtown Wilkes-Barre, supplemented its 10-member staff with 30 newly hired federal workers. Alice McFadden, a native of Hazleton and an assistant to presidential aide Frank Carlucci, helped further by establishing the President's Task Force for the Aging, which worked alongside the bureau through October.

Spencer estimates her staff helped 3,000 seniors aged 55 and above by the end of July alone. In the weeks following the flood, her office also answered approximately 7,000 calls for help to the bureau hotline.

First, the simple needs: food, clothing, a roof.

Bureau caseworkers spent that summer visiting the emergency shelters, identifying special problems and helping the elderly find a permanent place to live. An estimated 7,000 seniors were forced to flee to emergency shelters.

"I remember going to GAR High School and seeing the elderly sleeping on cots," says Spencer. "They were confused, the kind of people who never had to ask for anything."

Caseworkers confronted not only physical problems, but psychological ones as well. The elderly were awash in disbelief. Depression overwhelmed many.

"A lot of people were withdrawn," Miers says "They couldn't tell us their needs because they were still reacting to losing everything they

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Times Leader Staff Writer

***MANY ELDERLY** had be assisted in evacuations and brought to shelters such as this one in a school gymnasium*

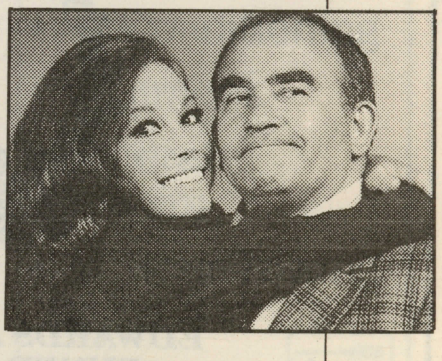


FLOOD FACTS

Thirty-five pharmacies in the valley had to destroy drugs with a combined value of $210,000. The drugs were condemned, taken to a landfill and destroyed.

" I helped out a lot during the flood of '36 but I'm not as young as I used to be. I'll do what I can." - Clara Prater, aged 92 and blind, to a neighbor who came to her Forty Fort door, intending to ask if he could help her evacuate for the flood.

SUMMER OF '72
The world went on...



■ **MARY AND LOU:** The Mary Tyler Moore Show featured Mary Tyler Moore as a funny but vulnerable newswoman and Ed Asner as her boss, Lou Grant.

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owned."

Getting them sheltered was a paramount concern.

At the beginning of August, the bureau relocated several hundred elderly to the Keystone Junior College dorms, where they lived for another six weeks. The bureau pushed to get many elderly into the makeshift trailer park in Kingston's Scanlon Field, central to hospitals and the downtown. Spencer says 121 people, 60 percent elderly, eventually moved to Scanlon.

A few were relocated to the Sterling, then a very prestigious downtown hotel. They lived there for up to six weeks, or until they could find permanent housing.

"We felt like we were playing God," Spencer says of the relocation efforts.

The flood displaced thousands. Brother lost track of brother, neighbor of neighbor. Many seniors, according to bureau worker Helen Nealon, simply would walk to the Sterling, hoping to find word of a lost friend or relative.

"It was a big concern," says Nealon. "They didn't know if they were alive or dead."

Project Search helped answer that question. A mail survey, it was launched to locate all people over 55 years of age in the two counties. All told, 29,000 elderly responded, letting the bureau know where they were and what they needed.

A caseworker assigned to the field, Miers traveled the two counties answering such calls for help.

"I'd choke all day on the dust," Miers says. "You took your life in your hands going into some of those buildings. There was garbage, rodents. You never knew what you'd find."

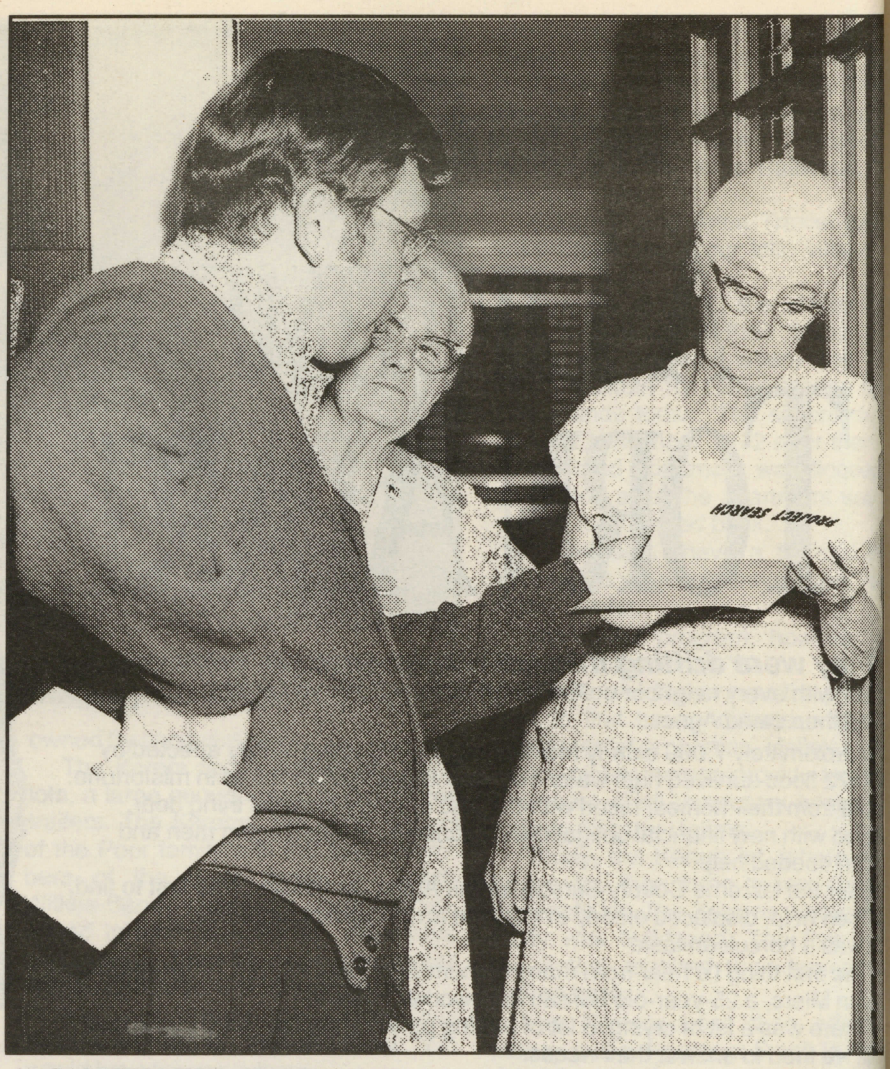
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> **Sharon Miers, a caseworker for the Luzerne County Bureau for the Aging in 1972**

Sometimes she'd find scared, confused men and women, people who'd long paid off their mortgages, who'd never gotten help from anybody for anything. Loans, food stamps — these weren't words in their vocabulary. They needed help running through the government maze.

"They might not have liked handouts, but they took it," says Nealon.

For the elderly who had spent 50 or 60 years in the same neighborhood, living among the same friends, shopping at the same corner store, the loss was devastating.

"I remember one lady in Shickshinny who lived along the creek," says Miers. "It took me almost four hours to



A CASEWORKER HANDS OUT a 'Project Search' survey to two elderly women. The survey, distributed by the Luzerne County Bureau for the Aging, was designed to locate and then provide aid to elderly residents of Luzerne and Wyoming counties affected by the flood.

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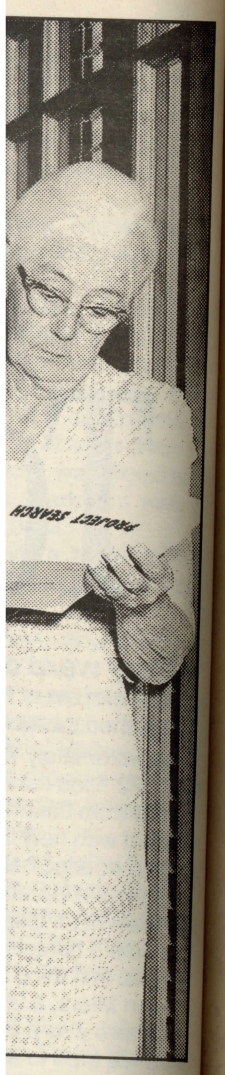
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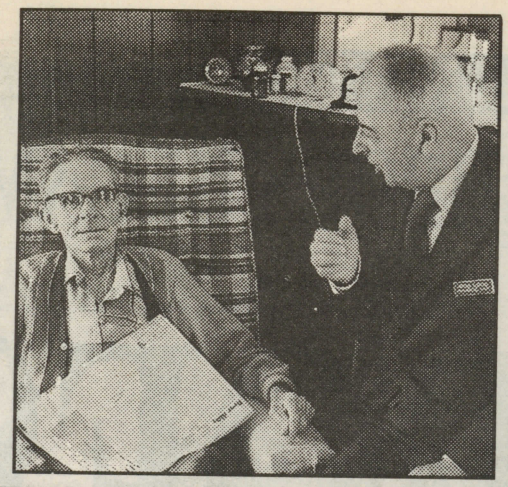
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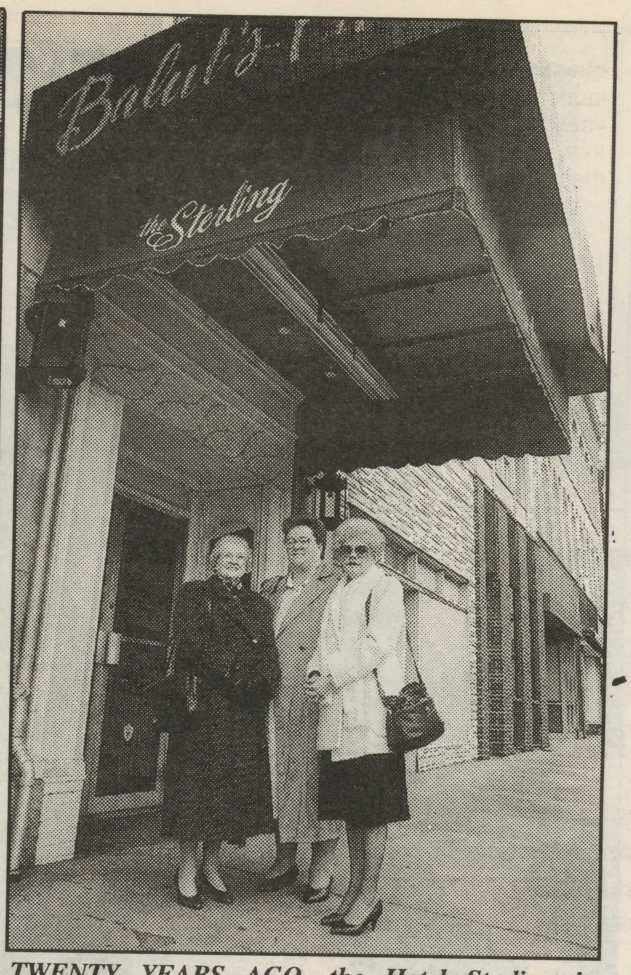
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ARTHUR FLEMMING, right, a member of President Nixon's staff, visited the Wyoming Valley after the flood to address the special needs of the elderly. Below, comedian Bob Hope visits an elderly refugee sheltered at the GAR High School evacuation center.





TWENTY YEARS AGO, the Hotel Sterling in Wilkes-Barre served as temporary headquarters for the Luzerne County Bureau for the Aging. Pictured, from left, are former bureau employees Margaret Spencer, Sharon Miers and Helen Neylon. The three women helped guide thousands of elderly through a confusing government maze after the flood.

convince her to leave. She wouldn't budge until we promised to relocate her next to someone she knew."

Federal workers warned the bureau it might take 10 or 15 years for residents to return to "normal." Some elderly refused to try. Many relocated. Others died.

The flood itself claimed four lives. But Spencer estimates others died prematurely in the weeks and months following the flood, either of a failed heart, or a just plain broken heart.

"One woman who lost her husband (shortly after the flood) was incoherent," says Miers. "She was in her early 70s. We eventually took her to the Thomas Street trailer park. But she was unable to take care of anything. We had to do her shopping, even handle her money."

The bureau helped the seniors with simple yet vital tasks — getting to the store, finding an open pharmacy, locating the Red Cross to sign up for clothes, food stamps, trailers and home repairs.

Spencer now is executive director of Heritage House in Wilkes-Barre, an elderly care facility. She says the valley learned some hard lessons during that summer of '72.

"We learned it was very important to have a bureau of the aging to identify the special needs," Spencer says.

The experience taught Miers, now the assistant executive director of Heritage House, that she was destined to help the elderly. "That's why I stayed in the field," she says.

"I learned I could be effective." ■

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FLOOD FACTS

Some houses were without electric service for 104 days.

Three weeks before the flood, Joseph and Bedonna Mitchneck were blessed with twin daughers, Ivy and Heidi. But when the flood struck, so did the Mitchnecks' blood pressure. The couple rushed to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital where the underweight infants slept peacefully in incubators. "We took them to Hazleton to our relatives," Bedonna recalled with a smile. "We went as far away as we could. It was not a good day." Today, Heidi and Ivy are sophomores at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where they each have a 3.9 grade-point average.

SUMMER OF '72
The world went on...

■ **CHECK IT OUT:** The price of groceries in 1972 would make a bargain hunter salivate. At the IGA, six loaves of white bread cost $1. A one pound can of Campbell's pork and beans was 14 cents. Cornish hens were 49 cents a pound.

VOLUNTEERS

WHEN NEIGHBORS BECAME HEROES



They recovered runaway coffins, saved lives, repaired property and ultimately helped restore the Valley's morale. Volunteers were the unsung heroes of the Agnes disaster.

The corpses numbered 2,500.

Ancient bodies tumbling in the muddy Susquehanna River, tossing in the streets, landing in residents' porches and yards.

Some were in caskets, others were skeletons dislodged from their resting place.

Joe Shaver, Luzerne County's chief deputy coroner, a congenial man accustomed to the brutal finality of death, stoic at the sight or smell of a corpse, had never imagined a scene as gruesome as this.

But the 1972 Agnes Flood showed no respect for the dead.

The Susquehanna's raging flood waters tore through the oldest part of the Forty Fort Cemetery along River Street, stealing bodies and caskets from eight feet underground and discarding them with careless abandon.

The U.S. government and its military, prepared for virtually any disaster, was not prepared for this.

Never before had a cemetery washed away.

The Luzerne County Coroner's Office, though not responsible for bodies previously buried, took responsibility. No one else would.

Hours earlier, on the morning of June 23, 1972, Shaver and his neighbors clustered on the dike in Wyoming.

"We were concerned. The water mark was only two feet from the top of the gauge, but it dropped and we thought the river crested. Then

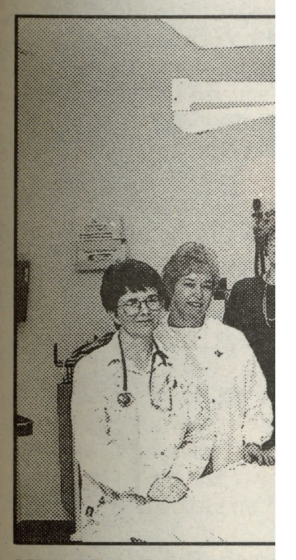
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NURSE DOROTHY TRIBUS kept a premature baby alive at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital during the flood

MEDICINE

PUTTING OTHERS FIRST

The doctors and nurses whose courageous acts saved lives and comforted patients say it was simply part of the job.



NURSES, from left, Joanne Parrish, Anne Kotch, Bettie Ann Morgan, Helen Stanovich and Mary Mulvey all worked in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital during the flood

Obstetrics nurse Dorothy Tribus swaddled Michael Reilly's infant body in layers of cotton and aluminum foil and clutched him to her breast.

Trapped in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital's third-floor maternity wing, with no heat and no electricity, with river water swirling through the first floor, Tribus pitted her determination against the Agnes Flood.

She vowed to keep Reilly safe.

She did.

Tribus is among hundreds of local nurses and doctors who performed herculean tasks when Agnes ravaged the Wyoming Valley 20 years ago.

Born 10 weeks prematurely June 17, 1972, Reilly had grown from two-and-a-half to five pounds when the flood dealt Wyoming Valley its worst disaster on Friday, June 23.

Nesbitt started evacuating patients early that morning, first by ambulance and later by boat.

But when Reilly's turn came to shuttle across the river to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, the raging Susquehanna blocked the bridges leading to the city.

The baby's doctor and parents, contacted by phone, agreed Reilly should be kept at Nesbitt.

Tribus, the obstetrics unit supervisor and the mother of five, took charge.

"I wasn't frightened," she says. "I knew my family was OK because they'd gone to a relative's home in Pringle, but that baby needed tender loving care."

With the hospital virtually deserted, Tribus kept vigil over Reilly through the night, preserving his life with her ingenuity and her body warmth.

Saturday the nurse cradled the baby in her arms as they rode an amphibian and then a diesel truck to the West Side Vo-Tech evacuation center in Pringle.

Concerned for Reilly's fragile nervous system and heart, Tribus isolated him and herself in the school nurse's office, grateful for a quiet place where the infant could sleep.

An hour later, three soldiers who wanted to use the room ordered Tribus and the baby out.

"You and your officers can go to hell," Tribus snarled.

The soldiers stepped out, and Tribus locked herself and Reilly inside. Despite persistent military orders to "open up," Tribus didn't flinch.

As Reilly grew stronger, Tribus insisted on a helicopter to transfer him to Nesbitt's make-shift hospital at College Misericordia in Dallas.

Again, she wrapped Reilly in cotton, aluminum foil and blankets, held him securely in the helicopter and then settled him into an isolette at Misericordia.

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FLOOD FACTS

Nesbitt Memorial Hospital established a temporary hospital at College Misericordia in Dallas until July 31. During that time, 300 patients were admitted, 52 babies delivered and 5,000 emergency cases treated.

The urgent work of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital's emergency room kept nurse Bettie Ann Morgan preoccupied during the early flood days. But as weeks passed and she had the chance to take evening breaks, the sadness and devastation set in. "I remember walking with some of the other nurses up and down the streets of Wilkes-Barre," she says. "The saddest thing was seeing the elderly on South Washington Street sitting in their doorways and sorting out their belongings."

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■ **CHARTWATCH:** Songs of the Summer of '72 included "Alone Again (Naturally)" by Gilbert O'Sullivan.

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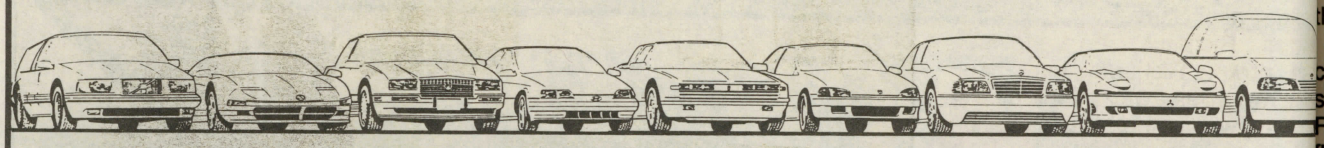
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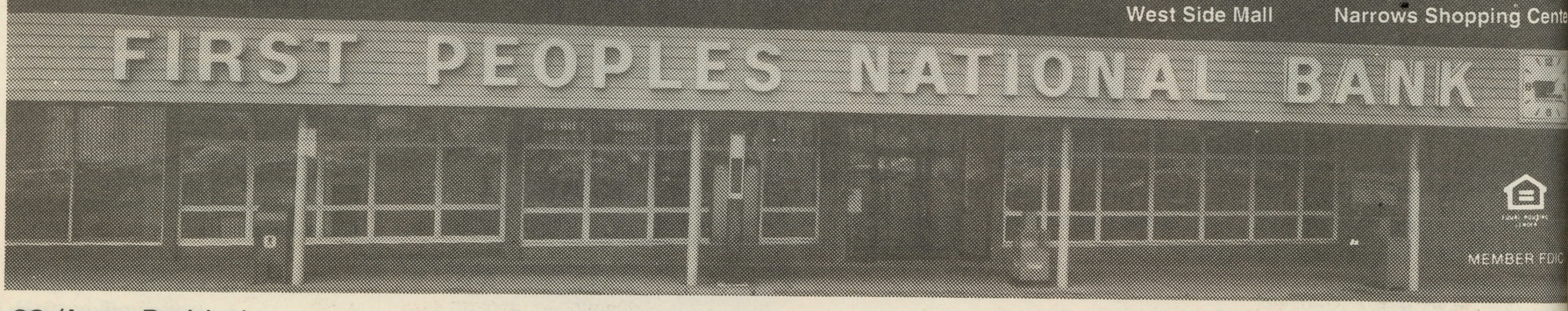
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A Navy helicopter circled above, then landed near Shaver.

Howard Richards, an engineer, climbed down. Richards had been standing two miles away on the dike in Forty Fort when the Susquehanna flushed.

"He's the one who told us the river wasn't carrying logs, it was carrying bodies. He thought there were 10."

Shaver had no time to dwell on the news.

The out-of-state helicopter pilot shouted to him to jump aboard — he needed help finding his way through Forty Fort to rescue flood victims stranded on roofs and chimneys.

A funeral director by trade, Shaver didn't like flying.

He hunched in the rear seat, shouting directions. "Turn right, that's Culver Street. ... OK, turn left, that's Walnut."

They zoomed toward a roof and lowered a seat to 87-year-old Hazel Richards who was leaning from her second-story window. She clutched her strongbox in one hand and the chains to the helicopter in her other as she was whisked away.

"She climbed in and hugged me," Shaver recalls, amazed by the woman's bravery.

They flew her to her husband, Howard, in Wyoming, then made countless other trips to Forty Fort and back.

By nightfall, as the river submerged the Midway Shopping Center between Forty Fort and Wyoming, and after Agnes left no doubt about the power of her destruction, Shaver knew the swirling bodies were cemetery corpses.

Late Saturday, under the direction of Coroner Dr. George E. Hudock Jr., he established a morgue at the historic Swetland Homestead in Wyoming, near a high grade on Wyoming Avenue where the flood water had receded.

"First there were 90 bodies, then 150, then 500. By the time we were through," Shaver says, "there were 2,500. We lined them up and down the avenue. Some had been buried since the 1800s in wooden caskets which the flood destroyed. A lot of them were in two-ton concrete vaults which we couldn't lift. People from all walks of life came to help."

Some 40 local volunteers, many who'd never dealt with corpses, rode in Coast Guard boats searching for bodies and caskets. Howard Snyder, who owned a hardware shop in Wyoming, worked through the night welding heavy chains to lift the vaults onto tractor-trailer beds. The U.S. Marine Corps arrived with heavy equipment and manpower. Tobyhanna Army Depot sent body bags.

The stench of death overpowered many of the older volunteers, but they stayed to do paperwork and other chores.

Hudock and Shaver inspected the bodies, attempted to identify them and then placed them in bags. Of the 2,500 corpses, only 36 were ever identified.

"Family members kept stopping by," Shaver says, "asking 'Did you find my mother?' 'Is my brother's body here?' It was sad."





The LUZERNE COUNTY Coroner's Office had one of the most gruesome tasks in the 1972 flood — finding and reburying 2,500 corpses unearthed by floodwaters at the Forty Fort Cemetery. Twenty years later, Deputy Coroner Joseph Shaver is pictured near a monument erected at the cemetery in memory of those who had to be re-buried in Dallas.

The coroner's office needed a burial site, and eventually federal officials contracted with Memorial Shrine Cemetery in Dallas where a mass burial was held.

Shaver, then 37, hadn't slept for days.

He, Hudock and their volunteers, drenched in mud and grime and the noxious smell of decay, ate late at night at the Wyoming Methodist Church, where more volunteers cooked and fed them.

Arriving at his Wyoming home a week later, so exhausted he could barely stand, he encountered several dozen flood victims his wife had been feeding and clothing.

"So many people were desperate, but somehow we got through it," he says. "There was an outpouring of help."

Later, the federal government wanted to list Shaver as a national expert on cemetery floods.

"No," he said. "Once was enough. I don't think I could go through it again."

* * *

The night before the river washed over the Valley, area firefighters received the warning call.

Jim Rittenhouse, a volunteer firefighter in Kingston, was playing cards at home when his telephone rang at midnight.

He and fire company driver Ray Novitski went to Pierce Street, where the river was touching the bridge.

"That was it," says Rittenhouse, now 63 and retired. "We never came back home until the water went down."

Actually, Rittenhouse didn't return home for two weeks.

Two hundred volunteer firefighters spent the first night sandbagging the dike in Kingston.

Friday morning, water burst through manholes and began filling buildings.

"By late Friday," says Novitski, "the whole town was flooded."

The volunteers had moved the fire trucks to dry ground in Pringle.

"We knew we were in real trouble," Rittenhouse says, "when we stood on Pringle Hill and saw water gushing over the fence at Wyoming Seminary's football field."

Rittenhouse and the other firefighters maneuvered motorboats through a fierce current on the streets, rescuing

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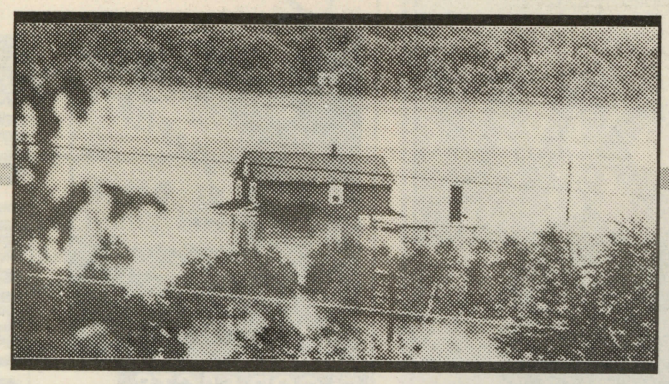
FLOOD FACTS

Five electric substations were inundated.

Inadvertently, the flood had a positive effect on local medicine. "Before 1975," says Wilkes-Barre General Hospital's emergency room administrative director Bettie Ann Morgan, "there were no labels on prescription bottles. During the flood, elderly patients who'd been taking a lot of different medications came in with one pill from each bottle and didn't know what they were. They'd tell us 'the blue one is for my heart,' 'the yellow one is for my arthritis.' We'd spread them out on the table and match them to the descriptions in the Physicians' Desk Reference." By 1975, local pharmacies made it a policy to label each prescription bottle and patients have become more educated about the medicine they take, Morgan says.

SUMMER OF '72
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■ **WYOMING VALLEY DEBUT:** Hurricane Agnes was first mentioned in Wilkes-Barre newspapers on Monday, June 19, 1972. The front page story described residents in Florida fleeing the storm. In the paper the following day, Agnes was downgraded to a tropical storm.



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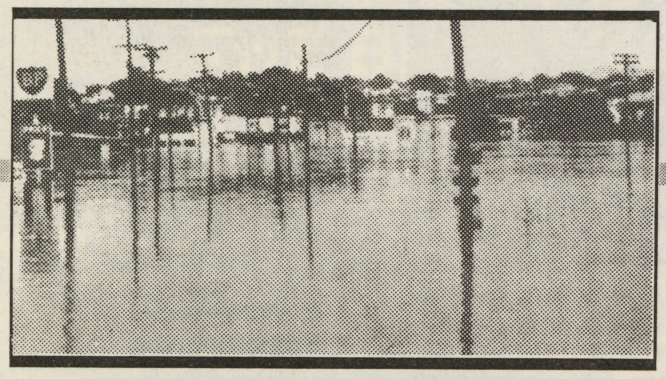
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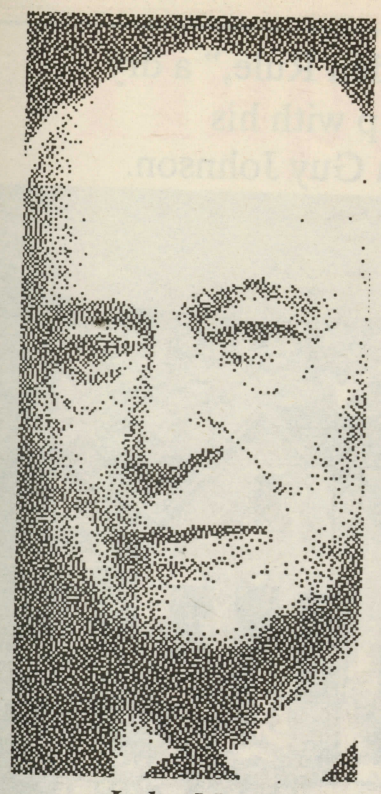
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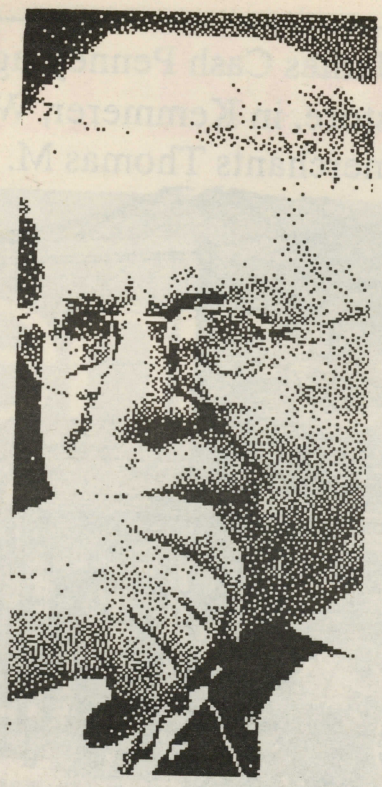
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REBUILDING

LEADING THE WAY BACK

Some key individuals helped bring the Wyoming Valley back to life

They turned to Max Rosenn.

In time of turmoil, they needed a single voice of wisdom, power and commitment.

They knew — these businessmen, community leaders and clergy — that rebuilding the Wyoming Valley would require unprecedented amounts of time and money from the federal and state governments, from local officials and from volunteers.

Rosenn, a federal appeals-court judge and a gentle man with a strong sense of civic duty, didn't turn them away.

Then 62, Rosenn called his first meeting on the Fourth of July in his second-floor office in the federal building on South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Invited guests — bankers, businessmen, lawyers, social workers, community activists — slopped through mud on the first floor and stairs, then removed their shoes before entering Rosenn's chambers.

They formed the Flood Recovery Task Force, a non-partisan grass-roots organization of 10 committees that attacked issues such as transportation, construction, flood control, social service needs, school needs and financial aid.

"The community was paralyzed," says Rosenn, whose own home in Kingston was struck by the Agnes Flood. "It would take a herculean effort by some organized movement to bring the Valley back to life."

The committee of more than 100 excluded politicians, fearful partisan politics would obstruct the work.

"One of the first things we did was to ask the presidents of each lending institution to suspend payments on mortgages and loans for 90 days. Without a murmur, they did. The next thing we did was to establish contact with key people in the federal government."

Given Rosenn's position as a U.S. Appeals Court judge appointed by President Richard Nixon in 1970, the task bore sweet fruit.

Rosenn solicited help from U.S. Senators Richard Schweiker and Hugh Scott, who was the Republican minority leader of the Senate.

Scott toured the Valley with Rosenn in early July and later, during lunch at the Woodlands, phoned Nixon in San Clemente, Calif.

Scott described the destruction as "the greatest natural catastrophe in the history of this country."

Nixon instantly pledged unprecedented federal aid; Rosenn kept daily contact with federal officials to help develop an economic and social recovery plan.

Occasionally, Rosenn used his federal friends to push the state government into action.

For instance, when the state highway department downplayed the Valley's need for state assistance to reconstruct the bridges linking communities on the east and west sides of the Susquehanna River, Rosenn arranged a meeting with the national secretary of transportation, invited the news media but ignored the state. The state trans-

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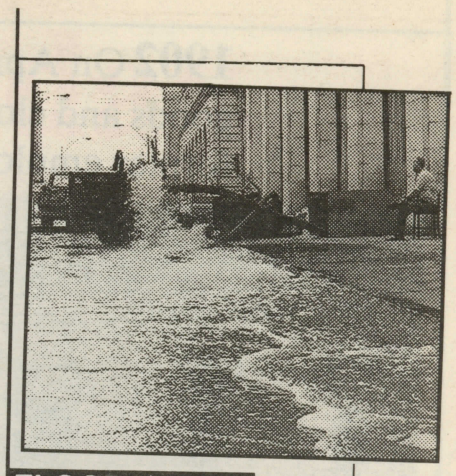
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Key Leaders

U.S. Appeals Court Judge Max Rosenn, 82, of Kingston, chaired the Flood Recovery Task Force, a local grass-roots organization that secured loan deferments for flood victims, negotiated 1 percent Small Business Administration loans and lobbied for additional state and federal aid.

Frank Townend, 80, of Dallas, directed the Luzerne County Civil Defense Office, which monitored the Susquehanna River level and ordered the evacuation of Wyoming Valley residents during the Agnes Flood.

Former U.S. State Rep. Daniel J. Flood, 89, of Wilkes-Barre, supervised the U.S. military's flood emergency work and lobbied Congress for flood disaster aid.

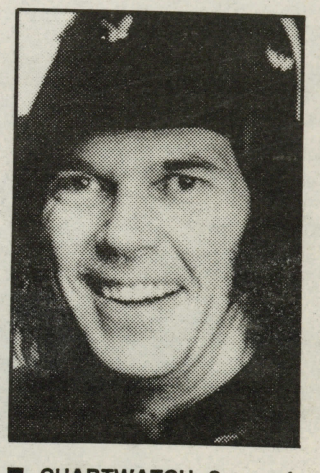


FLOOD FACTS

The damage to roads and bridges was valued at $300 million.

``I collected whatever bags I could get - garbage bags, pillowcases, anything...Everytime I'd get a load I'd deliver it to the Market Street Bridge. The hippies were there, working feverishly in the mud to strengthen the dike. Thank God for the hippies." - The Agnes Flood couldn't temper the spirit of Cyril Speicher - a diabetic, nurse, former boxing commissioner and Carnegie Medal winner who'd saved a friend from drowning in January 1972.

SUMMER OF '72
The world went on...



■ **CHARTWATCH:** Songs of the Summer of '72 included "Heart of Gold" by Neil Young

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residents from windows and rooftops and transporting them to the West Side Vo-Tech School, an evacuation site in Pringle.

When the water receded, they retrieved their fire trucks and worked day and night, pumping out buildings.

When they slept, they slept in rubber bunker coats and boots on oil-stained, mud-soaked tree lawns.

"We'd sleep for a few minutes at a time, but it felt like six hours," Rittenhouse says.

They ate food delivered by Vo-Tech. Rittenhouse recalls with gratitude "those peanut-butter sandwiches that tasted as good as a steak."

Days after the flood, fire companies from across the Northeast pulled into town, bringing equipment, food, clothes and other supplies.

"Often we didn't even know where they were coming from," says Rittenhouse. "They worked side-by-side with us, too. They were our brothers and we were so grateful."

A year later, area fire companies assisted Johnstown, which had flooded.

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The Agnes Flood couldn't temper the spirit of Cyril Speicher — a diabetic, nurse, former boxing commissioner and Carnegie Medal winner who'd saved a friend from drowning in January 1972.

Speicher's home in Parsons was on dry ground when Agnes hit. But he and his wife Lillian worried about their friends in the lowlands.

They'd been following news reports about the storm, and knew the county civil-defense office needed sandbags to shore up the river dike.

Like thousands of others across Luzerne County, the Speichers quickly volunteered.

As Lillian Speicher solicited bags from friends and neighbors, Cyril jumped into his 1950 Chevy and drove to their homes in Miners Mills, Parsons and Plains.

"I collected whatever bags I could get — garbage bags, pillowcases, anything," Speicher says. "Every time I'd get a load I'd deliver it to the Market Street Bridge. The hippies were there, working feverishly in the mud to strengthen the dike. Thank God for the hippies."

Thank God for Speicher and others like him.

Then 57 and nursing an injured shoulder, Speicher spent several hours Friday morning gathering supplies for the dike workers.

When the sandbagging effort failed and the river rushed onto the streets, Speicher and his friend George Ritchie made a brief, futile attempt to rescue residents of South Wilkes-Barre in Ritchie's 12-foot aluminum canoe.

"We must have been crazy," Speicher says. "There we were in this canoe on Parrish Street and the current was getting stronger and stronger. Sewer caps were blowing in the air like bombs. We turned toward Carey Avenue and cars and buses were floating down the street."

They abandoned the plan.

Speicher turned his attention to the emergency center at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport where he administered typhoid and tetanus shots to thousands of flood victims.

When he finished, he drove to Forty Fort looking for friends whose homes had been flooded. The smell of oil and mud filled his h stayed to help residents mud-drenched homes.

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KINGSTON FIRE CHIEF Ray Novitski, left, and retired firefighter J Rittenhouse were among the firefighters who worked for days on little sleep help the community through the Agnes disaster

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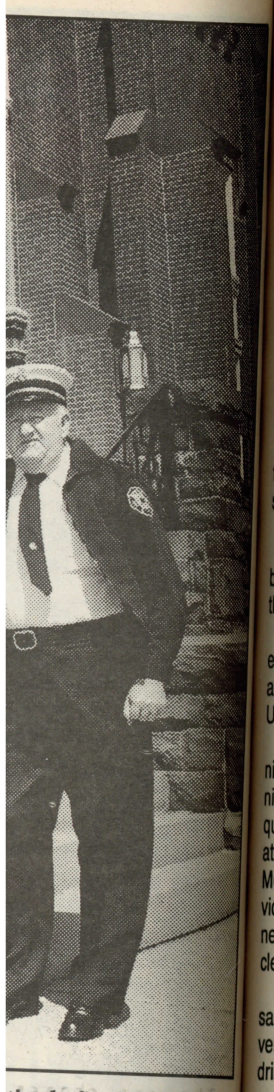


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tired firefighter Jim
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had been flooded. The smell of heating oil and mud filled his head, but he stayed to help residents clean their mud-drenched homes.

Speicher points to others who toiled endlessly to repair properties, and to the "hippies" who tried to stave off the flood and aided the victims.

"For years the hippies had taken a lot of verbal abuse, but when the flood came, 'hippie' became a good word," he says.

His volunteer work, he figures, was minuscule compared to the courage the flood victims displayed.

"I don't think I could have survived it the way many people did. They were so heroic."

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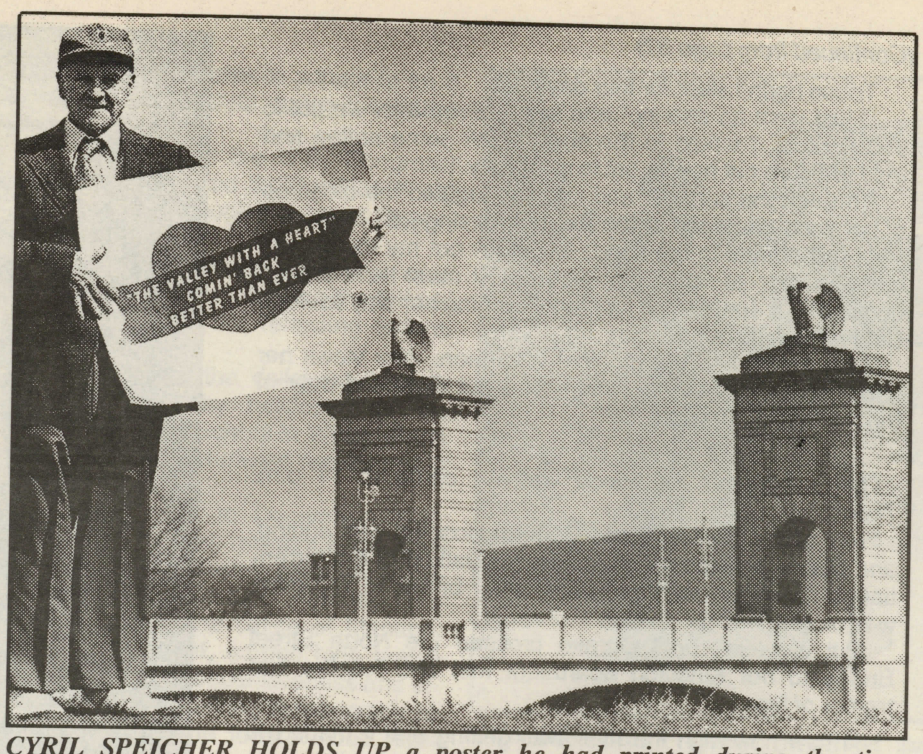
More than 100 Amish and Mennonites trekked from southern Pennsylvania. The Amish brought handmade quilts for flood victims and showed up at evacuation centers to cook. The Mennonites organized a disaster service, sending teams to flood-struck neighborhoods to haul debris and clean property.

The Salvation Army established disaster centers, provided emergency vehicles and served meals, coffee, cold drinks and doughnuts.

The local chapter of the American Red Cross, directed by Gordon Fader, solicited and distributed food and clothing, offered shelter and helped families find missing relatives. The national American Red Cross sent more supplies and more workers.

Nationally, the Red Cross raised $2.5 million for the flood victims through a televised telethon hosted by comedian Bob Hope.

Help came from companies such as Procter and Gamble, Campbell Soup and Anheuser Busch which sent emergency supplies, food and fresh water.



CYRIL SPEICHER HOLDS UP a poster he had printed during the time following Agnes. Speicher, whose Parsons home wasn't touched by the flood, contributed to the sandbagging effort and later helped residents clean their mud-drenched homes.

Help came from caravans of volunteers who drove into Wyoming Valley from Easton, Allentown and other parts of the state and country.

Guy Christmas and Walter Mitchell, natives of the Valley, were in separate motorcades from the Allentown area that delivered toothbrushes, toilet tissue, canned food and other goods donated by stores and individuals.

From late June until early August, Christmas returned to the Valley more than 50 times because, he says, he "wanted to help the people."

He and scores of other regional volunteers offered equipment and expertise in citizens band radio communications. With phone service cut by the flood, operators of citizens band, military and game commission radios became the vital communication link for the Valley.

Help came from unexpected places, too.

Inmates from the Luzerne County Prison and the State Correctional Institution at Dallas cleaned properties and cooked at evacuation centers and makeshift food lines.

An Ohio college football player motorbiking to New York City for vacation stopped here out of curiosity, then showed up at Federal Judge Max Rosenn's front yard in Kingston.

"Would you like some help?," he asked Rosenn. "I need to keep in shape so I'd like to do some heavy work."

He was "a big, friendly chap," Rosenn remembers, so he pointed him to the cellar.

"He ran up and down those steps hauling mud in hefty garbage cans all day," Rosenn says.

That night he joined the judge's family, friends and flood victims for dinner at Harveys Lake, where he decided to forgo his trip to New York.

He labored for Rosenn several days before returning to Ohio.

A year later, he showed up at Rosenn's door with his new bride.

"He wanted to see how we were doing," Rosenn says with a smile. ■

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It was the Thursday night before the flood. As the waters continued to rise, some neighbors started talking about moving to higher ground.
Not Eileen Kratz's neighbor.
"She was on the sidewalk, washing the rainwater off with her broom. 'Oh, don't worry,' she said, 'I was here during the '36 flood. It can't get worse than that.' And here it come like Niagara Falls."- Eileeen Kratz, who was 36 when the flood hit.

SUMMER OF '72
The world went on...

■ **SPRING WASHOUT:** The month of May in 1972 had 7.25 inches of precipitation, nearly double the average. And over 3 inches of the total came on the last two days of the month. There was flooding in areas of poor drainage and along creeks and streams.

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Tribus hadn't slept for four days.

"I just went on energy," she says. "Even after we got to Misericordia, I talked to the staff, drank some coffee and tried to figure out how to get to my family."

Through the summer and fall, she juggled the clean-up of her flood-damaged home with her nursing job.

"I lost my car in the flood, so I stuck out my thumb and hitch-hiked to Misericordia each day. I must have looked comical — a 40-year-old woman thumbing her way to work. But I always got a ride."

Like the rest of the medical volunteers, she views her flood work as merely an interesting but expected duty of the medical profession.

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Mary Durako's first flood warning came at 11 p.m. Thursday.

Her shift at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital was ending, and nurses arriving for overnight duty talked of the torrential rain and the fact the Eighth Street bridge in Wyoming was closing.

But it wasn't until Durako crossed the North Street Bridge to her Kingston apartment that she felt the first tremor of fear.

"I saw how high the river was getting and it made me nervous," she says. "I went home and listened to the news reports. I tried to wake my husband to tell him, but he was sound asleep."

Durako slept restlessly.

Before dawn, she heard the evacuation orders.

Her husband, a member of the Army Reserves, joined rescue operations in Forty Fort; Durako returned to the hospital.

Wilkes-Barre General became the evacuation center for Wilkes-Barre's flood-stricken nursing homes, Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre and Nesbitt in Kingston.

Crossing the Market Street Bridge at 6 a.m., water lapped at Durako's car.

Minutes later, after 34-year-old emergency room nurse Bettie Ann Morgan met police roadblocks at the bridges in Pittston, Wyoming and Pierce streets, she turned toward the Market Street Bridge.

"I have to get to General Hospital. I have to," Morgan yelled to the police, finally convincing officers to let her pass.

As she turned north on River Street, the urgent wail of ambulance sirens pierced her ears.

At the hospital's front door, evacuees were being lifted from school buses and funeral cars and wheeled into the lobby.

Morgan hurried to the first-floor emergency room where, for the next few weeks, she tended to hundreds of the newly arrived patients, allaying their fears, sorting their medicine, helping find beds for them.

"It was organized confusion, but it went well," says Morgan, who's now the administrative director of the emergency room. "The student nurses worked with us, we set up cots in the nursing school for many of the new patients. The doctors and nurses from Mercy came here and worked. The neighbors volunteered. The doctors were wonderful — they just moved in and worked round-the-clock, even though many of their own homes were damaged by the flood."

Durako, just 22 years old in 1972 and just two years a nurse, immersed herself in the care of surgical intensive-care patients.

For the first three days, she managed only four hours of sleep on a hospital cot. She found it invigorating.

"The doctors had to make split-second decisions about the patients," she says. "It was kind of exciting to be in the middle of it."

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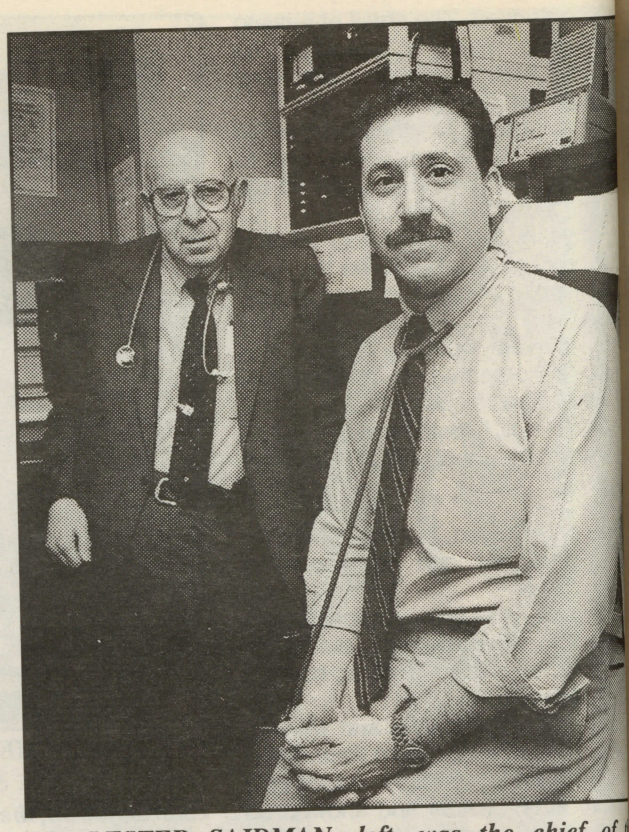
"Within a couple of hours the hospital's load increased from 310 to nearly 800," says Dr. Peter Corey, who was Wilkes-Barre General Hospital's chief of surgery in 1972. "Cots were everywhere, in the halls, in the lounges, in the emergency room, just everywhere.

"The nurses worked their hearts out. The biggest disaster for us was the lack of communication with the outside world."

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Bruce Saidman was just 15 when he put on his first white physician's coat in 1972.

His father, Lester, then the chief of Wilkes-Barre Gen-



DR. LESTER SAIDMAN, left, was the chief of t emergency room at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital dur the flood. His son, Bruce, right, now a doctor, was 15 the time of the flood but helped man a two-way radio General

eral Hospital's emergency room, had taken him to the ho pital before 6 a.m. Friday to help with the flood emergen work.

"I remember wearing this white coat — I don't know w gave it to me. It was a very busy place. These old c buses were pulling up with nursing home patients wh been evacuated, so I helped get them off the buses, in wheelchairs and into the hospital.

"Throughout the day I heard bits and pieces of conve sation about how high the water was, and after the ri crested, that night, I sat near the emergency room with Ne Schiowitz, Dr. Al Schiowitz's daughter, manning a tw way radio that gave the hospital contact with Tobyhan Army Depot. Messages were being sent about supplies t hospital needed. I thought it was a tremendous responsib ity for a 15-year-old and I was excited. I manned the ra through the night and I felt important."

Not until a few years later did Saidman decide hospi work should be his profession. Today he is a physicia specializing in cancer therapy. He's on staff at Wilke Barre General and has an office in Kingston.

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When Dr. Lester Saidman left his Gibson Avenue hom in Kingston with his son Friday morning, he was prepare for the pandemonium he'd find at the hospital. But he did know he would not return home for a week.

"Bruce had taken his two gerbils and my antique m chanical banks upstairs, but we left chicken defrosting f the Sabbath. My wife, Bertha, was wheelchair-bound wi multiple sclerosis; relatives took her to their home in B tonwood. We thought we'd be home the next day."

For Saidman, then a 54-year-old doctor and veteran World War II, emergency room work was second nature.

"The hospital was jammed, but we assigned doctors extra shifts and kept monitoring the patients.

"A lot of the doctors had been in World War II, so w patterned our plan after what we'd done in the military. W made snap decisions on the severity of patients' con tions, whether to hold them or discharge them, whethe they needed immediate surgery. We had to think on o feet all the time, and then we sweated it out," says Sa man, whose adrenalin kept him going nearly five days wi only about an hour of sleep a night.

Late Friday morning, he scanned the outdoors from th hospital's eighth floor. Kingston's streets were dry. H home and office were safe. Hours later, he looked agai This time all he could see was water battering the towns.

"It was an unreal spectrum. We were just the spect tors."

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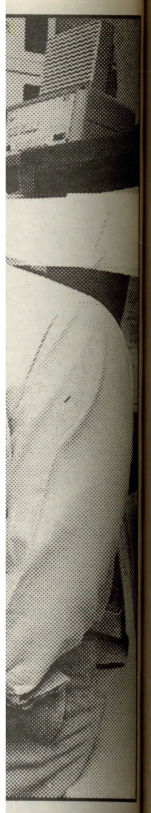
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portation secretary heard of it, and invited himself.

"He saw the federal officials and the press in the room. Then and there," Rosenn says, "he promised the state would do whatever it could to restore the bridges quickly."

Rosenn and the Flood Recovery Task Force committees tackled countless other problems:

The judge worked with the federal Small Business Administration to hammer out 1 percent loans with $5,000 grants for flood victims; the task force negotiated with out-of-state building contractors for reduced fees and assurances of quality construction; successfully lobbied for legislation exempting flood victims from taxes on their flood relief money, and traveled to Biloxi, Miss. to learn how that community fought back from its flood destruction a year earlier.

As Rosenn's committee labored, so did the Flood Victims Action Council, a citizens' group founded by local union leader Min Matheson; and GRIT, a non-profit offshoot of the local Commission on Economic Opportunity.

Such grass-roots efforts were a driving force in the Valley's billion-dollar reconstruction.

National and state officials rolled up their sleeves and joined the work, too.

U.S. Rep. Daniel J. Flood, in Washington, D.C., when Agnes dumped billions of gallons of water on the Valley, borrowed Secretary of Defense Mel Laird's private helicopter to jet home Friday night.

"For the first time in my life," says Flood, "I didn't know what to say."

But the man with the handlebar mustache and theatrical flair made a quick comeback: "This is going to be one Flood against another," he pronounced.

Dressed in Army fatigues, Flood supervised a command post at the Naval Reserve Center in Avoca to coordinate the military's flood emergency work.

Beginning Friday afternoon, Army, Navy, Coast Guard and National Guard troops stormed into the area to barricade impassable roads and bridges and rescue flood victims. Throughout the summer of '72, 9,000 military members, supervised by 30-year-old Navy Reserve Lt. Howard E. Glad, provided 24-hour guard over the Valley, restored electrical service, apprehended looters and forced residents to adhere to an 8 p.m. curfew in effect during the clean-up.

Flood lobbied the U.S. Congress, which appropriated $220 million in aid to the Valley through the Agnes Recovery Act of 1972.

Gov. Milton Shapp visited the area three times, often criticizing the federal government for not releasing federal aid fast enough.

Nixon toured the Valley on Sept. 9, 1972, arriving by helicopter at the Daniel J. Flood School in Wilkes-Barre at 1 p.m. for a whirlwind two-hour visit with flood victims.

From August to December 1972, former Bear Creek resident Frank Carlucci served as Nixon's personal representative here. Carlucci, then the deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget, earned high praise for his concern, responsiveness and effectiveness in slashing bureaucracy as he supervised the federal flood relief programs.

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The Luzerne County Civil Defense Office sat at the helm of the flood emergency work.

Executive Director Nicholas Souchick and his volunteer staff had been monitoring the swollen river all week. Some flooding seemed certain; they expected it would be slight.

The morning of June 22, 1972, Gen. Frank Townend, the county's 60-year-old volunteer director of civil defense, was en route to a convention in Ocean City, Md.

At 10 a.m., he called Souchick from Allentown.

"What's the situation?," Townend asked.

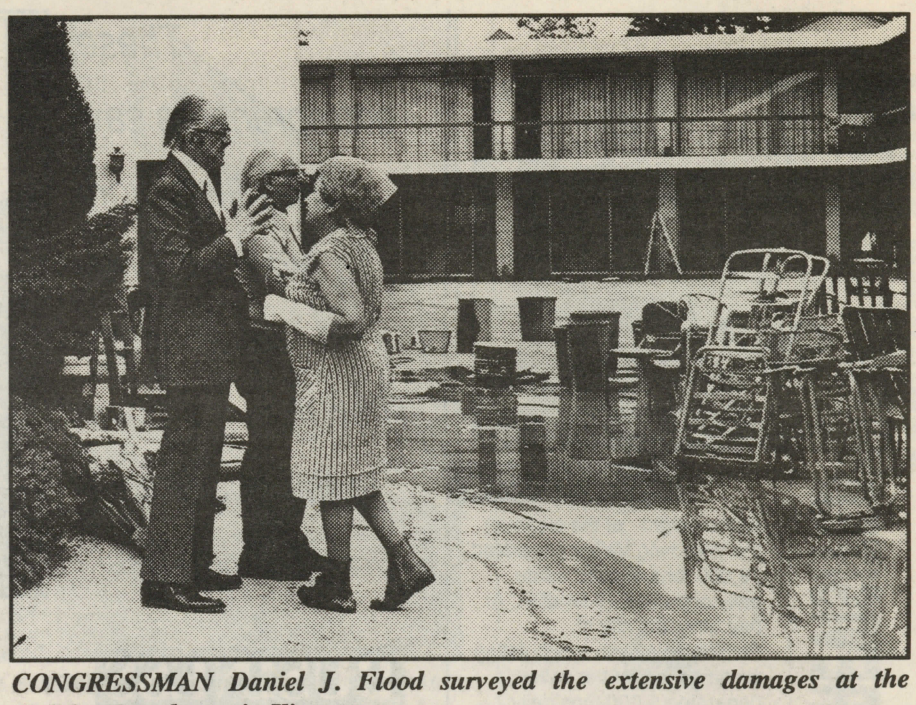
"The prognosis," Souchick replied, "is not good."

"Get plenty of sand," Townend said. "I'm coming home."

In the days before and immediately after the Agnes Flood, Townend and Souchick led the Wyoming Valley's flood-prevention effort and then its flood-evacuation plan.

Recruiting volunteers countywide, they spent Thursday night and Friday morning organizing a massive sandbagging effort to strengthen the dike and stave off the river.

But at midnight Thursday, huddling in their sub-basement office in the courthouse and computing the river level figures they'd obtained, they had little hope. The river, their numbers told them, would crest at 40 feet, three to five feet above the dikes.



CONGRESSMAN Daniel J. Flood surveyed the extensive damages at the Holiday Townhouse in Kingston

By 2 a.m. Friday, they ordered hospitals and nursing homes in the flood plain to prepare to evacuate.

A general evacuation alarm would wait until 5 a.m.

"At that point, we were more afraid of panic in the middle of the night than we were of the river getting ahead of us. We knew we had until at least 10 a.m.," Townend says.

Every hour, beginning at 5 a.m. until Friday night, Townend broadcast radio notices of the evacuation and later, updates on the flooding.

In between, he, Souchick and their crew of 20 kept vigil on the river.

Late Friday, flood waters chased them from their sub-basement office in the county courthouse to the Wilkes-Barre school building on Blackman Street.

"I think there was a tendency in the way we'd been trained not to dwell on the problem, but rather, figure out our resources and decide what to do," says Townend. "We couldn't waste time on reactions. We were doing our job. I don't regard that as heroism."

Heroism. Resilience. Commitment.

Undoubtedly, all three led to a comeback that is as much a part of Wyoming Valley's history as the Agnes Flood.

"Adversity," says Judge Rosenn, "created a strong bond and raised all our efforts to the highest level." ■

Others

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Hours after the Susquehanna spilled over its banks, hospital administrator Thomas Saxton boarded an Army helicopter to survey the scene.

"When he came back," Saidman says, "he told us 'It's not awful. It's worse.' "

One of the problems doctors faced was the fact patients who could be medically discharged had nowhere to go. And many of the doctors had nowhere to go, since their homes in Wilkes-Barre and the West Side were destroyed.

"But the doctors and nurses and the rest of the staff performed magnificently, and for a disaster, it went well," he says. "We all treated each other as family. One of the doctors even brought his uncle, who was a barber, so we could get haircuts."

The concern for each other, the adrenalin fueling the staff and the satisfaction derived from aiding the public during a crisis made the flood-related hospital work emotionally rewarding for Saidman.

The destruction of his home and office was depressing, but not insurmountable.

"My wife's illness is the worst thing I've gone through," he says. "The flood work was just something you had to do." ■

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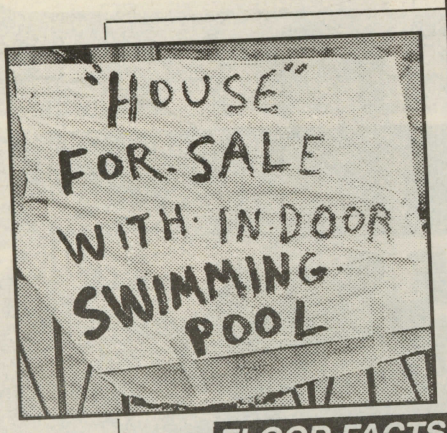
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FLOOD FACTS

At the height of the cleanup, the Wyoming Valley generated 78,000 tons of solid waste daily and used 16 landfills. At that time, the city of Philadelphia, with a population six times that of the valley, generated 5,000 tons daily.

These entrepreneurs saw their life's work washed away before them. Then they got down to the business of coming back.



GUS GENETTI stands in front of his hotel's new wing recc

BUSINESS

DESPERATE MOMENTS, TRIUMPHANT RETURNS



ON JUNE 24, 1972, Gus Genetti took this photo as guests were evacuating his hotel on East Market Street

story by: ***James Rubin***
Times Leader Staff Writer

Their stories are similar: four businessmen who watched years of hard work buried under tons of water and mud.

As 18 inches of rain swelled the Susquehanna over its banks, 48 square miles of land disappeared. Or some of that land were businesses owned or operated by Steven Morenko, Joseph Wanyo, Gus Genet and Harold Landau.

None of the businesses owned floo insurance.

All they could do was wait patiently for the water to recede, clean up the mud and, with a single-mindedness borne of necessity, fight back.

They say they are better for the calamity. Their enterprises, which sti flourish in Wilkes-Barre, Kingston, Plymouth and Hanover Township are testimony to their grit.

The night before

■ The rain from Agnes ended on a Thursday night. At 11 p.m., Steven Morenko, then a 44-year-old general manager and now the owner of the Motor Twins Inc. car dealership in Kingston, was celebrating the retirement of a long-time employee, along with most of the company's staf Disaster was the last thing on his mind

"There was no mention that a flood would take place in a few hours," Morenko said.

■ On West End Road In Hanover Township, Joseph Wanyo, who was the new owner of the Half Circle Barbeque, had heard the dikes might break. He wasn't overly concerned, b had decided to close early.

Wanyo, then 37, had enjoyed a six-month run of good fortune. A factory worker for 20 years, he'd used his savings to buy the Half Circle four

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"Everything we had, we put in here," he says.

■ On East Market Street in Wilkes-Barre, Gus Genetti, then 33 and co-owner of Genetti Hotel, wasn't taking any chances. He had 1,000 people coming to lunch and dinner and a bevy of nervous brides anxious about their receptions.

Genetti, now 53 and the sole owner of Genetti Hotel and Convention Center, reassured them that everything would go as scheduled. He had called Guthrie Conyngham, the president of Eastern Penn Supply Co., whose business on Pennsylvania Avenue just down the street had survived the 1936 flood.

"The dikes had been raised since then," Genetti said. "He said the worst thing that can happen is that you'll have flooding in the basement."

Genetti's staff spent much of the afternoon and early evening removing food from basement refrigerators.

Even when the power went out at 11:30 p.m., Genetti didn't panic. He made plans to serve his meals by candlelight.

■ A few hours earlier that day, Harold Landau, then 44, had received a call at his home warning him the dikes were going to burst. Landau and his father had in 1952 founded a furniture store bearing their name on Main Street in Plymouth.

Because of the town's low elevation, Landau called his workers back to the store where they began moving furniture from the basement and ground floor to upper levels of the four-story building.

"We worked all night," Landau said. "We moved everything upstairs, including our records.

Early morning

■ A telephone ring jolted Morenko out of a sound sleep at 4 a.m. Friday. It was Russell Frantz, whose family had founded Motor Twins in 1925, asking him to come down to the Kingston lot. Cars needed to be moved and fast.

An hour later, the firm's sixty employees were running an impromptu shuttle service to the parking lot at Piledggi's Restaurant in Kingston.



THE FLOOD HAD CREATED a great demand for cars, and Steven Morenko's car dealership bounced back quickly

As the employees moved the last cars, sirens blared and police using loudspeakers ordered residents to evacuate the area. Turning to Frantz, Morenko suggested the staff move the cars still parked on the company's other lot on South Main Street.

" 'My father says it never floods on South Main Street,' " Morenko recalled Frantz saying. "That's one decision he regretted."

■ Wanyo knew his restaurant business was in trouble when he was turned back by national guardsmen while trying to cross the Carey Avenue bridge. From his vantage point more than 50 feet away, he could see water trickling over the bridge. There was nothing to do except return home.

■ A manager awakened Genetti at 3:30 a.m. to tell him that the water was coming. Genetti looked for water on Public Square and saw nothing.

No wonder. It was coming up Pennsylvania Avenue.

For the next hour, he watched it approach in long, agonizing swells. Over the curb, into the lobby and then down a hallway. While trying to salvage a $5,800 bookkeeping machine sometime after dawn, he realized he was wading in chest-high water.

"At that point I wasn't acting very rationally," he said. "So I said to my assistant, 'Let's get upstairs.' "

He was evacuated by boat four hours later at 10:30 a.m.

■ Sometime after 5 a.m., with the sky still dark and Landau's workers still busy, the first calls came in to evacuate Plymouth. Meanwhile, Landau's wife had called from their Kingston home asking if she should begin packing.

"She expected me to say no," Landau said. "I said, 'Yeah, you'd better pack.' She packed stuff for our kids. She forgot to pack for her and for me.' "

The aftermath

■ Every day, Morenko joined a small cadre of residents who gathered on Larksville mountain watching rooftops and cars float through the inundated valley.

A week passed before they were allowed to return. Kingston looked like a ghost town covered in thick, brown mud. At Motor Twins, the goo lay more than four-inches thick, covered the walls and crammed almost every cranny of the two-floor structure.

"It looked like chocolate pudding," Morenko said.

Two showroom windows were missing. Electricity was out. Phone lines were dead. And the pungent smell of natural gas permeated the air.

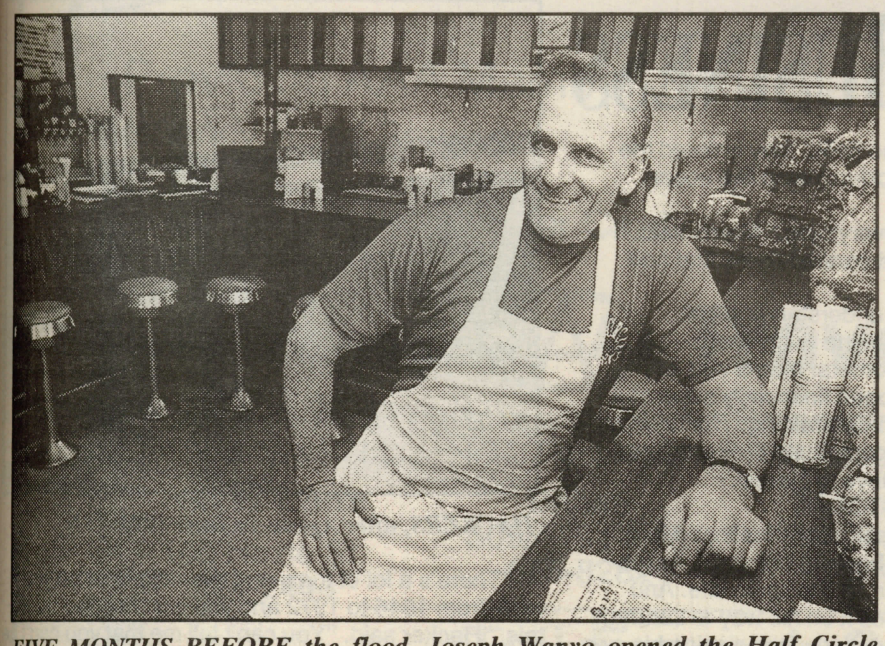
"Mr. Frantz and I were sitting on his back steps," Morenko said. " 'Are we unemployed,' I asked him. 'No, I think we'll make it,' he told me."

■ Wanyo's house midway up a hill in Plymouth became a halfway house for brothers, sisters and their children — more than 20 people — whose homes had been flooded. Every day for a week he'd walk down to the barricades — hoping to cross the river — talk to the guards, and then turn around.

"It got tense at the house," Wanyo said.

■ The water receded quickly from Genetti's. He owed $51,000 in mortgages on his house and business, and

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FIVE MONTHS BEFORE the flood, Joseph Wanyo opened the Half Circle restaurant on West End Road in Hanover Township. He reopened it eight months after Agnes.



FLOOD FACTS

435 miles of gas mains or lines were damaged

"I remember I'd burnt a hole in my slacks and I was complaining about it to my grandma. She was crying and yelled at me, 'These people lost everything. Eileen lost her house. And you're worried about a burnt hole?' 'That's what I remember. That, and my friend who found fish on the third floor of his house on Rutter Avenue in Kingston."

- Harry Williams, who was 38 and living in Wyoming in 1972.

SUMMER OF '72
The world went on...



■ **OLYMPIC SLAUGHTER:** A member of an Arab commando group that broke into the Israeli Olympic team's building and ultimately killed 11 athletes during the September Olympic Games in Munich, West Germany is glimpsed on the balcony.



FLOOD FACTS

As of 1972, under Pennsylvania law it was illegal for most types of stores to open and do business on Sunday. But for months after the flood, some municipal authorities permitted stores in their jurisdictions to open on Sunday so that people could more easily do their shopping and replace their losses.

"Pearl Harbor, Kennedy's assassination and June of '72. In our lives, everything is dated to those three events." - A. Sheldon Glahn, a Forty Fort resident and member of the American Red Cross.

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owed another $29,000 for canceled events.

"I was stunned, devastated, immobile," he said. "I'm sure we did a lot of crying."

■ Three days after the deluge, Landau returned to his furniture store. Plymouth's Main Street looked like a war zone. Windows had vanished. Huge stones had settled in his basement and water had seeped into the first-floor ceiling, pieces of which hung down like vines.

Just over the river in Breslau, a small warehouse Landau owned was in worse shape. The walls and foundation were badly weakened, the furniture there completely ruined.

Recovery

■ Motor Twins bounced back quickly, its recovery fueled by a seemingly endless appetite for cars. The flood had destroyed a lot of cars, and only a small percentage of them were on dealers' lots.

Business boomed for Morenko. He sold damaged cars for parts. He sold so many new cars he won a Ford-sponsored trip.

"As soon as it was out on the showroom floor, it was gone," he said.

■ Landau's business also boomed after the flood. People needed to replace water-damaged mattresses, appliances and furniture. He used a grocery store across the street to store what he couldn't keep in his own storage space.

■ Wanyo and his son borrowed gas masks from the guardsmen to remove the meat and poultry that had spoiled in the Half Circle Barbeque's refrigerator.

Wanyo never doubted he would reopen, not even when friends suggested he cut his losses or the government delayed giving him an $80,000 Small Business Administration (SBA) loan, or when a contractor cost him an extra $20,000 by not completing his work.

■ Congressman Dan Flood rescued Gus Genetti's business during a meeting between the two in Washington, D.C.

Flood stepped in when the SBA refused to issue a $700,000, 30-year loan without the guarantee of Genetti's 78-year-old father.

"While I was still in his presence, he called a fellow in SBA and basically said there's no damned reason you're hassling and delaying his loan," Genetti said. "He was so outspoken and emotional and aggressive, and he used a few choice words.

"Thirty-six hours later, a check for $350,000 was hand-delivered to the SBA office in Wilkes-Barre."



HAROLD LANDAU'S furniture store in Plymouth suffered great damages, he is proud he salvaged family photographs before evacuating his Kingston ho

Legacy

■ On the wall of Morenko's second-floor Motor Twins office is a plaque dated November 1976. It reads: National Automobile Dealers Association, Award for Distinguished Achievement.

■ Nearly eight months after Agnes hit, Wanyo finally reopened his restaurant. There was little fanfare — no ribbons, balloons or grand announcements — but lots of customers. People missed their barbeque. A line formed at the door and remained until Wanyo ran out of meat at 6 p.m..

"I'm very happy I did it," he says today. "Where else can you get that? If I had been flooded out, the people wouldn't be able to get that. And it's good stuff."

■ Genetti's reopened in 29 da and barely missed a beat. Events h been scheduled months in advan Life went on. People continued to g married. For Genetti, memories of t disaster have become more sweet th bitter. It represents a turning point his business philosophy that h helped him understand debt and e pand well beyond anything he dream of prior to 1972.

"Before the flood, I was ultracons vative and had to be considered small business," Genetti said. "Afte catastrophic event that (seemingly) d stroyed 30 years of my life, I decide had nothing to lose. It was a growi up experience with me where I beg owing millions of dollars and grew qu comfortable with this."

■ For Landau, the flood provided more personal lesson. It started w family photographs, almost neglecte in the last ramshackle seconds of eva uation, and a question.

"I asked my son to get them, and t said 'Why?' " Landau said. "You beg to realize the treasures are these lit things; not the furniture you can r place or the painting you have to do.

"We're glad we saved those p tures. Otherwise, we wouldn't have th pictures of the children when they we young." ■

BITTER END FOR ONE BUSINESS

Morris Hacker never had the chance to say goodbye.

Hacker's grocery store, founded by his father, had graced Main Street in Plymouth for 55 years, first as a small variety shop specializing in meats, and then as a sprawling supermarket topped by a large neon sign. Hacker says it was the largest store of its kind in town.

Hacker and his wife had been in Israel for two weeks when Tropical Storm Agnes began to wreak its havoc on northeastern Pennsylvania — it was Hacker's first vacation of more than a week since he and his brother, Oscar, entered the business in 1946. Jet-lagged and travel-weary, they arrived at their Kingston home late Thursday night.

At 3 a.m., a relative called, telling them to evacuate.

There was no time to reach the store. The roads into Plymouth were already blocked.

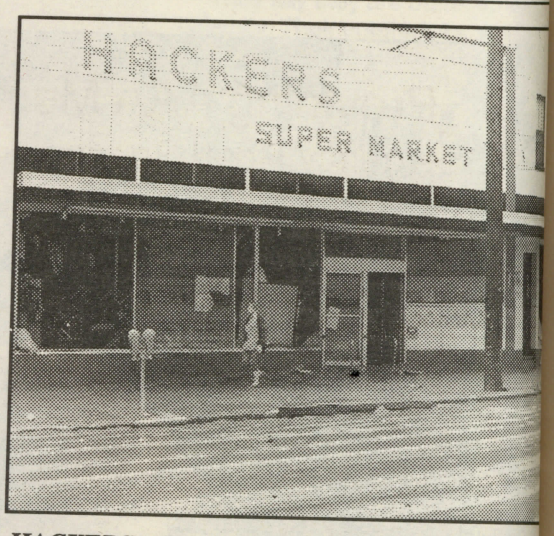
Hacker and his wife eventually moved to Oscar's house in Plymouth on a slope high above Main Street. Three days after the flood, they entered the store. Its oak floor had buckled, rising like ocean waves.

"We had to throw out everything." Morris said. "We even had to throw out canned hams that had been sterilized."

While they cleaned, an understanding — unspoken but as tangible as the grimy mess — developed between the brothers. Morris was 57, Oscar, 55. The store had been financially sucessful, but physically and emotionally draining. The need for a major renovation would compound their workload.

It was time to say goodbye to Hacker's Supermarket.

Memories of the store still evoke feelings Morris would rather forget. He refuses to eat at the Italian restaurant that now stands on the same site. And sometimes when he passes it on his way to Landaus Furniture, where he has worked since closing his own store, there's a small pang; a longing to pull on a smock and stand behind a counter.



HACKERS, after Agnes, in June 1972

"There's a lot of trials and tribulations when you work from 1946 to 1972 and you get chopped off like this," Hacker said. "You can't tell me that you can't b traumatized.' "

— James Rubi



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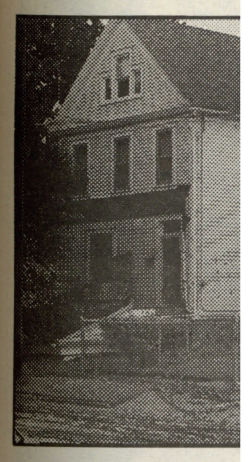
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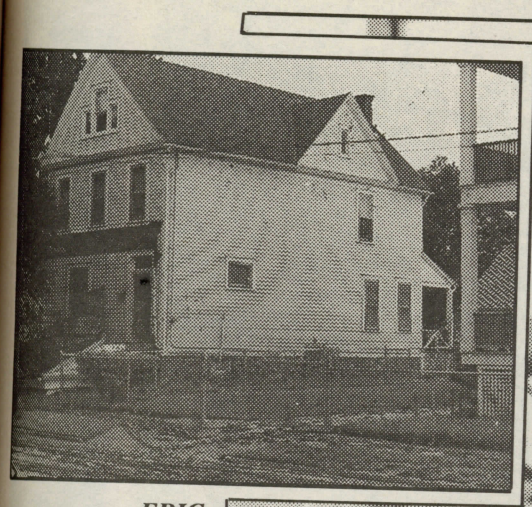


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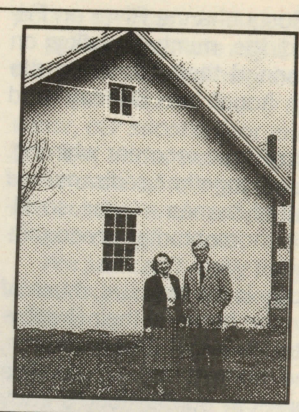
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FLOOD FACTS

3,000 small businesses and some large ones were destroyed.

``Now they're talking about that the water is up to the attics. The second floor is pretty hard to take, it just better not be up in the attics. That's the only living space that we have available in our house now," Eric Rinehimer, 22, worries on a tape recording he made on Monday, three days after the waters rose.

VOICES FROM YESTERDAY

'I FEEL NUMB'

Two young men used a tape recorder to capture the anguish and despair their families felt.

story by: **Christina Binkley**
Times Leader Staff Writer

This is Florence speaking. At this point of the flood, we are all together at 48 S. Regent St. in Wilkes-Barre, the home of Earl Ferguson. We left our house this morning about quarter-of-seven with as much luggage as we could take with us and as much furniture and small things that we could put up on the second floor. We also brought some food with us and our sleeping bags.

I haven't heard from mother since yesterday morning when I called her. I have been trying since 5 o'clock this morning to contact Shickshinny, but there are landslides on the roads and all the pylons are down and we haven't been able to get any communication. I'm just hopeful that someone has evacuated them to a high place and that they are comfortable.

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On Friday evening, June 23, 1972, the day of the flood, Florence Rinehimer spoke gravely about her fears for her mother. She would not know for days that her mother was safe.

Florence's tired voice begins a tape recording of two Wilkes-Barre families' experience during and after Agnes.

Ironically, it was Florence's missing mother who left the tape recorder behind. In the hands of Florence's 22-year-old son, Eric, and his longtime friend, Frank Weiss, the recorder became the tool of history, providing one of the few existing "live" accounts of the flood that wracked the Wyoming Valley.

The tapes tell a tale of destruction and elation, of two young men who filled sandbags in a delirious battle

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THE HOME of the Rinehimer family after Agnes

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against the Susquehanna River on Friday, explored the numbed valley on Saturday, planned their futures in the slow waiting hours on Sunday and Monday.

On Tuesday, tape recorder whirring, Eric and Frank together rediscovered their devastated homes — one so altered that it is momentarily unrecognizable.

What follows is the account, much of it recorded in the home of their Presbyterian minister, the Rev. Earl Ferguson, whose home housed 12 people, five dogs and one cat during flood's early days.

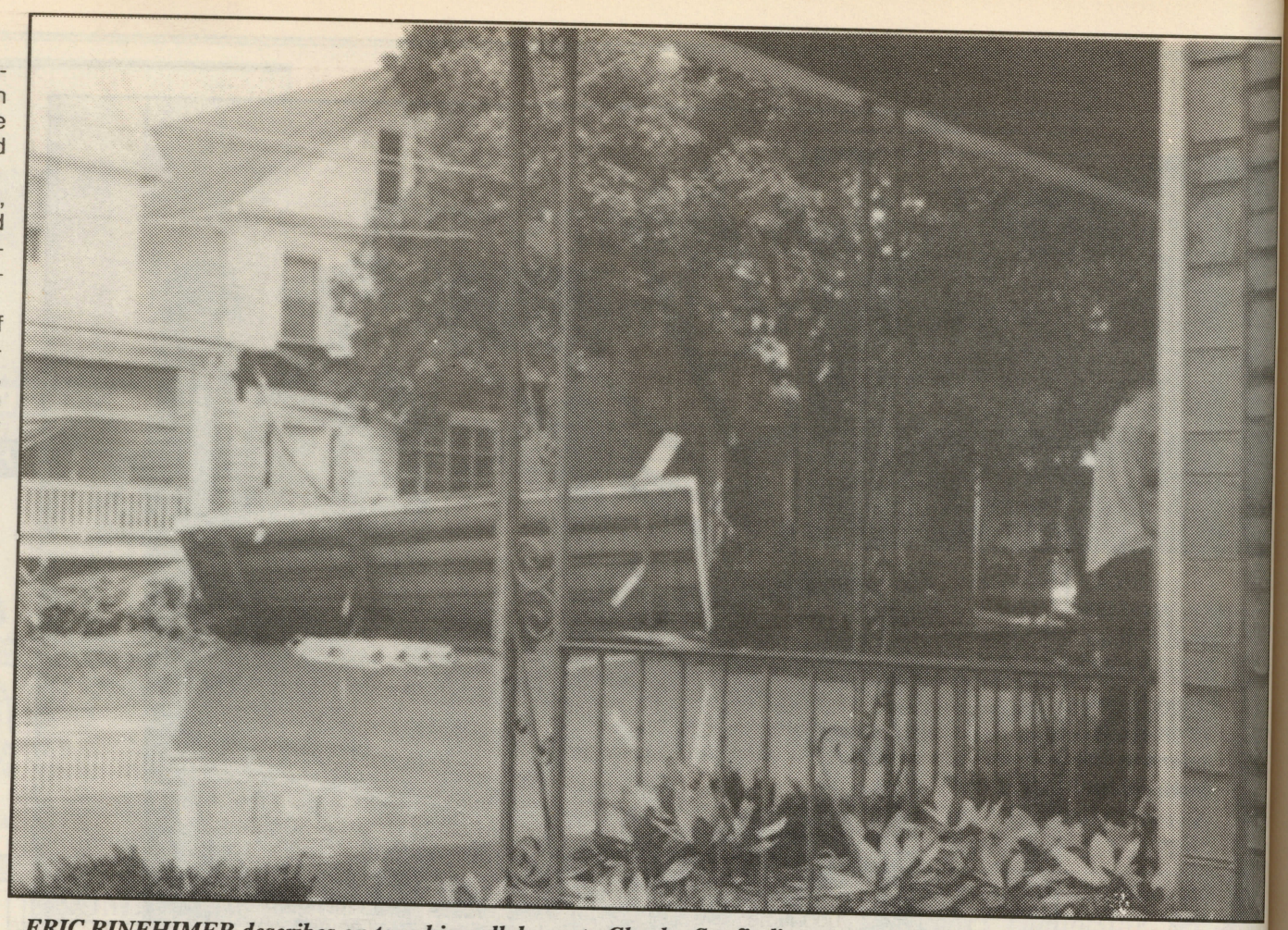
After 20 years, not even Eric and Frank can tell who said some statements. Where the distinction is unclear, it remains so for posterity.

The speakers' words are italicized.

■ Friday, June 23, 11 p.m.: Eric and Frank speak in the Fergusons' basement.

Frank rose about 4 a.m. that Friday, with a gnawing hunger for a piece of Boston cream pie, which he ate with an ear cocked to the radio. Thus, he heard the Civil Defense call for help filling sandbags at the Market Street bridge. Frank — tall, blond and lanky — left immediately to join the fray, arriving at the Sterling Hotel about 30 minutes before the sand arrived in dump trucks:

Frank: *As I was there, we watched the water rise along the steps. ... It just rose and you could just watch the water come up the steps. Not much was going on. But there was just the air of excitement... there was just something about it — the coolness and the moist air.*



ERIC RINEHIMER describes on tape his walk home to Charles St., finding, among other things, a porch roof in the street

At the Black Diamond railroad bridge along Riverside Drive, *we walked out on the bridge, and you could feel the small limbs hitting the bridge and actually shaking the whole bridge.*

At River Common, Eric described seeing water slop over the dike: *It didn't seem sandbags were doing too much good. ... But people were still working quite hard.*

The first time we heard of a breakthrough, though, it wasn't really bad. It was plugged up pretty fast. A lot more people were rush away from it.

It was later, at things got really ba er, Eric would desc as "the most inter seen:"

All this mud an started pouring street....It seemed r going to be stopped a sandbag there washed away by the

I saw one guy right in the midst o and just stand ther bag in each hand put behind him. A was stopped up, too

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But Eric and Fra spent about 15 minu a playground slid *scared....But there left... There were a baggers and most were trying to clear here, get outta here!*

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That night, Eric news film of people

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people were rushing toward it than away from it.

It was later, at Charles Street, that things got really bad. Twenty years later, Eric would describe the scene there as "the most intense thing I've ever seen:"

All this mud and grass and slush started pouring down onto the street....It seemed no way that this was going to be stopped up. You would put a sandbag there and it would be washed away by the river.

I saw one guy straddle the railing right in the midst of this breakthrough and just stand there and hold the one bag in each hand until more could be put behind him. And eventually this was stopped up, too.

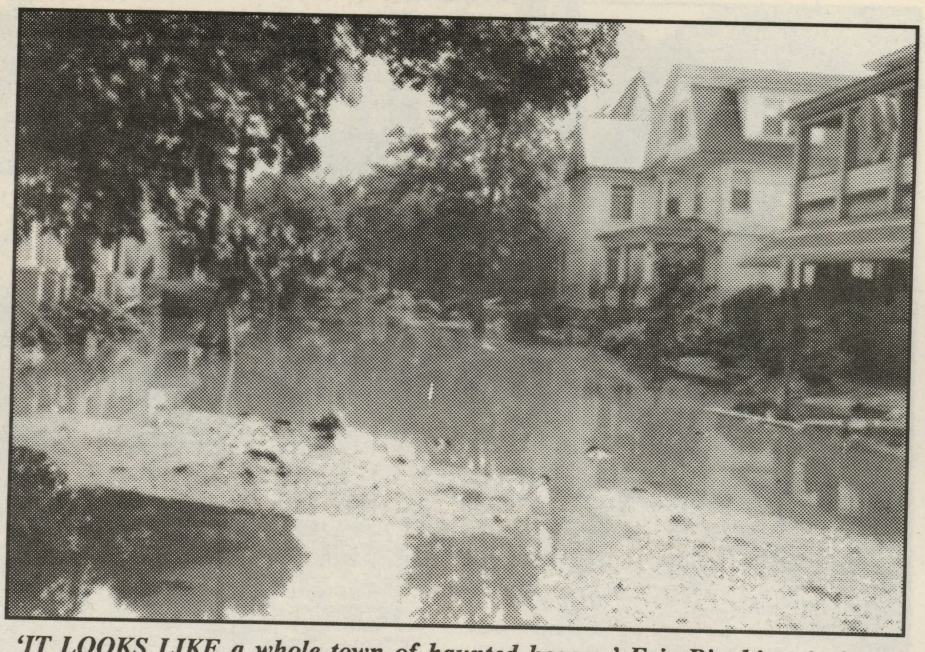
Finally, I guess it was about 11:30 or so, they just moved everybody out.

But Eric and Frank remained. Eric spent about 15 minutes sitting alone on a playground slide: *I wasn't too scared....But there was hardly anybody left... There were a couple of the sandbaggers and most of the officials who were trying to clear the area: 'Get outta here, get outta here!'*

So I was just hanging there and all of a sudden the water just started rushing around the corner from, it must have been coming from the breakup like, the dike.

It started gushing down Old River Road and it was getting about a foot deep and I was wondering, well...how are we going to get out of here? I saw a couple guys leaving in a car and I asked them for a ride.

That night, Eric and Frank saw a news film of people in a boat at Academy Street ducking to get under the traffic light.



'IT LOOKS LIKE a whole town of haunted houses,' Eric Rinehimer's friend, Frank Weiss, said upon returning to Charles Street after the flood

Eric, somberly: *That's pretty high and it's not going to be too nice when we go home.*

■ Saturday, Florence speaks at noontime:

We've just been walking down to see how far the river has come up and it's up to Lee Park Avenue and the Giant Food Store which means that it's probably in our house on the second floor at this moment. I can't tell you how terrible I feel and how everyone is just so crushed.

John Miller's family was wiped out. Their home is completely gone. ... There's a big fire raging in central city. It's a block between State Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. But they can't do a thing about it.

I feel numb.

The sun was out this morning about 8:30 and it looked mighty good. But now it's dark and cloudy again and more rain is predicted.

There are Navy helicopters over the area all the time now, surveying the damage. Wilkes-Barre is under martial law. There is no gas now to use for cooking or heating water. And no telephone service.

■ Saturday, late night, after Eric has met an evacuated neighbor:

If their second floor is two feet under water, our second floor must be at least five feet under water. So, this is where we moved all our stuff to. So it looks like our first and second floor are going to be a complete loss.

We just can't really imagine how terrible it's going to be to go back and try to clean up.

■ Sunday night, Frank is making plans

We've been sort of making plans for the next month or so to come. This is a unique opportunity businesswise, I think. There's going to be a lot of different services needed for the community in the next few days to come.

One of the first ideas we came up with was a rug-cleaning business. There's going to be an awful lot of people who want to have rugs clean.

■ Monday, the Rev. Earl Ferguson takes his turn at the microphone:

We, of course, are not flooded. Only with people.... And in a way it's almost a little bit embarrassing to be here with your house and all of your household goods and to see the people around you who have lost all of theirs.

■ Tuesday, on the streets of Wilkes-Barre:

D-Day. People wandering to once-familiar streets make an eerie sight, carrying shovels and brooms and buckets in the silent streets that were devoid of vehicles. Eric and Frank record their nerve-wracking two-mile journey.

Eric: *I'm with Frank. We're walking*

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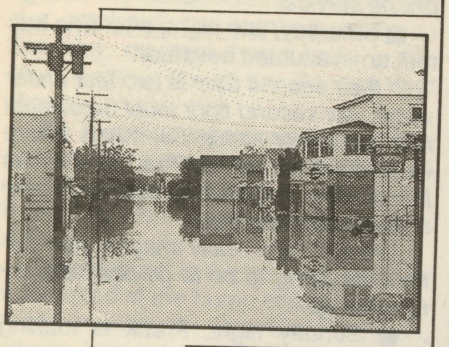
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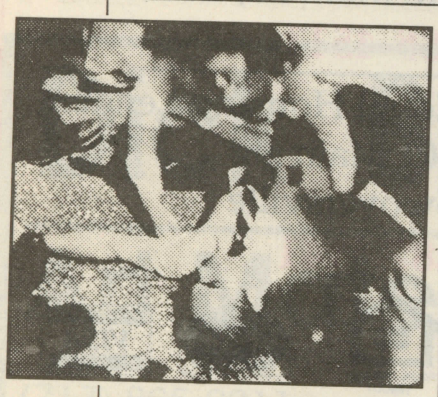


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Businesses sometimes returned to operation before electricity was fully restored, with shoppers carrying flashlights to help them see merchandise.

"Our neighbor got home from work that night and found his wife and kids waiting at the door. 'Well we're going' she told him. And he told her 'Well I'm going to bed.' And he did. They had to rescue him later with a boat." - Elizabeth Trexler, of Old River Road, Wilkes-Barre

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■ **WALLACE SHOT:** Democratic presidential contender and Alabama Gov. George Wallace lies on the ground in Laurel, Md., on May 15 after he was shot and badly wounded by assassin Arthur Bremer.



NANTICOKE, near Main Street, under flood waters Sunday, June 25, 1972

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on Lee Park Avenue right now in front of St. Aloysius Church. The whole street is covered with wet muck. Look at how high it was here on St. Al's school. Up to the second floor you can see! Way above the doors in front.

We can see debris, paper, cloth and stuff hanging from telephone wires suspended 10, 12 feet above the ground.

Frank: *There's a lady who is starting to cry. Right now I am looking at an older man and a woman who are holding hands and they're all muddy and they really look sick. The lady is really upset.*

On the tape can be heard the pops and sucks of their feet in the mud.

And then, their voices trembling, they approach Horton Street where Frank will at first be unable to recognize his own house.

Eric: *Frank's in for a little shock pretty soon.*

Frank: *It's real weird to walk down this Carey Avenue. No cars are allowed down in this section. It is extremely weird. It's like a movie studio here.*

...The porch is off our house. That's why I couldn't recognize it. I couldn't find the house. The whole thing. The beautiful paint job I did two summers ago. The whole porch...it's right there but it's been collapsed.

Eric: *There's a garage in the middle of the street.*

Frank: *It doesn't look like the same house. Our steps are over in front of their garage door. They got over the fence, the fence here is in good shape, so it must have floated right up over it without even touching it.*

The yard is in pretty good shape. Over in the Matthewses' clothes line there's one of those wooden carpentry horses just hanging on the clothes line. And the house behind us, their garage has been moved from where it was almost up to their house.

The two head to Charles Street, a block from where the river missed the bend and poured over the dike, washing entire homes from their foundations.

Frank: *It looks like a whole town of haunted houses.*

I think there's some little spark in you somewhere that just keeps telling you maybe that it can't happen to you. But when you finally get there, that spark dies.

Eric's tension becomes apparent: *It looks like there might still be water on Charles Street. I hope not because I want to get this over with now.*

... There's something blocking the back door, we've only got it open about a half foot, enough to stick our heads in. There's also a refrigerator there so we can't push that out of the way....It looks like it might not be too bad.

...The coffee table's stuck on the stairway here...All my records, how'd they get down here?

Frank asks, for the record: *How do you feel now?*

Eric: *How do I feel now? Now the spark is completely gone.*

■ Comments from Wednesday, June 28, through Saturday, July 1:

Eric: *Mold is growing all over stuff. I had to throw away a lot of my books....There's a lot of glass on the streets too.*

After speaking with a volunteer, one of the young men says: *She really got me all mad... She said, 'You're going to live in the house, aren't you? You're going to fix it up.' I didn't want to say yes, because I don't want to live in the house.*

Eric: *Around the corner from us is a house my grandfather used to live in.... All that's left of the house is the second floor. It's down Edison Street down in the middle of the street about 50 yards down.*

... It's really a mad scene up at the laundromat tonight. Almost everybody there was from Wilkes-Barre it seemed. All these people trying to get their laundry done before it got mildewed or molded.

... Yesterday, Friday — the city was evacuated again yesterday....We heard sirens and the police went running down the street saying 'Evacuate! Evacuate! There's a gas escape!' Turned out there was down at Master Chemical Plant... People just got freaked out by it. They thought it was the end coming really quickly... It turned out to be a false alarm.

... One of the things is that people just don't take to sightseers too much. A guy was sitting on his porch with a bucket of mud waiting for 'em.

... We have to take cold showers here. The gas has been turned back off again. ... you just have to clean off and you get in the shower and it's cold, real cold.

... Boy I want to take a day off. But it just doesn't look in sight. Just gotta keep working.

Eric Rinehimer is now an editor with Prevention Magazine in Emmaus, where he lives with his wife, Eileen, and their two children.

Until March, when a reporter asked him about the tapes, Rinehimer never had listened to his own recordings.

Listening to the tapes was an emotional experience. He cried at his own description of a young man jumping into the river to support the dike at Charles Street.

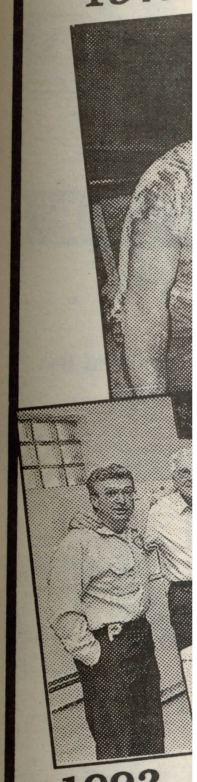
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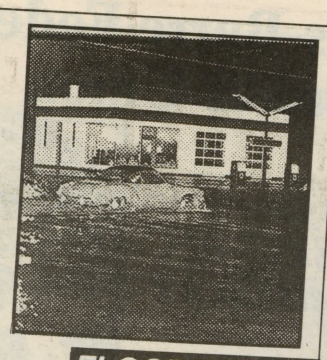
Frank Weiss, who has never listened to the tapes, now is called by the nickname "Chris," and lives in Alexandria, Va., teaching art nearby.

He recently bought a house that was "dark, dingy...with plaster falling in" — much like his parents' house after the flood.

"I wouldn't have gone into this if it weren't for the flood experience," he says.

Weiss' parents, Sally and Dudley, live in their Horton Street home. ■

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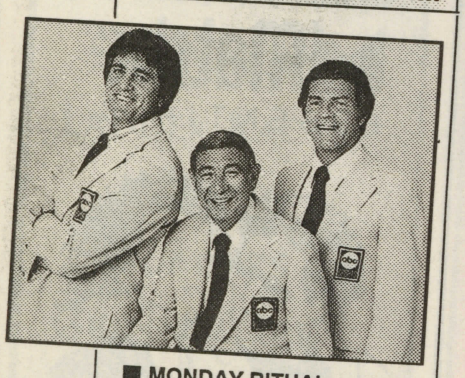
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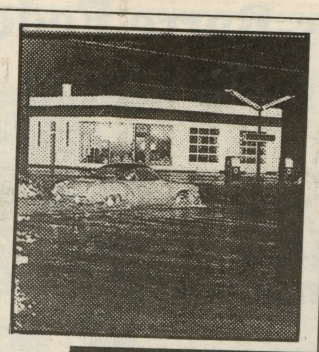
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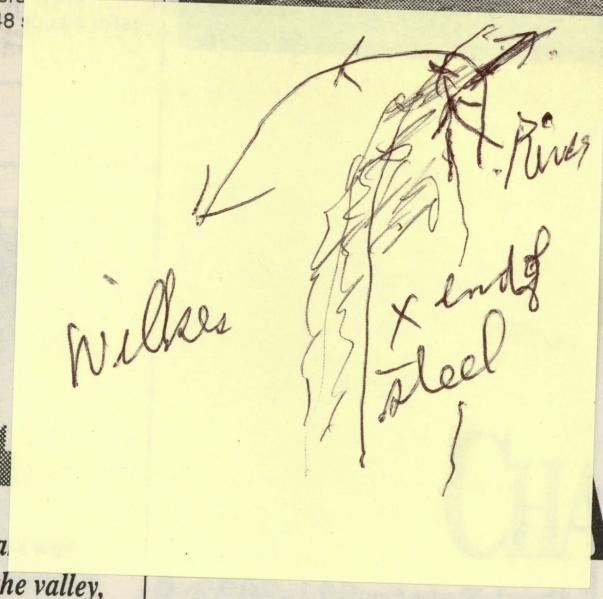


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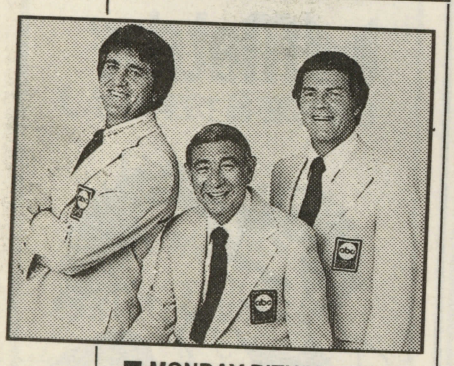
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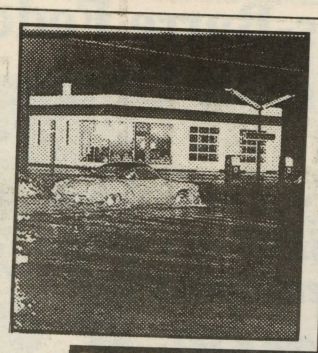
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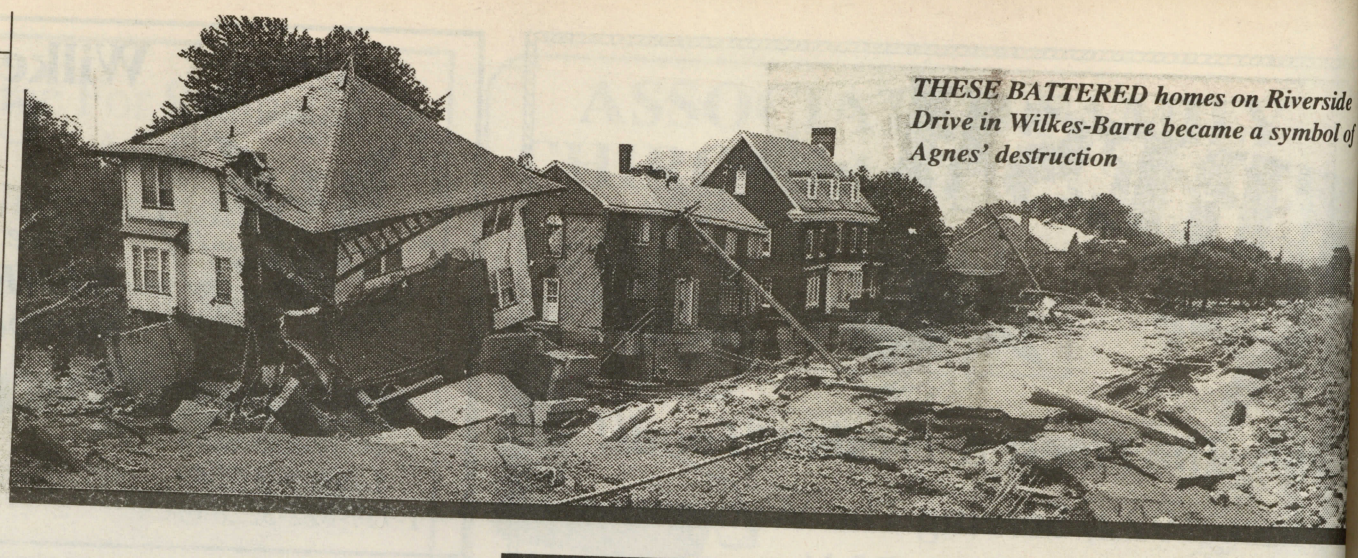


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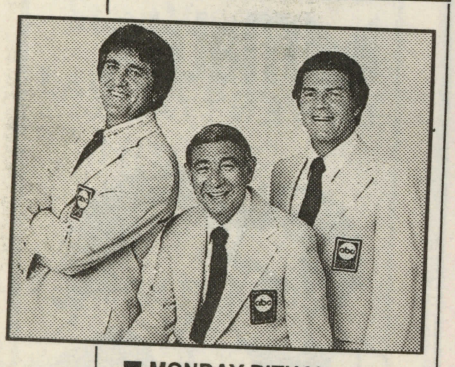


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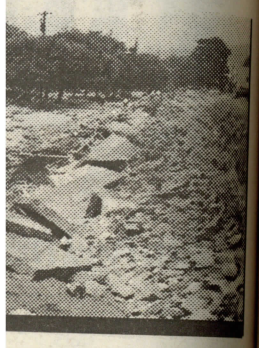
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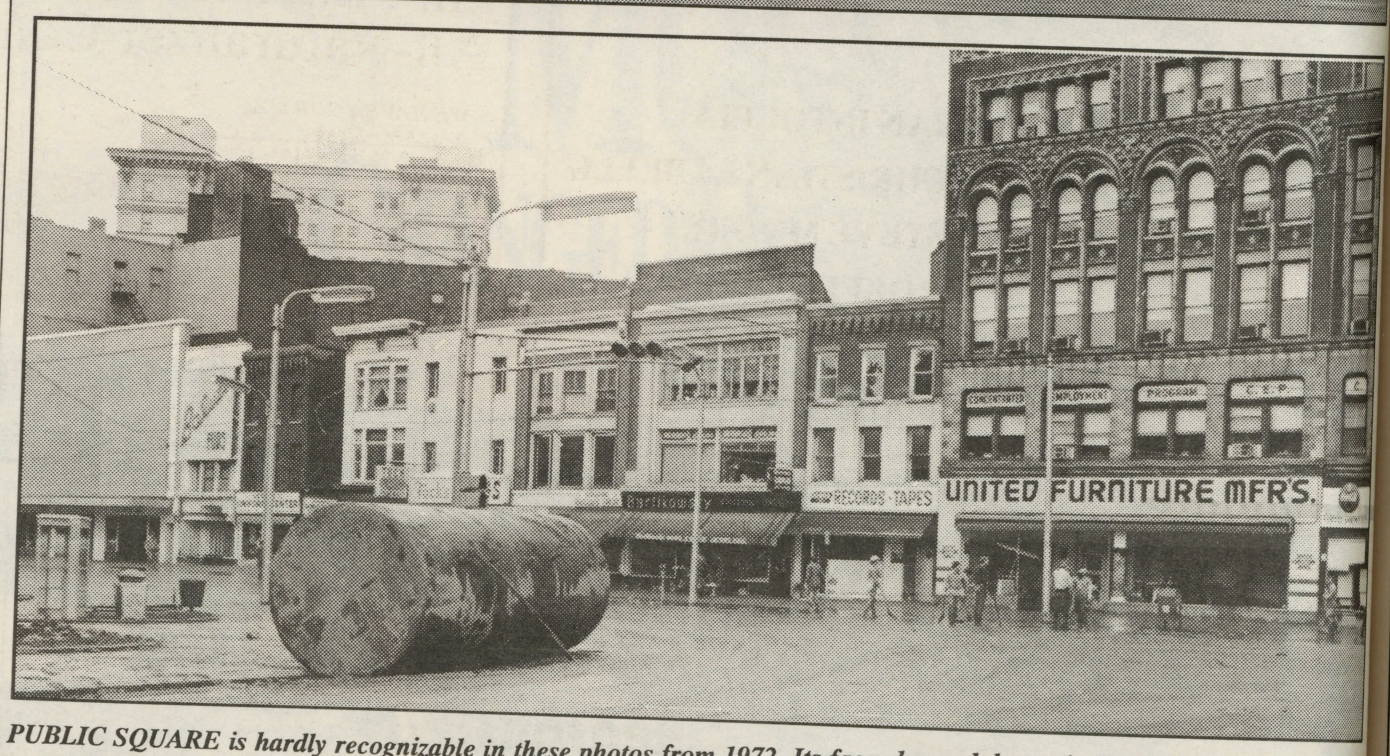


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For months after the flood, bus service throughout Wyoming Valley was free.

First flood baby: ``My baby was born during the flood. We went first to Mercy Hospital, which was evacuating. I was a news reporter at the time and had to get back to work. I saw attorney John Moses passing by and got him to take my wife to Wyoming Valley Hospital. The baby was born at 1 p.m., just as the water was topping the dike." - John Bendick.





***PUBLIC SQUARE** is hardly recognizable in these photos from 1972. Its face changed dramatically after Agnes, as the city received $127 million to rebuild, including $56 million for the downtown.*

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"Nixon was determined to get re-elected. The White House was very supportive (of flood recovery). Anyone who doesn't believe the election had a lot to do with it is fooling himself," says Leon Case, who headed Wilkes-Barre's Redevelopment Authority in 1972.

Dan Flood, this region's 11-term Democratic congressman, was a power on Capitol Hill as head of the Health, Education and Welfare appropriations subcommittee, as was Pennsylvania's Senator Hugh Scott, the Republican Minority Leader.

Hours after flood waters breached the Susquehanna River dikes, Flood, Scott and Pennsylvania's junior senator, Richard Schweiker, demanded and quickly received $200 million in federal emergency help. They then began a fight for long-term flood recovery legislation which was approved by Congress two months later.

Flood vowed it was "one flood against the other," and, in a recent interview he remembers, "I was on the phone to everyone I knew."

"Their force and personalities carried the day," remembers Martin Hamberger, a Philadelphia attorney who served as Scott's chief of staff in 1972.

"No one in Congress questioned (Scott and Flood) about whether the federal government would step in and mount a rescue greater than it ever had before," Hamburger says.

In the Wyoming Valley, grassroots citizens' groups, including the Flood Victims Action Council and the Flood Recovery Task Force, organized in late June and early July and soon proved their own might in bringing government attention and money to the region.

Max Rosenn, a U.S. Appeals Court judge and the Task Force chairman in 1972, remembers urging Scott to visit Wilkes-Barre immediately after the flood and standing beside the senator as he spoke by telephone to President Nixon about the devastation.

The President told us he'd "uncork all the assistance he could possibly give," Rosenn says.

The mood of America also helped Wyoming Valley after Agnes and so did the country's finances.

"In 1972, this area had the moral and political support of all the country. Government was considered more of a tool to help people and our financial condition was much better. We probably don't have the financial ability to do anything like that anymore," Kanjorski says.

"Could we get that money again? No way," says Fred Potzer, the current administrator in Kingston, a community hard hit by Agnes flooding. "The federal government was in better shape then. These days it would be like trying to get blood from a stone."

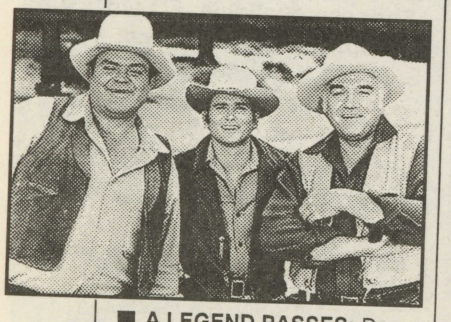
In 1972, the federal government was operating with an annual budget deficit of $23.4 billion; by the end of September 1992 it is projected to hit $399 billion. Twenty years ago, the U.S. national debt totaled $99 billion compared to $3.8 trillion as of February 1992.

By mid-August 1972, new disaster aid legislation, called the Agnes Recovery Act, was passed by both houses of Congress and signed by Nixon. The president called it "the largest single amount ever allocated to recovery efforts in this county."

The new law provided $1.6 billion in

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■ **A LEGEND PASSES:** Dan Blocker, left, who played the beloved character "Hoss" on television's popular "Bonanza," died.

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"We were driving by the courthouse to the bridge. But the bridge wasn't there. I got out my camera to take pictures and Harry yelled 'Don't you dare. Those people lost everything. They don't need you taking pictures.' "

- Bess Williams, whose Wyoming home escaped the floodwaters.



***HELP IN REBUILDING** homes came mostly through grants and loans from the Small Business Administration*

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federal aid for Agnes flood recovery. By far, the largest portion, $1.3 billion, was made available to individual flood victims through liberalized Small Business Administration (SBA) grants and loans to restore homes, businesses and farms.

The Pennsylvania state government contributed about $300 million.

Money surged into the region. Through scores of programs and dozens of agencies, it provided immediate help with debris removal, temporary housing, dike repair, short-term emergency housing rehabilitation and unemployment assistance.

Eventually, government money rebuilt schools, parks, roads, bridges, libraries, sewer systems, municipal offices and other Wyoming Valley buildings.

Wilkes-Barre received $127 million to rebuild the city, including $56 million for the downtown. In Kingston, where only about 30 of its 6,600 homes were spared by the flood, state and federal aid totaled $59 million.

"We were able to replace every sewer in the town, install new roads and lighting, triple our park space. It was paid 100 percent," says Raymond Lowery, who served as Kingston administrator for nine years following the flood.

The benefits multiplied in communities throughout Wyoming Valley. Edwardsville and Swoyersville put in new sewers, curbs and sidewalks; Forty Fort resurfaced streets, built a sewer system and a water pumping station; Plymouth built new sewers, sidewalks, streets and recreation areas. In all, 16 Wyoming Valley municipalities received disaster grants of $900,000 or more.

For Wyoming Valley's individual flood victims, however, help in rebuilding more than 26,000 damaged homes and about 2,900 businesses came mainly through newly liberalized grants and loans from the Small Business Administration (SBA).

Under terms of the Agnes Recovery Act, the first $5,000 borrowed from the SBA was immediately "forgiven" and additional money to repair houses and refinance mortgages was readily available at 1 percent interest rates.

Those were the most generous lending and loan-forgiveness terms ever offered by the SBA, according to Judd.

Prior to the Agnes disaster, SBA loans were made at 5.125 percent with the first $2,500 forgiven. Within a year after Agnes, the rates were up to about 6 percent. Today, SBA offers loans at 4 and 8 percent depending on credit history; none of the money is forgiven.

In all, the SBA lent $438.8 million to 26,375 homeowners and 2,976 businesses in Wyoming Valley following Agnes. More than $116.5 million was eventually forgiven by the government, Judd said.

"I don't think people could or would have rebuilt without the SBA money," says Lynn Wischnewski, whose home on South Franklin Street in Wilkes-Barre was flooded into the second floor.

The family refinanced a previous mortgage, borrowed about $15,000 and was able to pay off the whole debt in 10 years, Wischnewski says.

"It was enormously generous of the government. No one in our neighborhood ever considered anyone would do anything for us. We didn't earn it. No one told us to live in a flood zone."

Union Supply Co.'s Northampton Street building was 95 percent destroyed by flood waters, recalls Arnold Libenson, president of the company which is now named Union Paper and Supply.

But the office and household merchandise wholesaler kept going with the help of generous vendors who quickly shipped in new goods and eased payment schedules. The company moved to a rented facility and then to a new building at North Pennsylvania and Conyngham Avenues.

Expenses were very high. The company borrowed $266,000 from the SBA and later took on a larger loan from a local bank.

The post-flood debt was a "perpetual drain," Libenson said in March after paying off the last of the company's SBA loan. "Some people told us to walk away, maybe they were right. We piled up a lot of debt, had a lot of aggravation, but we would have lost an awful lot if we left."

Kanjorski, who served as legal counsel for the Flood Victims Action Council, admits he was worried in 1972 that SBA debts would cripple Wyoming Valley's economic future. The worst of those fears, he said recently, did not materialize.

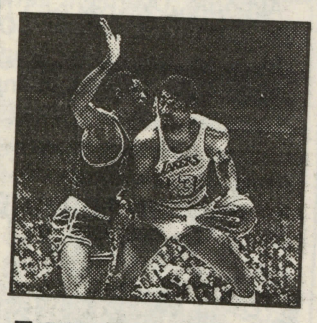
Senior citizens, who borrowed heavily after a lifetime of paying off previous mortgages, suffered most, Kanjorski says. And some younger flood victims were "tied down for 20 or 30 years" by their new debts.

Today, however, only 2,601 SBA loans for $156 million are still outstanding, Judd says. And according to Kanjorski, most area home owners benefited by substantial inflation during much of the last two decades which pushed up the value of their houses and eased the burden of SBA debt.

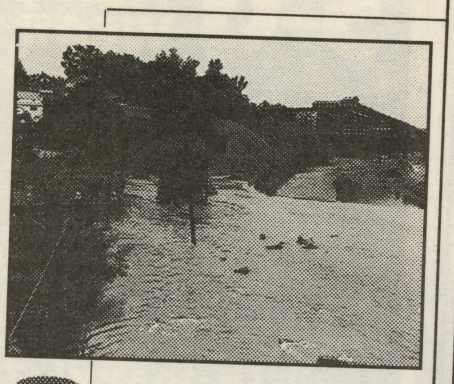
Now, Kanjorski says, government efforts and money must be directed toward a long-delayed $150 million levee-raising project.

"First and foremost, I tell everyone to buy flood insurance," Kanjorski says, stressing that large-scale government recovery money won't be available if an Agnes-type flood reoccurs. "And keep that insurance until the levees are finally up." ■

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■ **ONE MORE TIME:** Though near the end of his career, Wilt Chamberlain was still able to lead the Los Angeles Lakers to a National Basketball Association championship in the 1971-1972 season.



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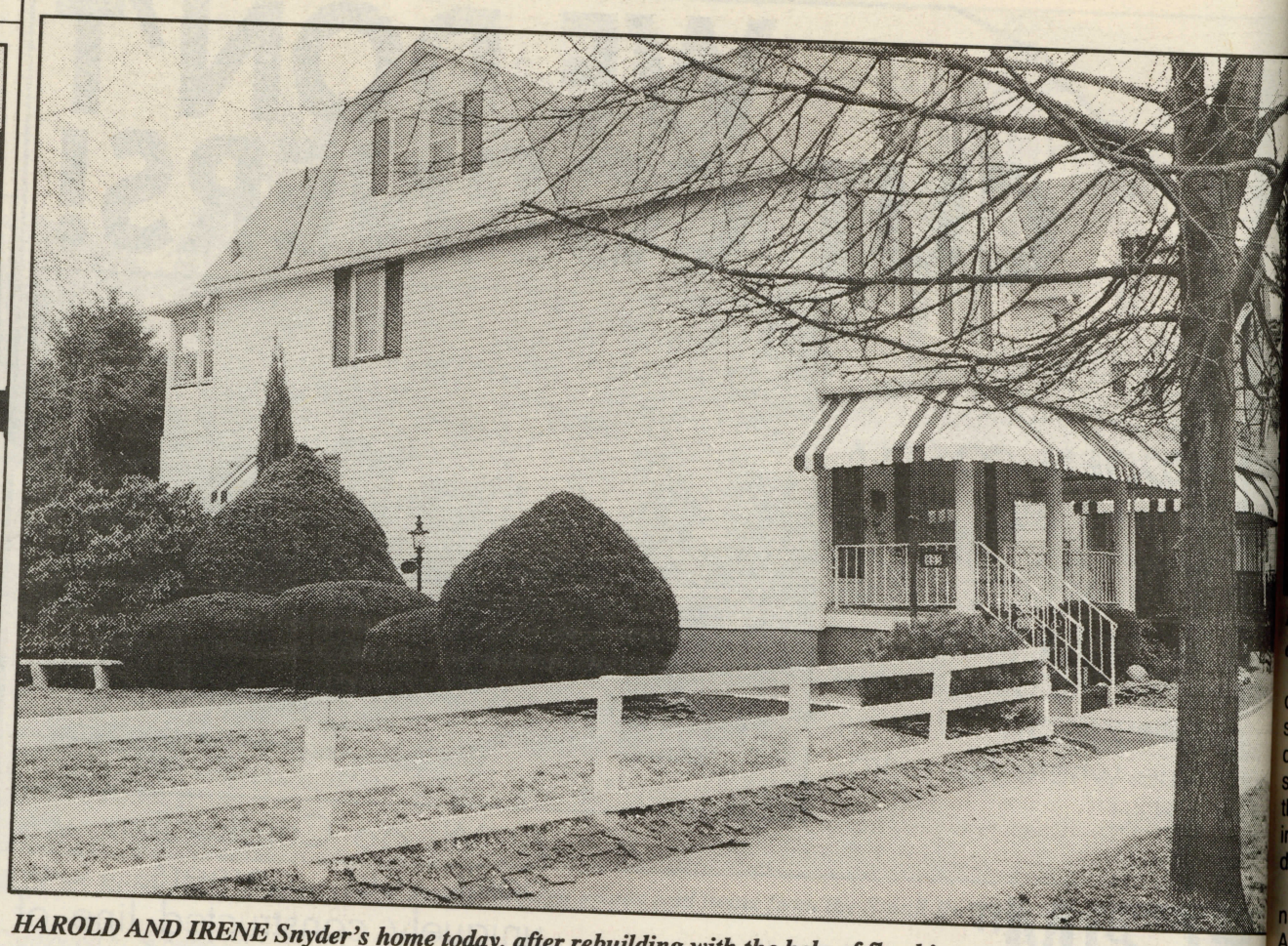
Area wages rose dramatically in the months following the flood, according to the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania. The report attributed the increase to heightened demand for workers in many fields and growing competition for their services.

Disaster prone: They met during the Blizzard of '69. Three years later, they got married and the Flood of '72 swept away their town. "I was at Genetti's waiting for the wedding to start and my cousin said Harry was on his way. I said 'I'm not supposed to see him, it's bad luck. It's going to rain on my parade.' "Little did I know."
- Bess and Harry Williams learned of the flood while on their honeymoon in Spain, from another vacationing couple. Their Wyoming home survived unscathed.

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■ **DRUG DRAMA:** Gene Hackman starred in the thriller movie "The French Connection" about the international drug wars, one of the most popular movies of the year.



HAROLD AND IRENE Snyder's home today, after rebuilding with the help of flood insurance

FLOOD INSURANCE

THE NEW ROAD BACK

In 1972, you could have purchased $10,000 of flood insurance for $40. Only two Wilkes-Barre families did.



THE SNYDERS' home in June, 1972

In 1972, Harold and Irene Snyder spent $40 for a $10,000 flood-insurance policy on their South Wilkes-Barre home.

It was the possibility of high water in nearby Solomon's Creek, not the Susquehanna River almost a mile away, that they feared.

"My husband thought if the creek overflowed, our furnace in the basement might be ruined. He never even thought about the river. It's 10 blocks away," Irene Snyder says.

Those 10 blocks proved no safeguard on June 23, 1972, when rainwater from Tropical Storm Agnes pushed the raging Susquehanna River over its banks and through the Snyders' home and thousands of other structures in Wyoming Valley.

"We lost everything on the first floor," Irene Snyder says. "Our insurance was our boost, our incentive to come back."

The Snyders were lucky. More than that, they were more foresighted and more fortunate than just about every other Agnes flood victim.

With their insurance money and a $5,000 loan forgiven by the Small Business Administration (SBA), the couple needed to borrow only a "couple thousand dollars" more to fully repair their home. "We had a much easier time than our neighbors," Irene Snyder says.

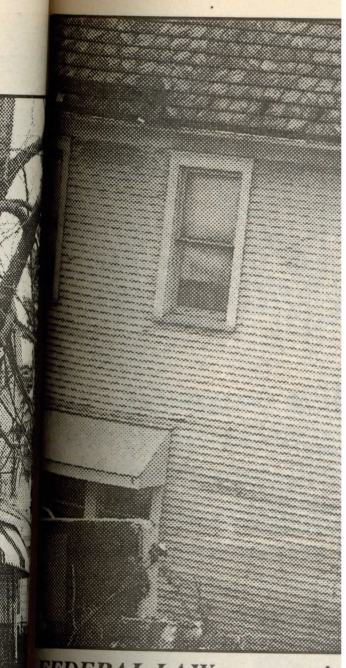
While close to 25,000 structures in the Wyoming Valley were destroyed or damaged by Agnes, only a handful — only two in the city of Wilkes-Barre and several others throughout Wyoming Valley — were protected under the 4-year-old and then little-known National Flood Insurance Program. Traditional homeowners' insurance policies provided no flood-damage coverage.

For the thousands of flood victims without insurance coverage, there was no choice but to make the best of $5,000 Small Business Administration grants and take on much larger, long-term debts, financed at 1 percent by the SBA.

The situation has changed dramatically in 20 years.

Today, federal law requires residents of flood-prone communities to buy flood insurance to cover the

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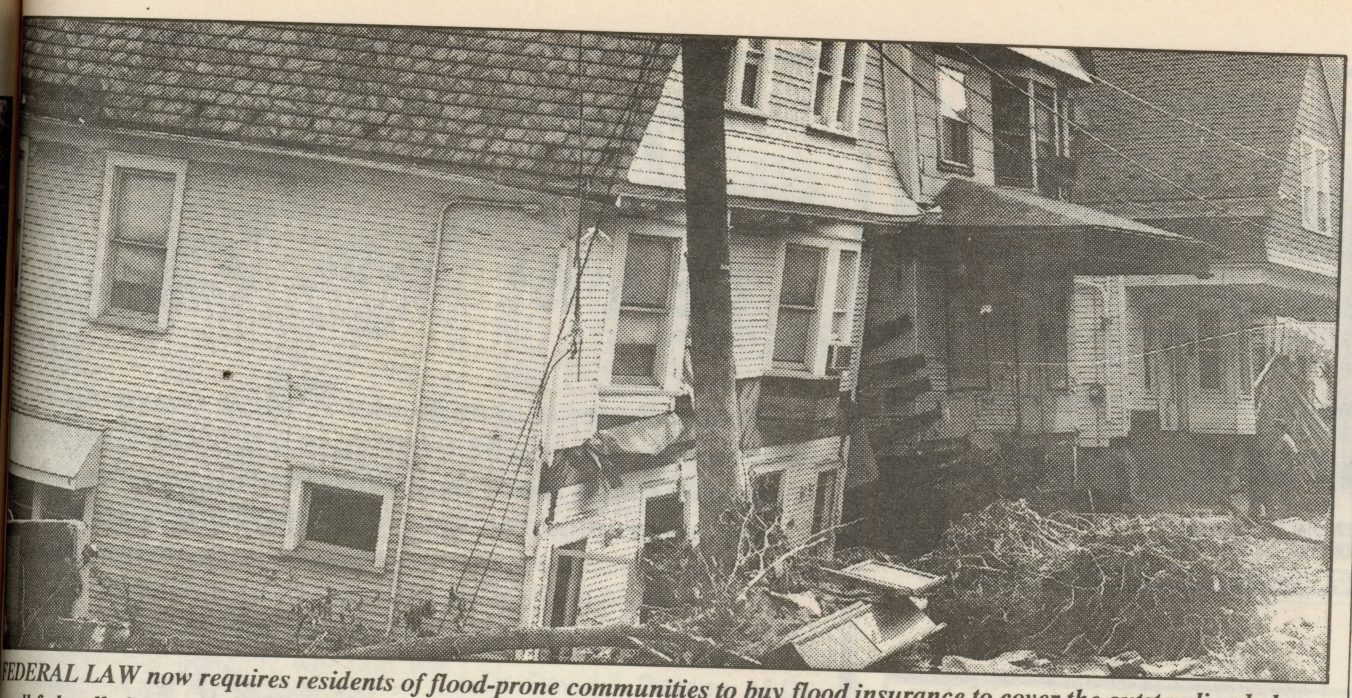
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GUTHRIE MITCHELL, left,
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FEDERAL LAW now requires residents of flood-prone communities to buy flood insurance to cover the outstanding balance on all federally insured mortgages

outstanding balance on all federally insured mortgages. Even before residents are allowed to purchase flood insurance, the same law requires that their local governments impose building codes and enforce measures to reduce flood risks.

In the Wyoming Valley, 61 communities have adopted such ordinances. Among other things, the laws forbid residential construction in flood zones unless the lowest level in a home is built above previous flooding elevations.

The federal government, for its part, guarantees that all flood-insurance claims will be paid.

Almost 11,800 flood-insurance policies valued at $842 million were in effect in Luzerne County by mid-1991. In the region's 16 most flood-prone communities, 11,316 policies with a total value of $810 million had been written.

But insurance agents, emergency management and other government officials say those numbers aren't nearly high enough.

More than half the structures damaged during Agnes remain uninsured, they estimate. And some local residents continue to reject flood insurance because of rising costs and a widespread belief that, should a flood reoccur, "the government will bail us out again."

Annual flood-insurance premiums nationwide now average $305, according to William Curtis, manager for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Region II National Flood Insurance Program.

In the Wyoming Valley, policies average $294, up from $228 five years ago and about $77 per policy in 1978, according to information compiled by James Brozena, Luzerne County engineer.

Deductibles on flood-insurance policies start at $500 and basement improvements generally are not protected. "It's expensive, and you don't get much bang for your buck," Curtis says.

In many cases, flood insurance is more costly than homeowners' coverage that protects against more than a dozen assorted risks.

"We've had a lot of flood-insurance policies taken out because of SBA loans," says Linda Ninotti, an insurance agent with Galland Steinhauer & Repa Inc. of Kingston. "When the loans are paid off, people are dropping the policies. They try to save some money. They think flood insurance is an 'unnecessary evil,' something they don't have to have now," she says.

Brozena says many local residents seem to believe the government again will offer generous aid should another flood occur.

"I get the sense that people believe government agencies 'did it before, they'll do it again.' "

But Brozena and others say that attitude is a mistake.

"It's absolutely imperative that a family have flood insurance now," says John Comey, press spokesman for the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. "It's very clear that insurance will be the primary form of recovery from now on. Government aid will only be supplemental."

To make his point, Comey explains:

Should another Agnes-like flood hit Wyoming Valley, property owners with flood insurance would immediately file claims and be paid for damages.

Those without insurance would be eligible for SBA loans, now at 4 or 8 percent, depending on credit history.

"One percent loans are a thing of the past. And the $5,000 forgiveness, that's a dinosaur that's gone away forever," Comey says.

Anyone turned down by the SBA after being judged unable to repay a loan could expect a grant worth a maximum of about $12,000, Comey says. "It's not designed to be anywhere near enough to repair a home," he says.

Despite the costs, insurance agent Guthrie Mitchell urges residents to pay whatever it takes to insure against flood loses.

Mitchell, owner of Biddle and Eno Insurance Co., takes no comfort in the fact that the 1972 flood did little damage to the Forty Fort building from which he runs his insurance business today.

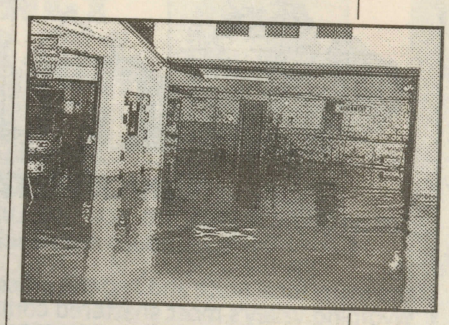
"There were a few inches of water on the first floor. It wasn't much, but I'm not going on that basis. Who has a crystal ball? I'm not convinced it won't be worse the next time," he says. Mitchell pays about $400 annually for $75,000 insurance.

And Irene Snyder also is determined to never discard flood insurance.

"If you live in a precarious location like this, you'd better be prepared." ■



GUTHRIE MITCHELL, left, owner of the Biddle & Eno General Insurance agency, stands with Jean Marie Colondo in front of their Forty Fort office. Mitchell is a strong believer in flood insurance even though his business wasn't badly damaged by Agnes.



FLOOD FACTS

One-third of Luzerne County's work force was unemployed as of July 7, according to figures issued by the state.

Perhaps it was the desperation that turned grim situations humorous. Luzerne County Chief Deputy Coroner Joe Shaver, who inspected bodies forced from the Forty Fort Cemetery by the flood, remembers the confusing communications network that prompted some odd moments.

``There were several dozen volunteers working with us, and at one point we said over the emergency radio that we needed some cups and water to drink.

``The next thing we know, a 2,500-gallon water tanker comes rolling down the street, along with a truckload of paper cups.''

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■ **REAL SOUL:** Aretha Franklin put her own unique style into the old song "Amazing Grace."



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25,000 gas meters were repaired or replaced

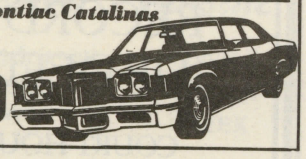
Water was critical. Warned not to drink from the tap for the first few days, refugees relied on bottled water shipped in from outside. A. Sheldon Glahn of Forty Fort remembers the breweries supplying cases of water contained in beer cans. He had a case of the stuff in a cooler on his front porch and recalls one particularly hot day when a National Guardsmen spied the cans and asked if he could pop a cold one. ``I'll never forget his face when he opened it up and found it was water,'' says Glahn.

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New '72 Pontiac LeMans 4-drs.
from **$2850**



New '72 Pontiac Catalinas
from **$3590**



■ **WHEELS:** With both high gas prices and super-inflation still in the future, the big Pontiac Catalina was the American Dream at a base price of $3,590.

PSYCHOLOGY

FOREVER WITH US

A newcomer moves to the Wyoming Valley and asks a store clerk for impressions of the area. Inevitably, the topic turns to 1972: to Agnes.

Things either happened 'before the flood' or 'after the flood.' Why do Wyoming Valley residents still measure their lives by Agnes?

In the years immediately following the flood, talk about Agnes was as common as the mud it left behind. Just as the storm touched many lives, it prompted many conversations.

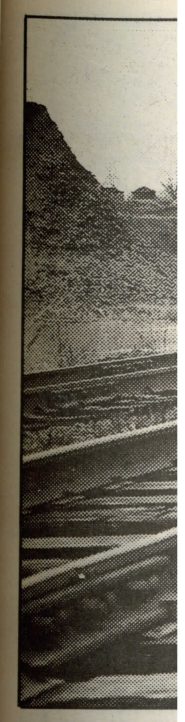
"People used to tease us when they'd come up here," Gen. Frank Townend said one recent morning while sitting in his law office. "They'd say, 'What did you talk about before the flood?' "

"It almost became a pastime," said James Stallone, a psychologist who lives in Dallas. "Everybody has their story."



Twenty years later, those stories are told less frequently. The reminiscing of flood mud and disinfectant. The National Guard. The dusty streets and piles of garbage. Water in beer cans and tetanus

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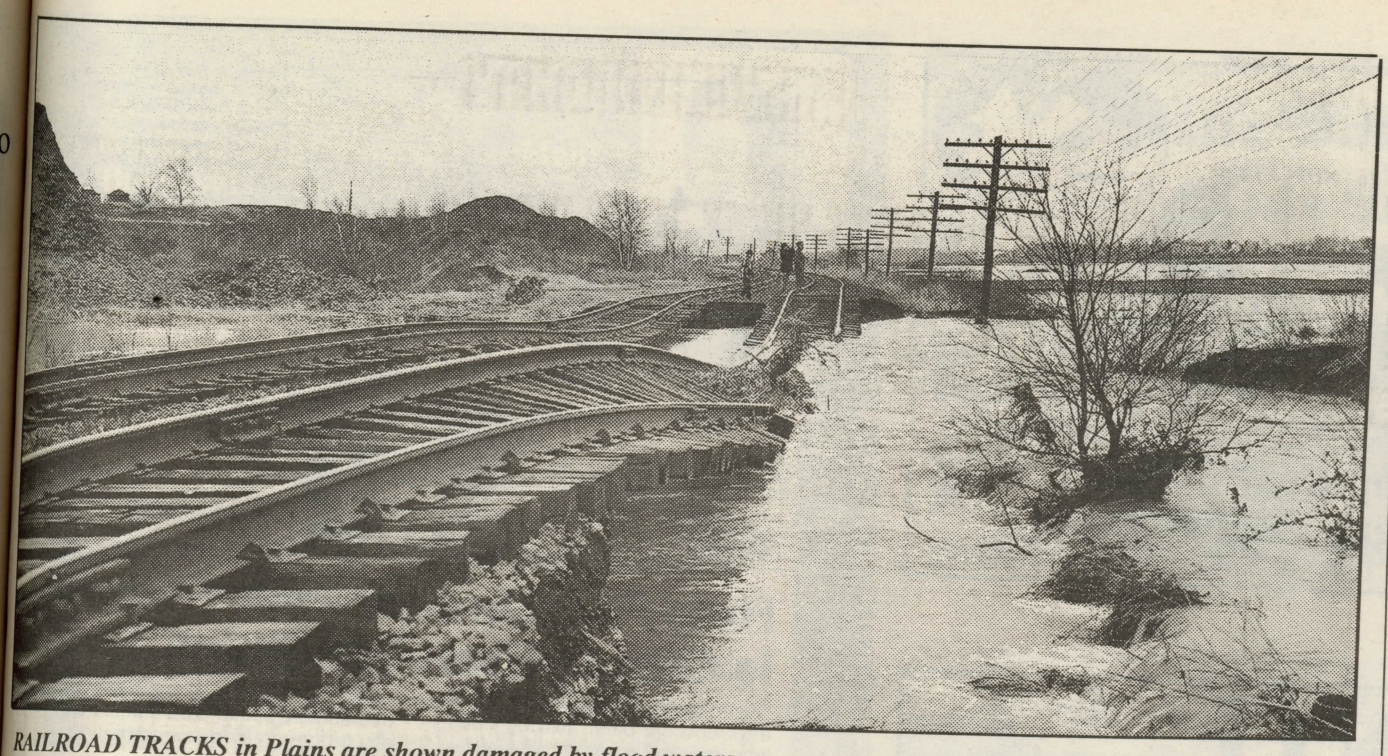
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RAILROAD TRACKS in Plains are shown damaged by flood waters

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The memories never totally disappear, however. When the river rises to flood stage, when a first floor is remodeled and a layer of mud revealed or when a store clerk is asked for impressions, Agnes is remembered.

Certainly other natural disasters around the globe have been more violent, more deadly and more destructive.

But for the people who survived it, the flood of '72 was a world-shaking event and the encounter with Tropical Storm Agnes will stay embedded in their memories.

"It becomes a defining experience," explained Bryan W. Flynn of the National Institute of Mental Health. "It's like the assassination of Kennedy or the space-shuttle explosion. When people experience disasters, they can tell you where they were on that day.

"Most individuals who go through a disaster or a traumatic experience, they remember it for a long time," said Flynn. "For the newcomers who have never been in Wilkes-Barre, it's an abstract. They may have seen pictures, but it's historical."

During the flood, Stallone lived in Western Pennsylvania with his wife and children, but returned to his parents' home in South Wilkes-Barre to help clean and refurbish what had been damaged.

"The reason people keep talking about it was because it was no small potatoes, particularly if it was to any degree traumatizing," he said.

Trauma could be measured by a water-soaked home, warped hardwood floors, moldy furniture, filthy appliances or the labor of lives lost.

Trauma could be measured in the destruction of a family's photographs and souvenirs, the abstract bits of paper and glass that define a lifetime. During the flood, lifestyles were crippled and pasts erased. Its victims received the worst toss of the dice imaginable: Go directly to muddy square one. Do not pass GO. Do not collect anything. Throw everything in a heap.

"It's very hard to generalize about disasters," said Flynn. "It's often a trap to think the ones with the most deaths or the most widespread destruction create the most trauma.

"A disaster can be even more dramatic when you get down to an individual level. The simple loss of mementos in a flood, even if your home wasn't destroyed, can be very traumatic. It is an experience that cuts across ethnic, geographic and social lines."

Those invisible lines through neighborhoods and patch towns had faded since the waves of immigrants arrived and bunched together in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. But the diverse groups never had suffered an all-encompassing disaster.

That changed with the flood. Everyone suffered together. Rich and poor, East Side and West Side. If there was 10 feet of water on your street, chances are the "good" neighbor got as much as the one you didn't talk to. And as much as you.

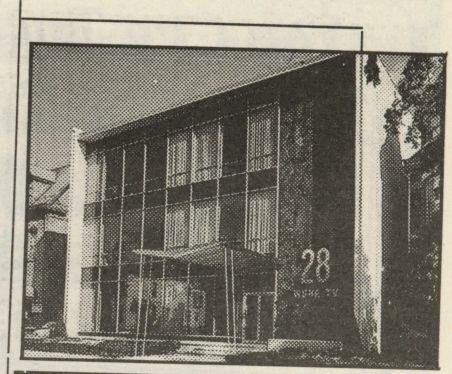
In that respect, the Agnes flood may have been a great equalizer. The disaster treated people of every race and nationality with equal abuse, and then unified them in recovery.

After the emotional wallop, the area benefited from the spirit that rose from

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THE WORD 'hope' can be seen on a truck in Gateway Shopping Center in Edwardsville



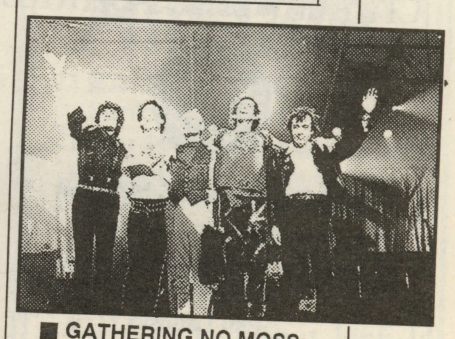
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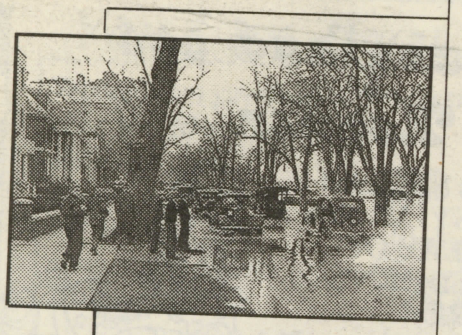
WBRE-TV, Channel 28, flooded out of its South Franklin Street studios, set up an outdoor facility near its transmitter on Penobscot Mountain, Hanover Township. For days the station broadcast as many of its regularly scheduled network programs as possible, along with live pictures of the flooded valley.

The Smyden and Lucas couples survived the 1936 and 1940 floods without a whimper. In 1972, they intended to do the same. They refused to leave their adjacent homes on Page Street in Kingston, even as water covered the first floor. They hauled a grill, food and other essentials upstairs. Then, from the Smydens' window to the Lucas', they rigged a clothes-line pulley to exchange meals from one house to the other. "We kept checking on them, and they did just fine," says retired firefighter Jim Rittenhouse.

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■ **GATHERING NO MOSS:** The Rolling Stones, a British rock group, paid a visit to America in 1972 and found a riot on their hands when they gave a concert in Tucson, Ariz.



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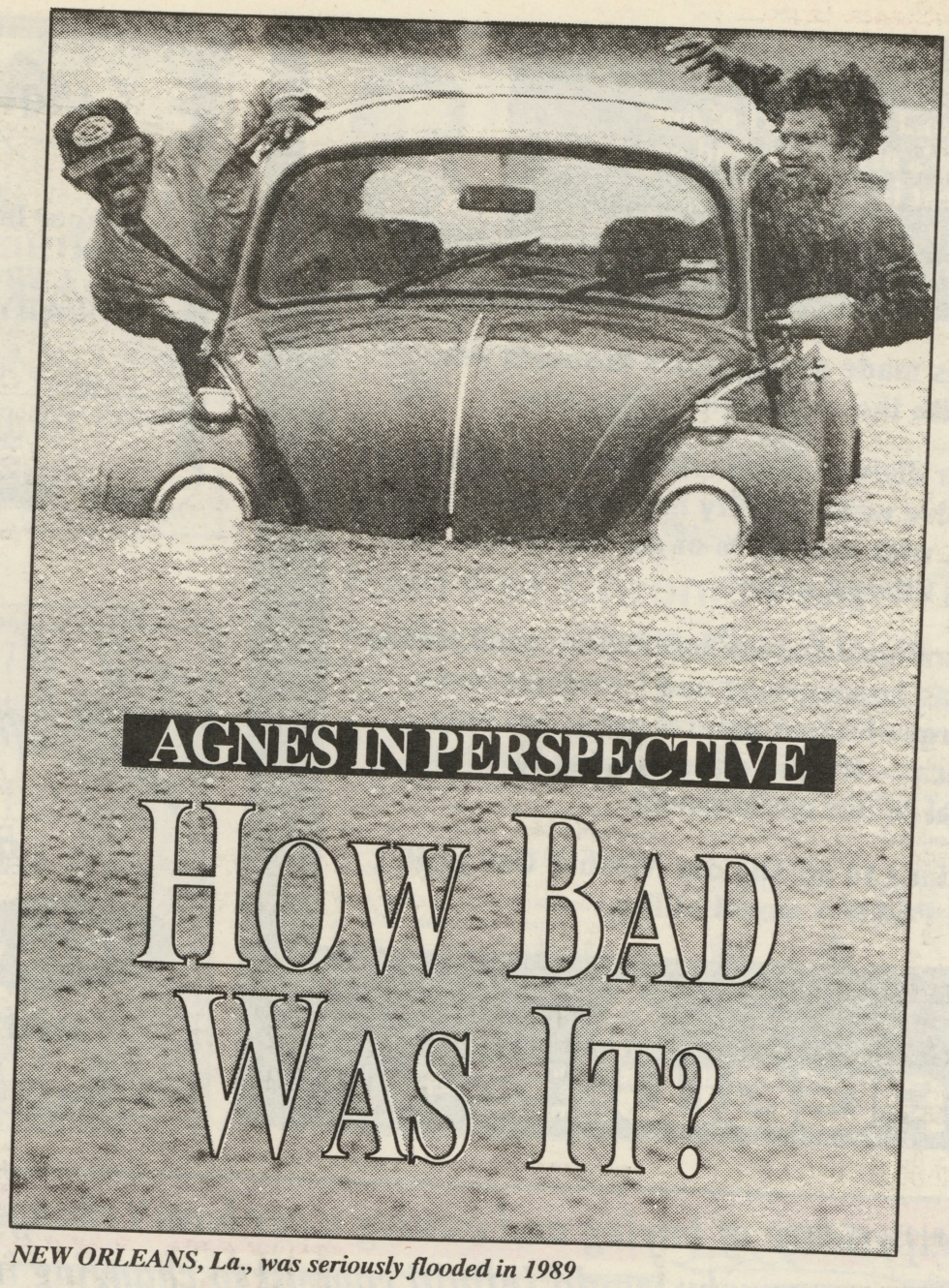
The river level of 33.32 feet during the flood of 1936 would have been contained by the dikes that were in place when Agnes hit in June 1972.

``Most of our relatives were either flooded out of their homes or had a house full of people staying with them.'' Regina Husovski Yankalunas, of Wyoming, was a newlywed living in Kingston in 1972.

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■ **DEVIL OF A TIME:** Linda Blair would later bring to the screen the demon-possessed little girl of William Peter Blatty's "The Exorcist," a runaway best-seller novel of 1972.



AGNES IN PERSPECTIVE
HOW BAD WAS IT?

NEW ORLEANS, La., was seriously flooded in 1989

For all the destruction and trauma wrought by Tropical Storm Agnes and the subsequent flooding of the Susquehanna River and tributaries, the disaster was relatively tame compared to the fury nature has wrought on the Earth.

"The Flood of '72" isn't diminished by 20 years of time, but rather by a comparison to the incomprehensible catastrophes that have occurred throughout history.

There have been countless other floods, hurricanes, explosions and other natural disasters that have been more physically violent, destructive and deadly.

The death toll is the most frequent barometer cited for severity of disaster.

The total left by the Agnes Hurricane/Tropical Storm in the entire United States was 122, but in the Wyoming Valley — often regarded as the community hardest hit by the storm — only four people died, relatively few compared to the scope of material destruction.

Other natural disasters, however, can sweep away entire villages. The cyclones and flooding in Bangladesh in 1970 resulted in an estimated death toll of as many as 500,000 people, according to "The Great International Disaster Book" by James Cornell.

Floods in China have been numbingly lethal. In 1887, the Yellow River breached its banks and killed over 900,000 people. In 1939, flooding throughout China killed an estimated 500,000 people.

While Agnes touched the lives of thousands in traumatic ways, other catastrophes have cost more lives and even more physical damage.

Natural disasters can wipe out entire cities in minutes. In 1902, the eruption of volcanic Mount Pele on Martinique in the West Indies created a dense cloud of fiery gas that rolled downhill and killed the entire population of Saint-Pierre — 30,000 people — in less than three minutes. There were only two survivors.

The deadliest volcanic event is considered to be the explosion of Krakatoa in Indonesia in 1883, which killed an estimated 36,000 people.

The deadliest hurricane in the Carribean occurred in 1780, when a storm slashed through islands from Barbados to Puerto Rico. It killed at least 20,000 people and as many as 30,000.

The deadliest hurricane in the United States occurred in 1900, when the city of Galveston, Texas, was literally wiped out by a Caribbean-born hurricane. Around 6,000 people were killed.

The Johnstown Flood of 1889 was actually caused by heavy rains that collapsed the deteriorated South Fork dam. A lake was unleashed into the narrow valley above the city, gathering timber, buildings, train cars, bodies and other debris, as it crashed into the city of Johnstown. The final death toll in the western Pennsylvania town came to 2,209. Johnstown was flooded again in 1977, with a death toll of 77.

The impact of a disaster, of course, isn't measured simply in fatalities.

Victims of the Agnes flood did not have to lose a family member or friend to feel the anguish of loss. People lost their homes, the labor of their lives. They also lost heirloom furniture and china, the favorite toys of children, and photos of first birthdays, proms,

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The combined damage caused by Agnes in the United States — adjusted to 1989 dollars — was almost $6.3 billion, according to information compiled by the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

But even in those monetary terms, greater damage was caused by Hurricane Hugo in 1989 and Hurricane Betsy in 1965. Hugo caused $7 billion worth of damage and Betsy, which wreaked havoc in Florida and Louisiana in 1965, caused slightly over $6.3 billion worth of damage (adjusted to 1989 dollars).

And despite all the tremendous destruction and disruption caused by Agnes, victims for the most part returned to a structure that with years of work and money could be turned once again into a home.

Many disaster victims return to debris and nothing else. Floods such as the Johnstown Dam collapse, violent tornadoes and windswept fires such as the one that devastated a hillside neighborhood of Oakland, Calif., leave victims with nothing.

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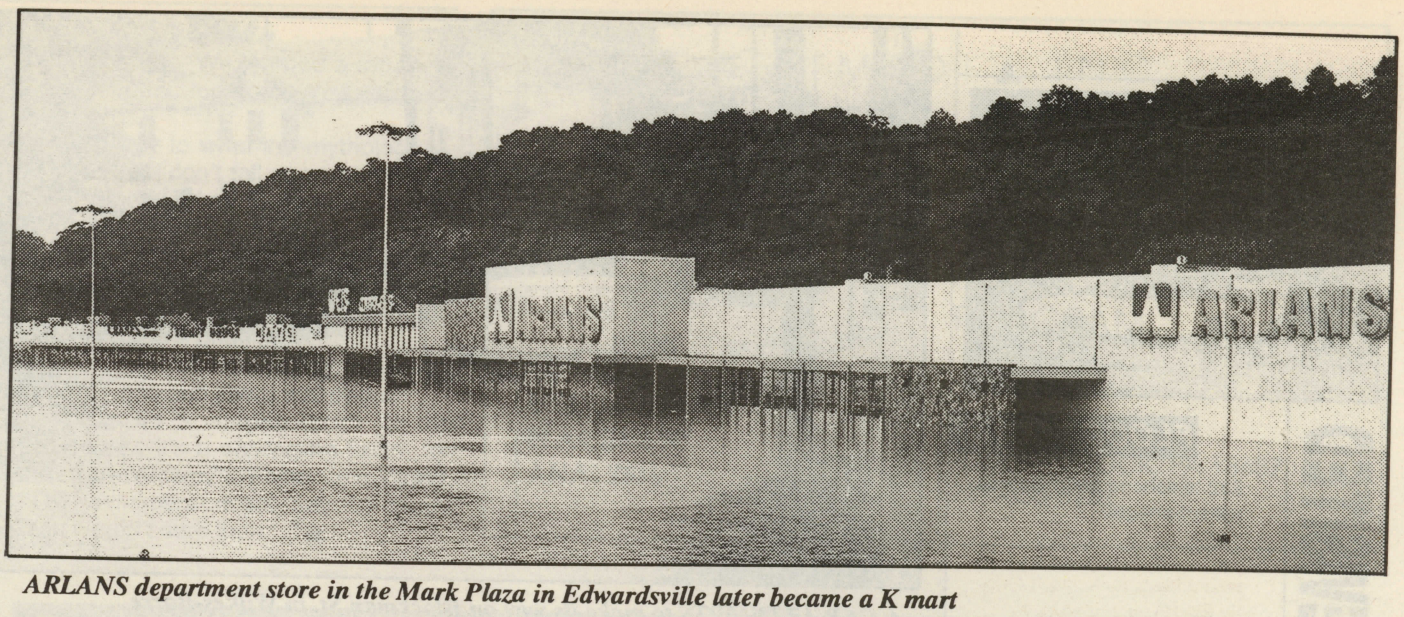
At its peak, Hurricane Agnes was a Class 1 hurricane, the lowest grade. And by the time it struck Northeastern Pennsylvania, it had been downgraded to the status of Tropical Storm.

Try to imagine the violent fury of a Class 5 storm, such as Hurricane Camille, which slammed into the gulf coasts along Mississippi and Alabama in 1969. The ruinous wind gusted up to 200 mph, and then the storm dumped 27 inches of rain on parts of Virginia and West Virginia. Hurricane Hugo, the costliest storm of the century, was a Class 4 event as it ripped through South Carolina in 1989.

Consider the 1980 volcanic explosion of Mt. St. Helens in Washington State. That natural disaster killed 34 people, left 27 others missing and scarred the land by destroying 15,000 acres of mature and standing timber. On the 20th anniversary of that calamity, the terrain will not resemble the verdant forest that swayed before the explosion.

The Wyoming Valley on the other hand, 20 years after Agnes, bears few bad signs of the storm's presence. Downtowns and neighborhoods have been remodeled, bridges rebuilt and streets reconstructed.

So line your blessings in a row and count them, one by one. The bragging rights to the greatest disasters are not worth having. ■



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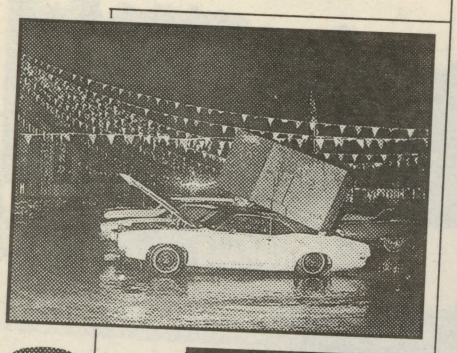
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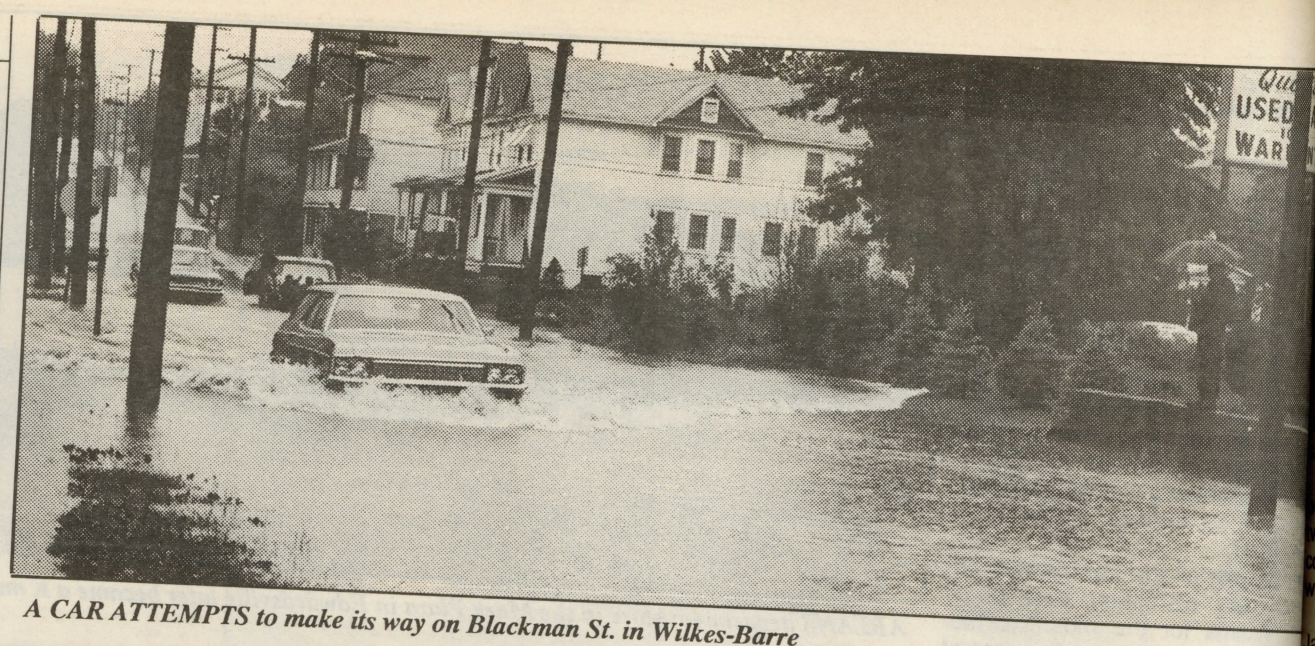
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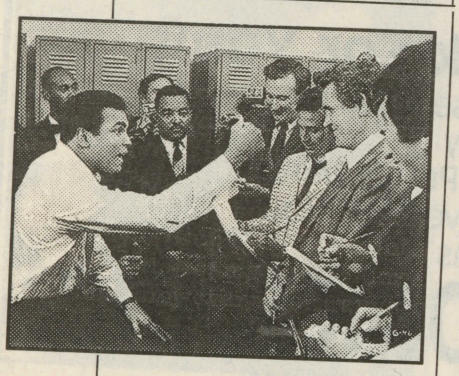
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- Jean Mills, who was living in Kingston in 1972.

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Muhammad Ali, irrepressible as ever, continued his quest to regain the heavyweight title stripped from him following his legal case with the government over military service during the Vietnam War.

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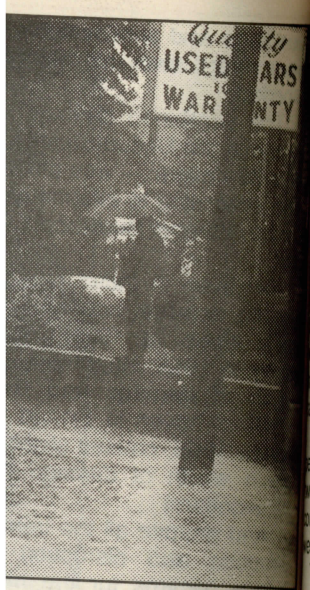
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"Most of the people realized after a uple of months that people had been rking together better than they ever d before, maybe for the first time," d Gen. Frank Townend.

"We thought it was amazing how ople worked together for a month or after the flood. There was a real mmunity spirit. (And) I don't think we re surprised. It's what we expected."

That is symptomatic, according to mes Cornell's "The Great Internaonal Disaster Book."

Cornell writes, "One of the most exraordinary consequences of disaster is e creation of a unique atmosphere arked by extreme altruism, general ood feeling towards others, and a ense of love for mankind that supersedes all class, race or status barrirs.... A great outpouring of human armth and kindness seems to rise om the ruins. Each person, regardss of background or status, seems etermined to save others, to stop sufering and to alleviate the pain."

There were exceptions, recalled ownend, but only a few. He said, "The eneral feeling among all the people of e valley was they wanted to help. I on't remember any questions of prejuice or racial conflict."

Gordon Fader, director of the Red Cross, agreed. "There was a lot of mutual support through the shared cleanup," he said.

And while people recall the flood waters, the destruction and cleanup, hey might also subconsciously remember unity and goodwill.

"There are often a lot of heroic things, little things," Flynn said of disasters. "People get an opportunity to help their neighbors. People get an opportunity to pull someone out of the water. It provides some people with a chance to do something for their fellow man."

The evacuation of 72,000 people to the high ground made for both strange and familiar bedfellows. Family moved in with family or friends. Or, in a few cases, with strangers.

"My guess is that three-quarters of the people who were evacuated out of the Wyoming Valley went to stay where they knew people," said Townend.

And as the community began weeks, months and years of reconstruction, the catch-phrase, "The Valley with a Heart," was transformed into a common radio jingle, "Coming back, better than ever."

Wyoming Valley's attempts to recover from Agnes became one of the first case studies for the National Institute of Mental Health, which funded an outreach/crisis intervention program to provide counseling and mental health-related services.

The agency provides funding for communities in a presidentially declared crisis and the results of their studies are included in the monograph, "Crisis Intervention Programs For Disaster Victims in Smaller Communities."

Flynn said, "We learned a lot about what happens to people that we used afterwards.

"Contrary to what the mythology is, communities don't fall apart with disaster. It tends to fray that fabric. How a community handles a disaster is a reflection of how individuals handle a disaster. People do remember it as a common experience that the community takes some pride in.

In a changing community, however, not everyone can share that pride.

"While it's a unifying factor for the community, it's a separating factor for the newcomers," Flynn explained. "The old-timers might say to them, 'You weren't here then.' " ■

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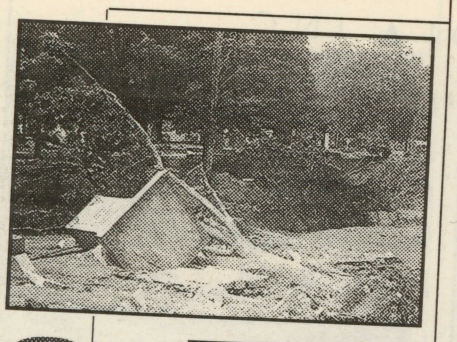
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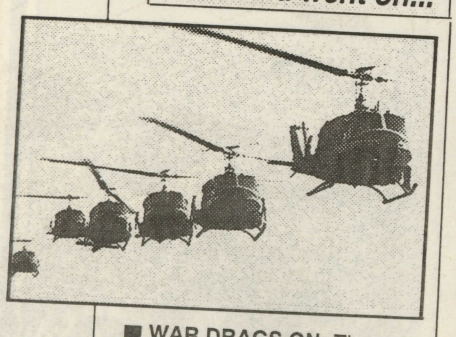


FLOOD FACTS

When Governor Milton Shapp visited Wyoming Valley, he was himself a refugee. The executive mansion in Harrisburg had been flooded, giving the governor first-hand experience of the disaster.

"My husband and I stayed when they started evacuating because we had people who took a room on the second floor. We said, no, but they came anyway. So I made up platters of cold cuts for everybody. And finally the water was right up to our feet, but then it stopped. And the planes were flying over us and all, and my husband was waving a flag for them to rescue us. Then, they came and took us off the roof and over to Pringle Hill. We lost everything we had." - Nancy Cresko, whose husband, John, owned the Holiday Towne House West in Kingston.

SUMMER OF '72
The world went on...



■ **WAR DRAGS ON:** The familiar scene of helicopters preparing to transport American troops into battle was replayed through 1972 as the Vietnam War continued, although steady troop withdrawals reduced the nation's commitment.

CHILDREN

A GREAT ADVENTURE



If you were a kid, Agnes was pretty neat.

And see the children sport upon the shore, And hear the mighty waters rolling evermore.

William Wordsworth
1807, Ode to Duty

Nothing could have pleased the kids more.

Mannequins bobbing lazily through streets, people boating through backyards, parents too preoccupied keeping life and limb together to keep a tight rein on their children — it was a fantasy.

To immortal youth, Agnes' danger was unreal.

"My life had been pretty dull and ordinary up to then, so the experience itself became a major adventure," says Tony Petrillo, now of Pringle, who was 9 years old and lived in Edwardsville in June 1972.

"I regret not being able to stay and watch the muddy waters actually begin coming up our street," Petrillo says.

After the waters receded, the world remained skewed.

On July 11, 12-year-old Andy Hetro expected to play his regular Little League game with his Exeter Little League teammates. The league had resumed its schedule of Tuesday night games only days before.

But fate threw the boys a happy curve. By the time the game was over, the Little Leaguers could brag that they had played with the pros.

Onto the field early that evening walked Leroy Keyes and Harold Jackson of the Philadelphia Eagles football team and Freddie Foster, a basketball player with the Philadelphia 76ers.

"I'll always remember it," says Hetro. "We had a ballgame *that* night. They played a game with us and then stayed around for awhile."

The pros weren't scouting for their teams, they were a small celebrity contingent of the 103rd Engineer Battalion of Pennsylvania's Army National Guard, which began arriving in the Wilkes-Barre area as early as June 24 for cleanup and emergency duties.

"I had my hat autographed by Keyes and Jackson," says Hetro, who lives in Exeter. "I knew who Keyes and Jackson were," he added, but says that he was unfamiliar with Foster.

Hetro's teammate, Harold Ash, who was also 12, didn't remember who the sports stars were.

"All I can remember is that they were tall," Ash laughs. "We did well that season, though. We finished in first place in the Little League."

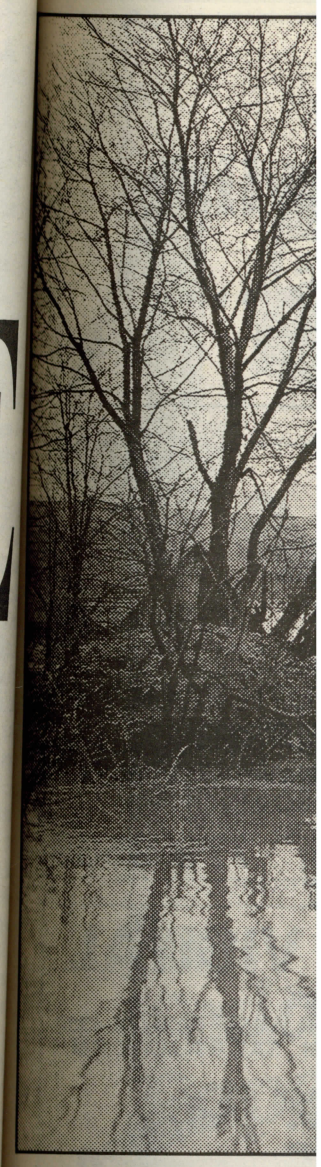
Both Ash and Hetro were fortunate enough to return to their homes within hours after the raging water broke the dikes. Neither was forced to spend time at an evacuation shelter.

But shelter existence wasn't a bad life for dreamy children.

"For the adults and parents, it was a tense, scary situation. But for a wide-eyed 10-year-old, it seemed like a lot of fun," remembers John J. Carr, who was evacuated with his family to the Dana Street School when their Forty Fort home was flooded. While adults fretted, Carr played with the band instruments in the gym.

But the impact of the disaster hit Carr when he saw a coffin from the Forty Fort Cemetery floating in the flood waters.

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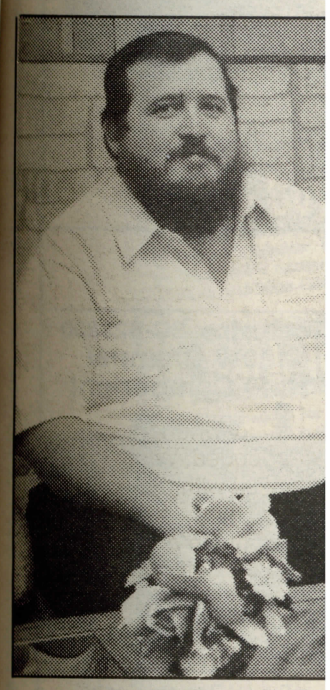


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A YOUNG BOY investigates the waters near this inundated home

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HAROLD ASH, 32, pictured in his Exeter home, recalls that members of the Philadelphia Eagles and 76ers turned up for a July, 1972 Exeter Little League event

Nine years old that summer, Richard Stochla of Exeter had little more than a ritual to fill most of his summer days.

"Cleaning out. That's all we were doing," says Stochla. "It was just constant."

Although the flood waters invaded only his family's basement, his relatives weren't so lucky. On Third Avenue in Kingston, the house belonging to his aunt, uncle and their four children was inundated. In Edwardsville, his grandmother's home was soaked.

Now a music teacher who also plays with the pop group The Star Fires, one element from that summer still remains more vivid in Stochla's mind than any other:

"The stench," he says in a sour tone. "If I'm not mistaken, every time we went over to my grandmother's house ... there was a liquor warehouse at the base of Pringle Hill. And that liquor smelled for weeks.

"The flood mud, even after so many years, you can still smell it in some people's houses," Stochla says.

Now, Stochla's young students occasionally ask their teacher what the flood was like, and the teacher has to pause.

"Basically, it was devastating; something that I'll always remember," he says he tells them.

Like Stochla, other youngsters worked hard to battle the tragedy. A WARM radio engineer whose name was not printed described to the Wyoming Valley Observer how some teenage hippies helped him frantically sandbag his home:

"Where did they come from? Who knows? I never saw them before in my life. They just came from nowhere and started filling sandbags and lugging them to the edge of the water.

"And let me tell you these kids worked, girls and boys. You wouldn't think those tiny girls could even lift the heavy bags... but they did... and they got them into place without a murmur of complaint.

"Don't tell me about hippies. I saw them."

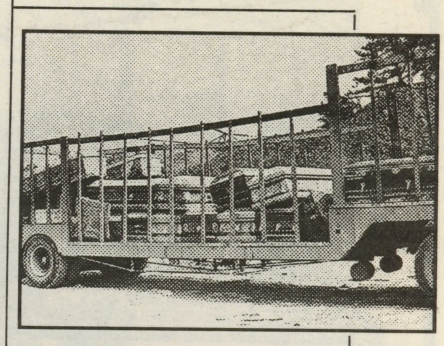
Eric Rinehimer, a 22-year-old who tape-recorded his observations during the flood, commented on the people filling sandbags at the Market Street Bridge.

"The people who were there were college kids. All young. And then only a very few older people. Not because they perhaps had more civil pride or anything, but because the older people had more responsibilities in their home and they were evacuating and the younger people had a little more of the drama."

Philadelphia Daily News reporter Zachary Stalberg, who covered the flood, wrote:

"While middle-agers lazed on their porches on the safe high ground of Wilkes-Barre and watched the show beneath them, teenyboppers toiled. Then they collapsed, often in each others' arms in the corridors of the airport.

"At one point (U.S. Rep. Daniel) Flood took a look at them and said: 'Nobody can say anything bad to me about those little bastards ever again.' " ■

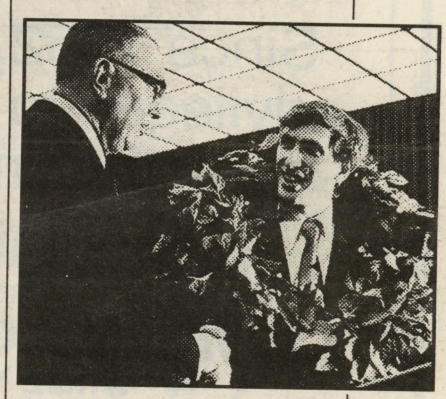


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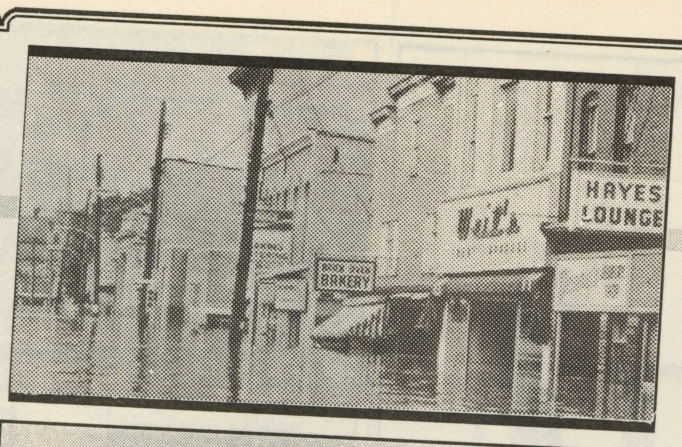
The last flood-related aid provided by the Red Cross was in April 1977 to a man vacating a trailer who needed a refrigerator

"It was terrible. Finally, when we were able to get through and look at the damage, we met a newspaper woman as she was walking down the driveway in the mud. And she was crying. She was saying, 'Isn't this horrible?' And of course it was. It was ours." Nancy Cresko, whose husband, John, owned the Holiday Towne House West in Kingston.

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■ **KING OF CHESS:** America's Bobby Fischer, right, is congratulated by Max Euwe during the Sept. 3 award ceremonies in Reykjavi, Iceland to mark Fisher's defeat of the Soviet Union's Boris Spassky to capture the world chess championship.



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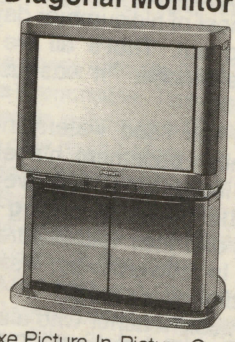
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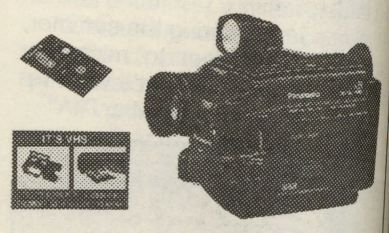
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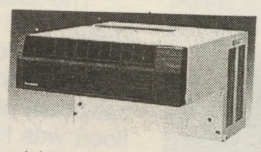
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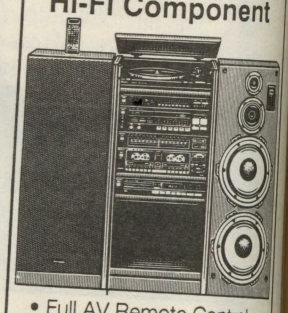
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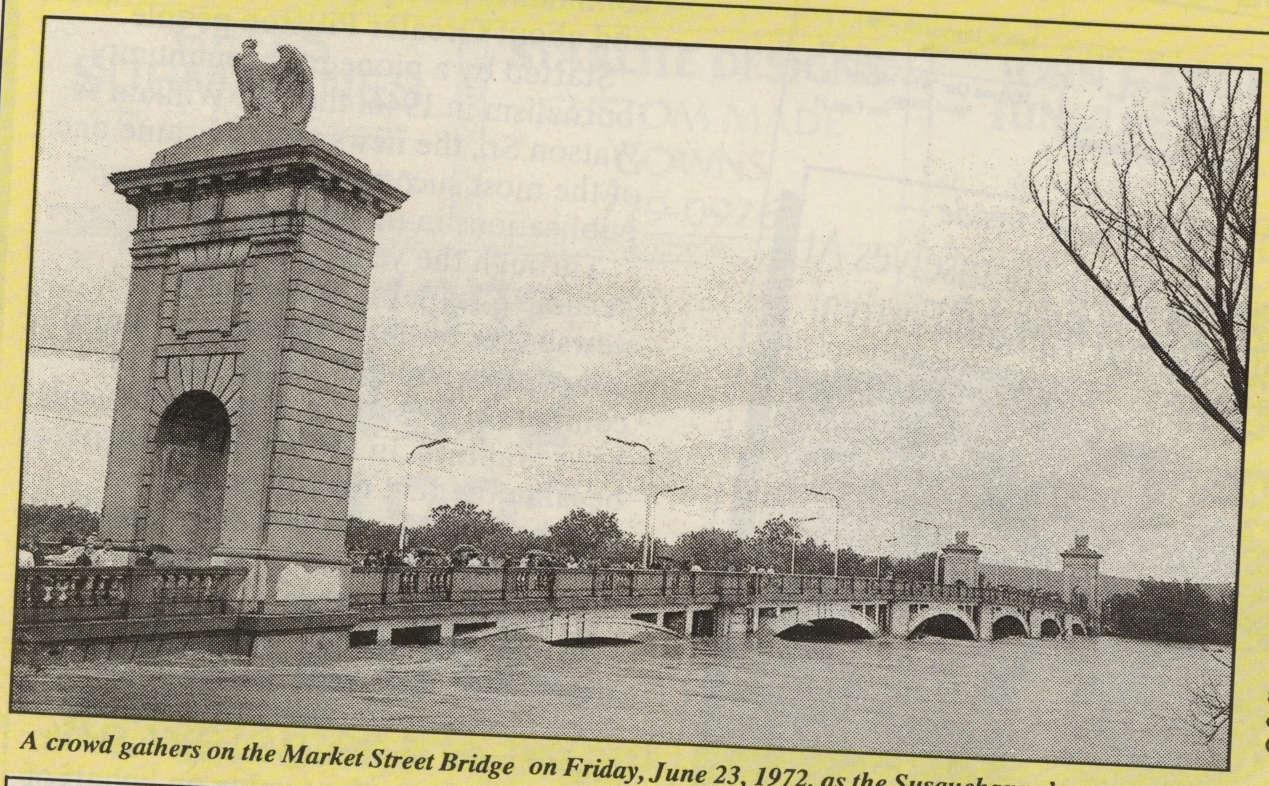
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Thousands Flee To Higher Ground As Raging River Breaches Dike



A crowd gathers on the Market Street Bridge on Friday, June 23, 1972, as the Susquehanna's waters rise

Gallant Fight To Keep Stream In Check Lost; Crest To Top 40 Feet

(Additional Photos On Page 2)

BULLETIN

As of noon today, no bridges were open across the Susquehanna River in Luzerne County. Reports from up and down the valley indicated all bridges were shut to all traffic — even emergency vehicles. Thus the county was split in half, each section completely isolated from the other except by air.

Wyoming Valley was in the throes of the greatest disaster in its history today as the rain-swollen Susquehanna River spilled over its banks and began flooding valley communities.

Thousands of area residents fled their homes for safety on higher ground.

The official evacuation of Wilkes-Barre City and Kingston Borough came at 11:14 a.m. on orders from Gen. Townend, Luzerne County Civil Defense director.

The evacuation ended a gallant but futile effort to hold back the Susquehanna, which stood at 37.2 feet at 10 a.m., much higher than the 33.1 crest in the disastrous 1936 flood.

Civil Defense, city county and military officials were pessimistic about the situation late this morning.

As the situation worsened, hundreds of volunteers began marshaling resources to aid the flood stricken. One officials said the flood would serve as the greatest test to date of the "valley with a heart."

Breaks were reported in the flood control dike at various points along the river, including six locations in Wilkes-Barre: at Plymouth Borough, and upriver in the Plains-Jenkins Township area.

The word from the Civil Defense command center at the county courthouse was "Get out."

Thousands of volunteers in all age groups began leaving the area of the rising Susquehanna after the evacuation order was given.

Through the night and morning, the volunteers, city, and community employes, National Guardsmen and employes of many construction companies fought the river, which eventually proved to be the master of the situation.

Gen. Townend said the Civil Defense would remain at the courthouse. The command post, moved initially from the sub-basement to the basement, later was transferred to the first floor.

The sirens blasted continuously warning residents who already had their radios and television sets on for developments.

All reports on the evacuation were that it was proceeding "orderly."

(Reprinted from June 23, 1972)

MEDIA

SCRAMBLING TO GET THE NEWS OUT

As Sunday Independent Managing Editor Lou Rauscher looked down from the high ground of the city's Rolling Mill Hill section into the flooded downtown on Saturday, June 24, 1972, he knew his paper would not be able to publish.

Water lay deep in the streets, and he knew there would be no telephone service at his South Washington Street building or anywhere else. Besides, he said, "It was getting dark, and there was not a light on in town."

So first thing Monday morning he made arrangements with the management of the evening Scranton Times to print a smaller edition of his paper there for the following Sunday. The paper would be heavy on photos, and for articles it would rely on whatever his scattered reporting forces could dig up.

"I set up a mini-office in my house and told them what we expected and where we were going to be," he said.

Rauscher's story was typical of the ones media people tell of the reporting of the Agnes disaster — headquarters underwater, no power or telephones, difficulty in getting in touch with employees, bridges collapsed or shut down and whole sections of Wyoming Valley closed off by the military.

It's also typical in its praise of the cooperation shown by regional media outlets of all kinds to their erstwhile rivals.

Newspapers helped newspapers. TV stations helped TV stations. And radio stations helped radio stations.

The Wilkes-Barre Publishing Co. had two daily papers — the morning Wilkes-Barre Record and the evening Times-Leader Evening News. On Friday, June 23, as whole communities were evacuating, the Record published its usual edition.

Then The Times-Leader quickly put out a short, mid-day issue whose lead article began "Wyoming Valley was in the throes of the greatest disaster in its history today as the rain-swollen Susquehanna River spilled over its banks and began flooding valley communities."

As the day drew on and water

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story by: Tom Mooney
Times Leader Staff Writer



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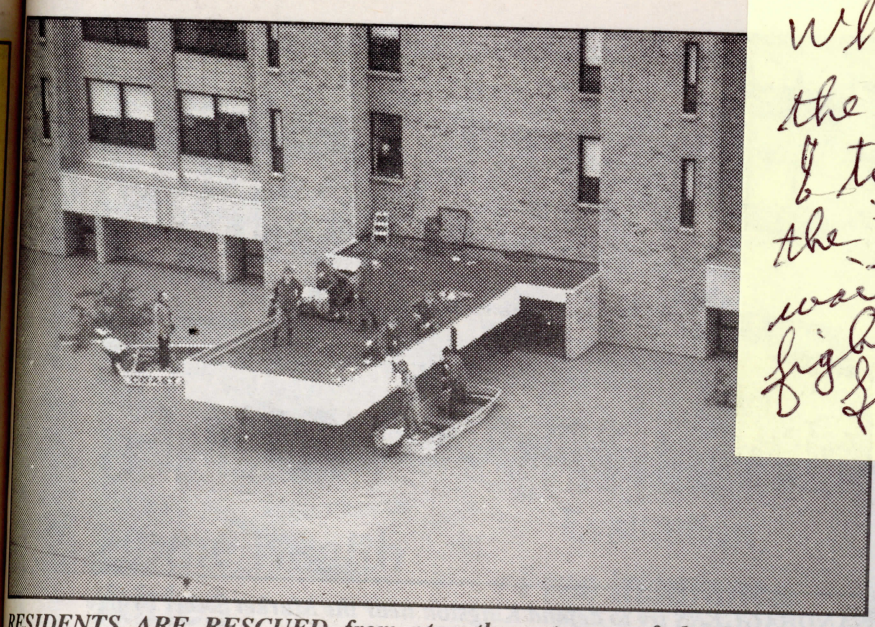
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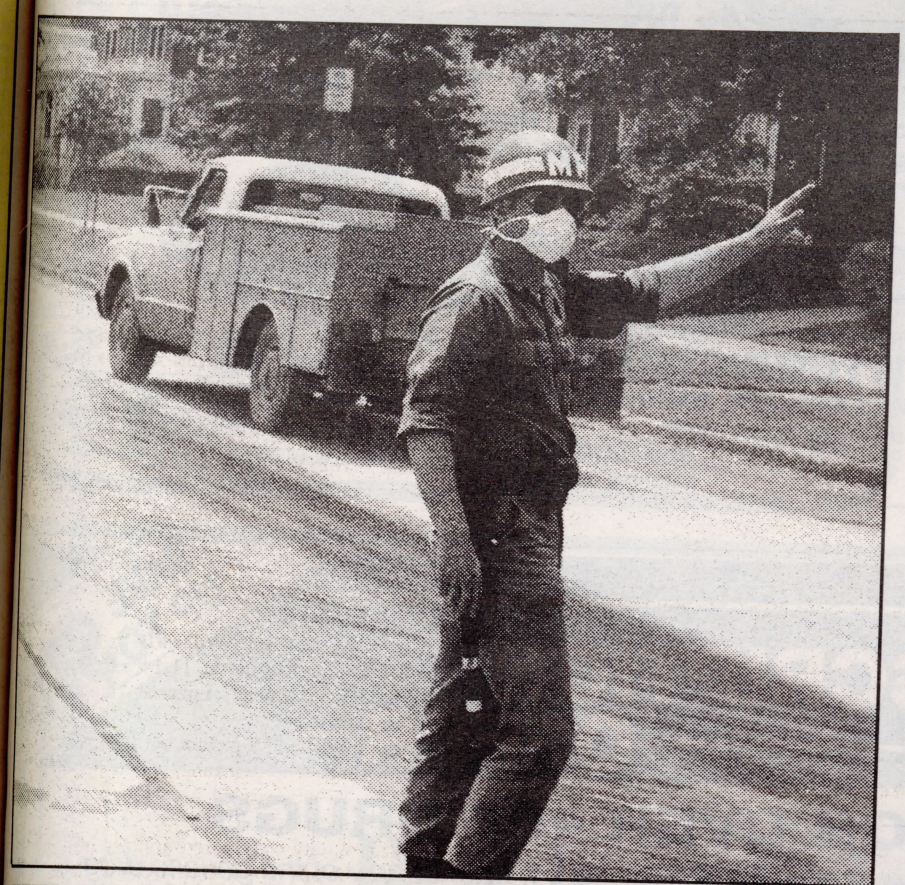
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While fighting the fire (see Pg 61) I had my boat at the Portico and waited to take fire fighters off roof if fire jumped the alley to Main St.



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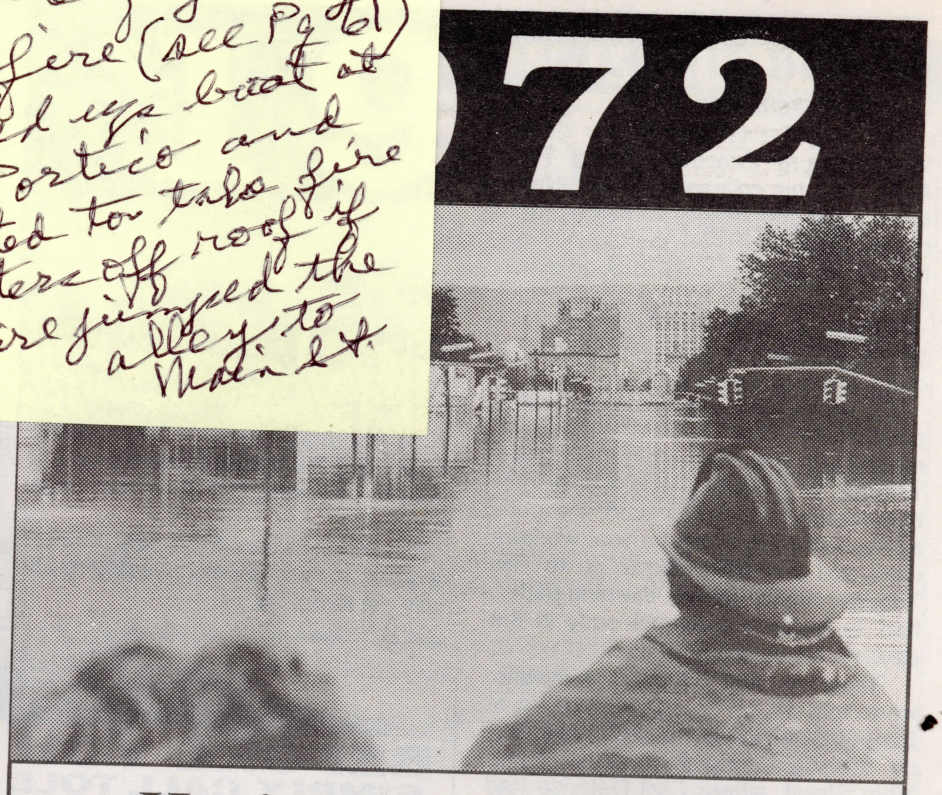


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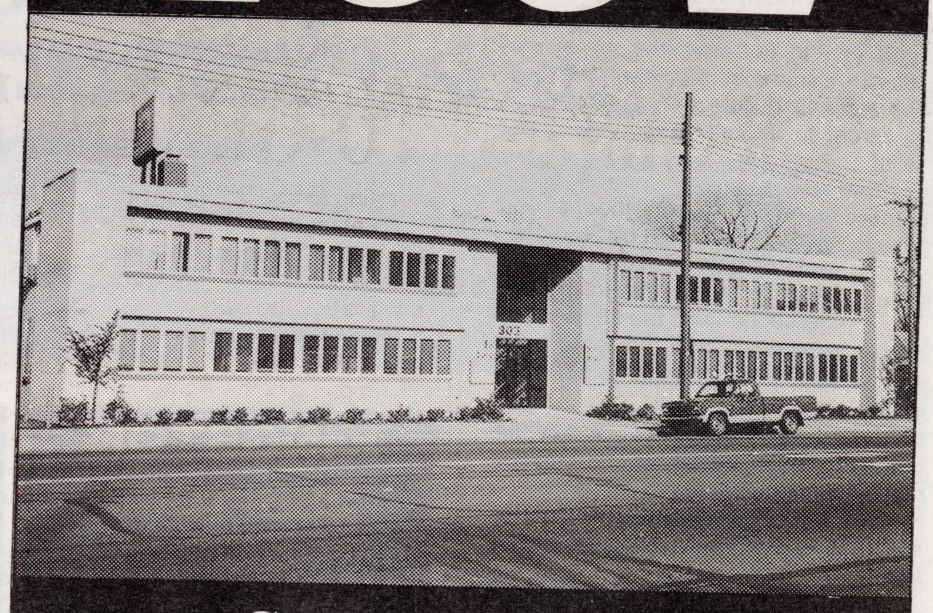


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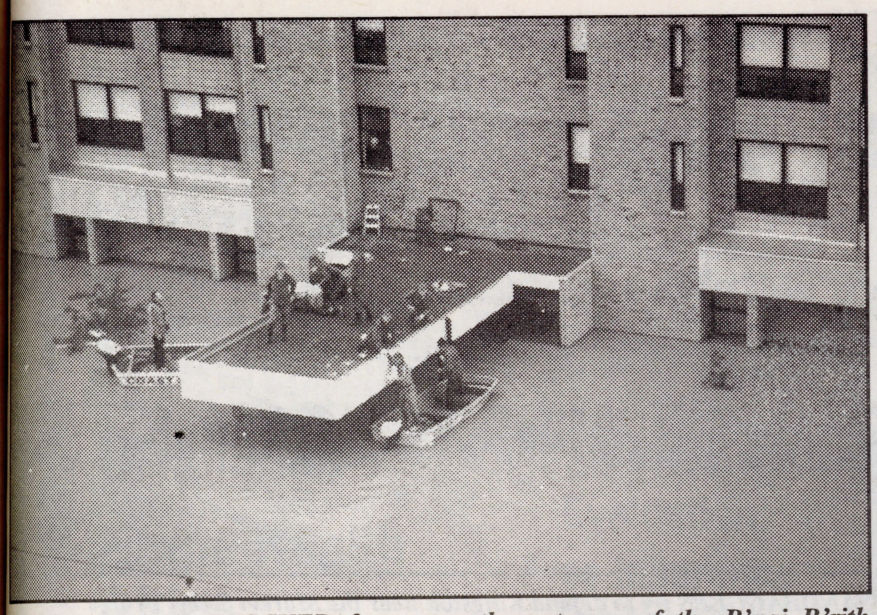


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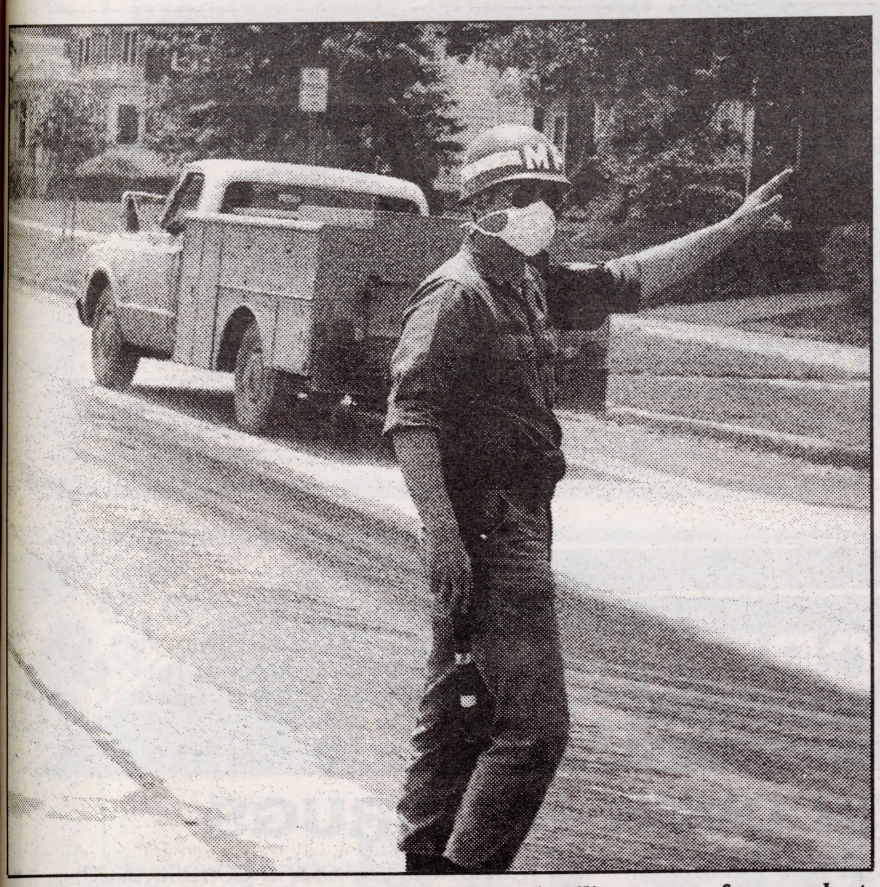
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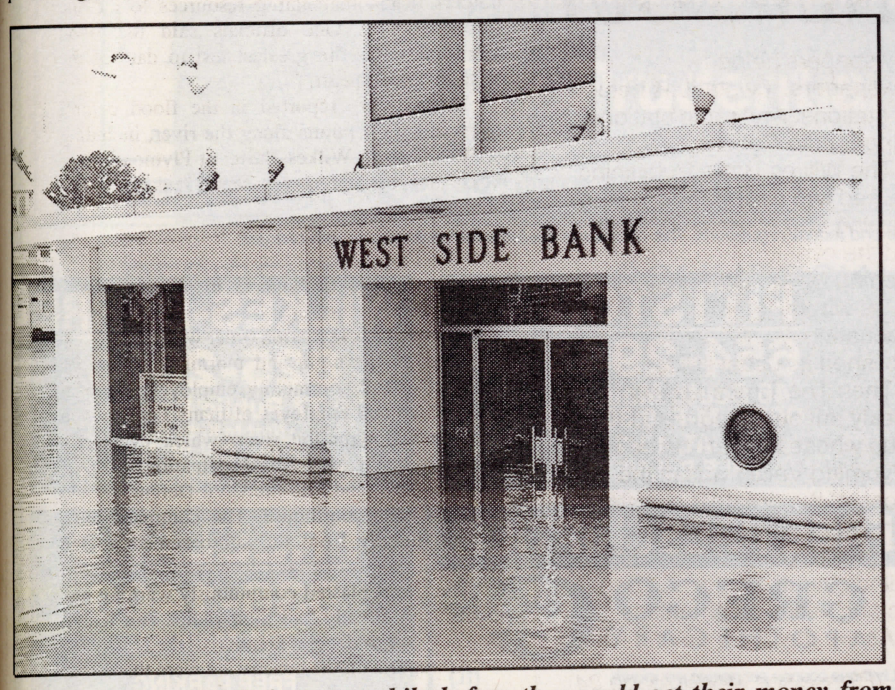
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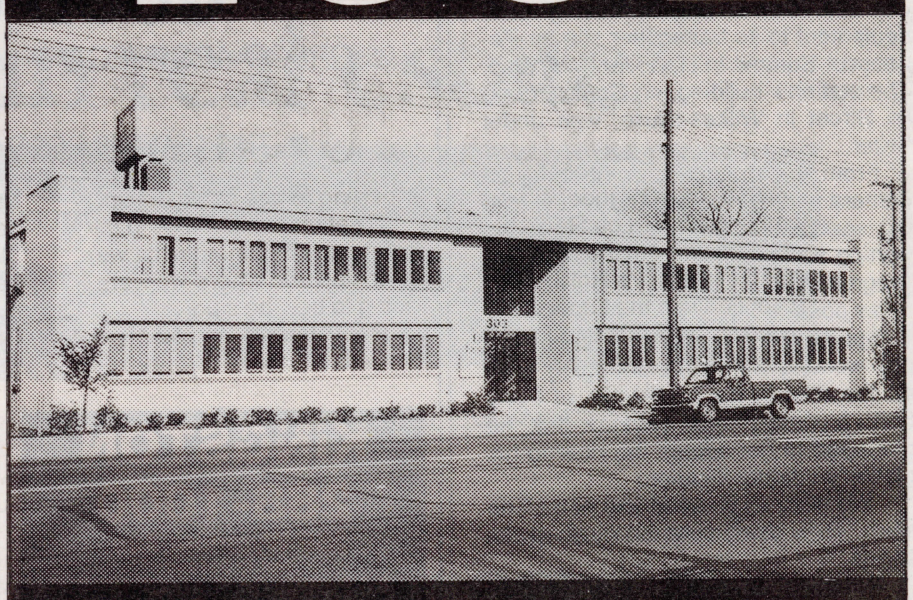


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Media

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rolled over the dikes into the downtown, Record Executive Editor Paul Arthur and his colleagues in the North Main Street building gradually — and reluctantly — realized they would not be able to publish for a day or more. But they didn't want to give up entirely.

"There was a strong feeling we had to publish," Arthur said. "It had to be done. It was our tradition."

So on Sunday the publishing company officials drove to Scranton and arranged with that city's other paper, The Tribune, to publish a single daily edition. Meanwhile, Arthur said, the publishing company's mechanical workers were told over the radio to go to The Tribune, which, being a morning paper, had its facilities available early in the day.

Reporters and editors, meanwhile, were told to go to the Wilkes-Barre School District administration building, on the high ground of upper South Main Street, where Civil Defense had its headquarters, and work from there. Typewritten copy was then driven to Scranton.

On Tuesday, June 27, the first issue of the combined Times Leader Evening News Wilkes-Barre Record rolled off the presses — ready for free distribution at refugee centers throughout Wyoming Valley.

Although the area's weeklies found they couldn't count on employees getting to work, they were not flooded and did manage to publish on schedule.

The Wyoming Valley Observer, in Wyoming, printed a Sunday issue with dozens of photos, including spectacular aerial shots of the Valley. Country Impressions, in Sweet Valley, not only printed photos but also devoted page after page to listing the names of thousands of refugees and told where they had been taken.

The area's television stations remained operational during the flood. But one of them, WBRE Channel 28, was able to do so only by moving some equipment to its transmitter site on Penobscot Summit in Hanover Township. The station's building, on South Franklin Street in Wilkes-Barre, was under water.

From the mountain, a Channel 28 camera panned the flooded valley, mixing spectacular live vistas with its reporting and maintaining as much of its programming — from the NBC network — as possible.

Sportscaster Jerry Baum spent Friday working with a sandbagging crew on the dike in his hometown of Forty Fort. It wasn't until Monday that he managed to get across the river to his station's outdoor location.

"We were all pressed into news," he said. "They didn't care too much about sports."

Newsfilm developing was handled by rivals WNEP Channel 16 and WDAU Channel 22, just as the Scranton papers helped the Wilkes-Barre papers.

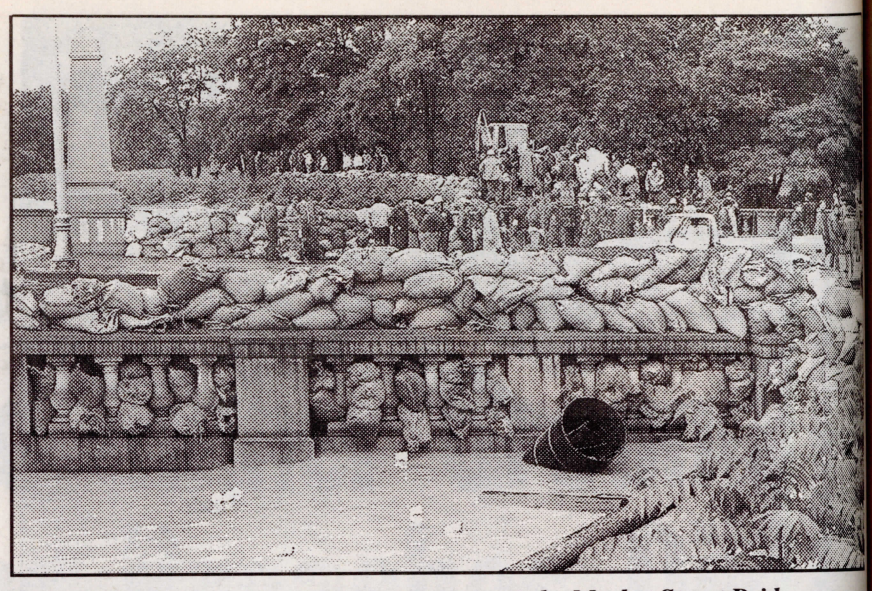
Roy Morgan, who at the time owned Wilkes-Barre radio station WILK, said he was proud of his employees' dedication.

"We stayed on the air the longest of the downtown stations," he said. "It wasn't until emergency crews forced us to leave that we left."

Morgan's news director, David DeCosmo, wasn't at the station. He'd gone over to Civil Defense headquarters in the Luzerne County Courthouse, to use a two-way radio WILK maintained there and send flood news back to the station. But since WILK was the designated station for civil emergency broadcasting, DeCosmo ended up staying there and becoming coordinator of Civil Defense emergency radio.

When Civil Defense, its courthouse office flooded, moved to the Wilkes-Barre School District administration building on Friday, DeCosmo went right along.

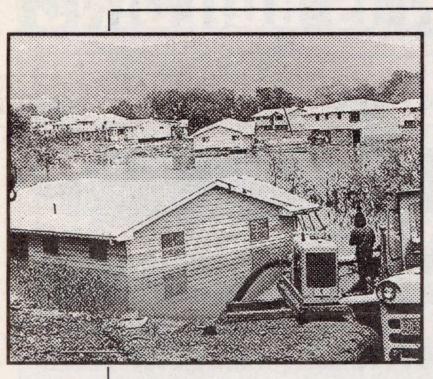
"I told my wife I'd be right home," said DeCosmo. "It was days before I finally got there." ■



SANDBAGGERS try to defend Kingston near the Market Street Bridge







FLOOD FACTS

14 miles of streets were inundated

``Remember where grandpa used to live on Academy Street? The top story of the house is on Edison Street and the bottom is gone with the river waters. The cellar was filled in with gravel and mud from the river and it is being used as a parking lot. At least I could get in my house to salvage something."
- From a letter written by Florence Rinehimer to her son and daughter-in-law.

SUMMER OF '72
The world went on...



■ **LADIES' MAN:** Singer Tom Jones' "She's a Lady" was one of the most popular songs of the year.

THE FUTURE

COULD IT HAPPEN AGAIN?



SANDBAGGERS SCURRY near Riverside Drive as the river starts to flow over the dike

If the river waters rise high enough , even the best dike system might not help.

Agnes. Wielding enough power to ripple asphalt, wrench homes off foundations and forever change the pock-marked face of the Wyoming Valley.

Agnes. A fluke. So unexpected it ambushed an entire metropolis.

Agnes. Could it happen again?

"Absolutely," says John Comey, press officer for the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Administration.

"Mother Nature has a way of revisiting. It's just a question of when and where."

In the last 20 years, Mother Nature has revisited the Keystone State more than a dozen times. There have been 17 federally declared natural disasters throughout Pennsylvania. Fourteen have been floods. The most recent one was on May 30, 1986 in Allegheny County.

Yet despite the threat, the majority of Agnes' victims rebuilt and returned to their homes. Some bought or built new, smack in the middle of a flood plain.

They're counting on the odds, odds so low chances are only 0.00026 another Agnes will strike again in any given year.

But there's no such thing as a sure thing. Despite the odds, a hurricane, a devastating rainfall, another tropical storm could sweep through the valley today.

The good news is, protective dikes already lining lowland riverside communities are being raised, albeit more than 20 years after disaster dictated the need.

Further, should another killer storm begin brewing, more sophisticated river forecasting equipment will give the valley greater lead time. Residents might manage to gather those family photos and fortify weaker structures.

The bad news is, if another Agnes blows in before the dikes get their face-lift, the cash-strapped state and federal governments won't extend much of a helping hand.

But no matter what happens, one thing is certain: the valley will survive.

Says U.S. Rep. Paul Kanjorski, D-Nanticoke: "The spirit in the Wyoming Valley, the resiliency people have, is second to none in the country.

"We'd come back."

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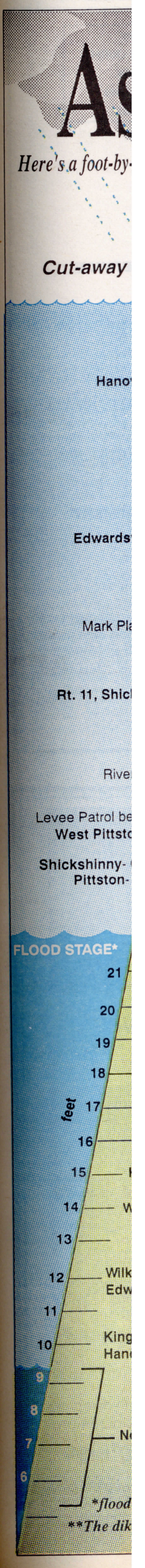
Residents of the most heavily populated, low-lying areas are gambling on the $150 million Wyoming Valley Levee-Raising Project to protect them from another Agnes.

Within four years, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plans to raise by three to five feet the 35- and 37-foot-high dikes already lining the river in Wilkes-Barre, Hanover Township, Plymouth, Kingston, Edwardsville, Swoyersville, Forty Fort and Exeter.

But even 42-foot-high dikes won't protect the valley if another, more powerful storm hunkers down and dumps billions of gallons of rain.

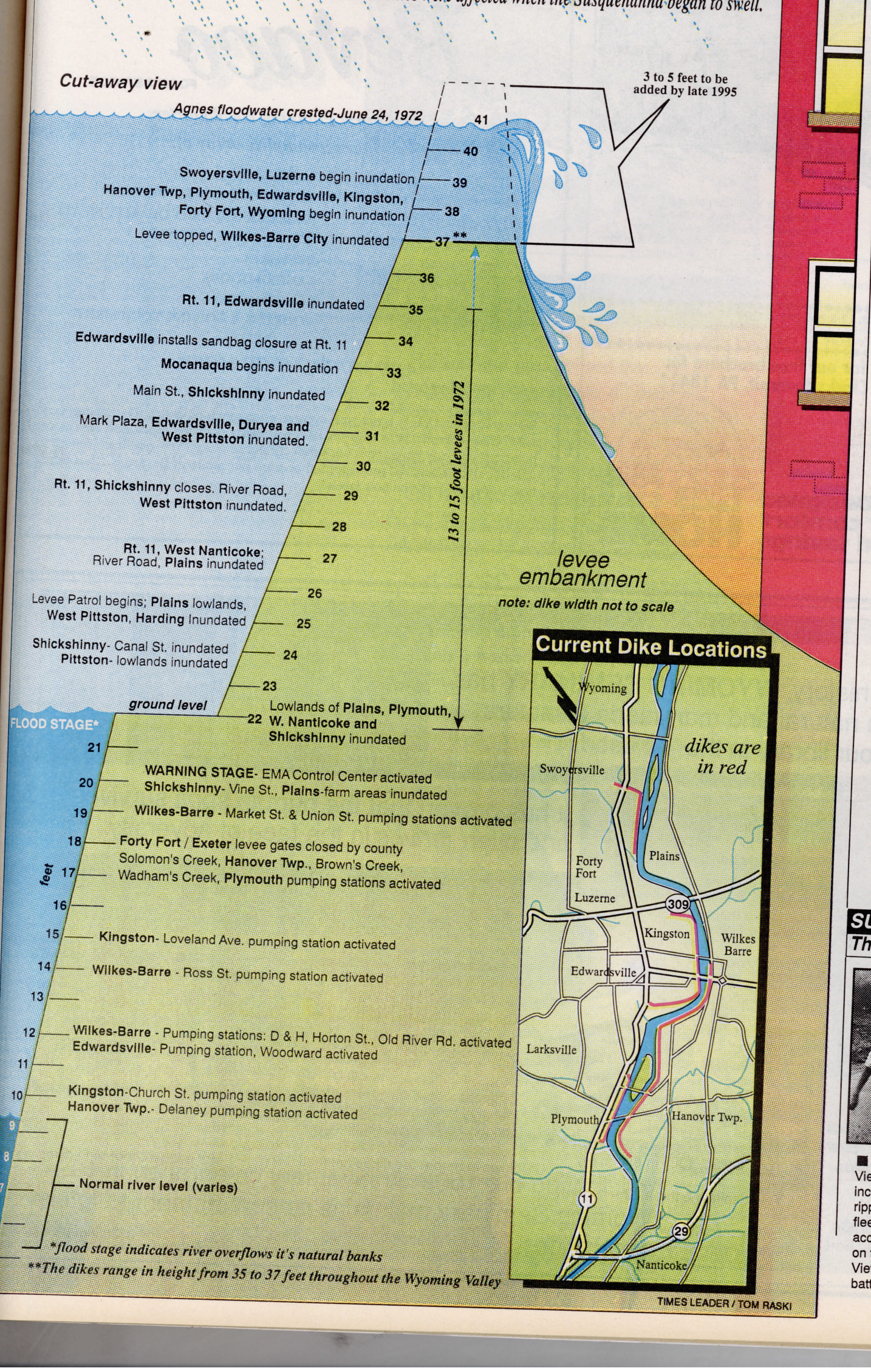
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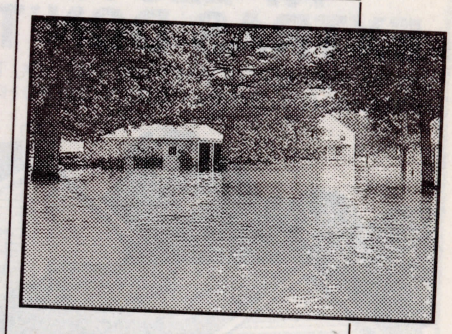


As the waters rose...

Here's a foot-by-foot description of how area communities were affected when the Susquehanna began to swell.



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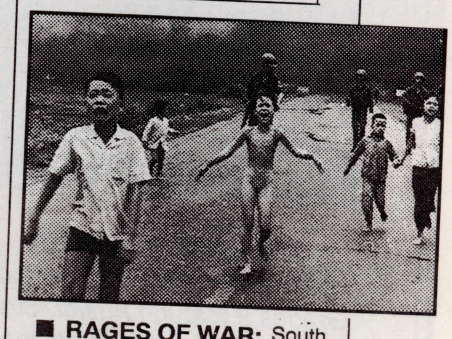


FLOOD FACTS

In Kingston, only 30 of the borough's 6,600 homes escaped damage

The Pringle Fire Company's summer bazaar was set to open when the flood hit the valley below.
``That was a godsend,'' says flood victim Lois Rittenhouse. ``They'd prepared all this homemade food for the bazaar, and they gave it away in food lines. Anyone who walked in could eat.''

SUMMER OF '72
The world went on...



■ **RAGES OF WAR:** South Vietnamese children, including a young girl who ripped off her burning clothes, flee down a road following the accidental dropping of napalm on their village by South Vietnamese planes during a battle.

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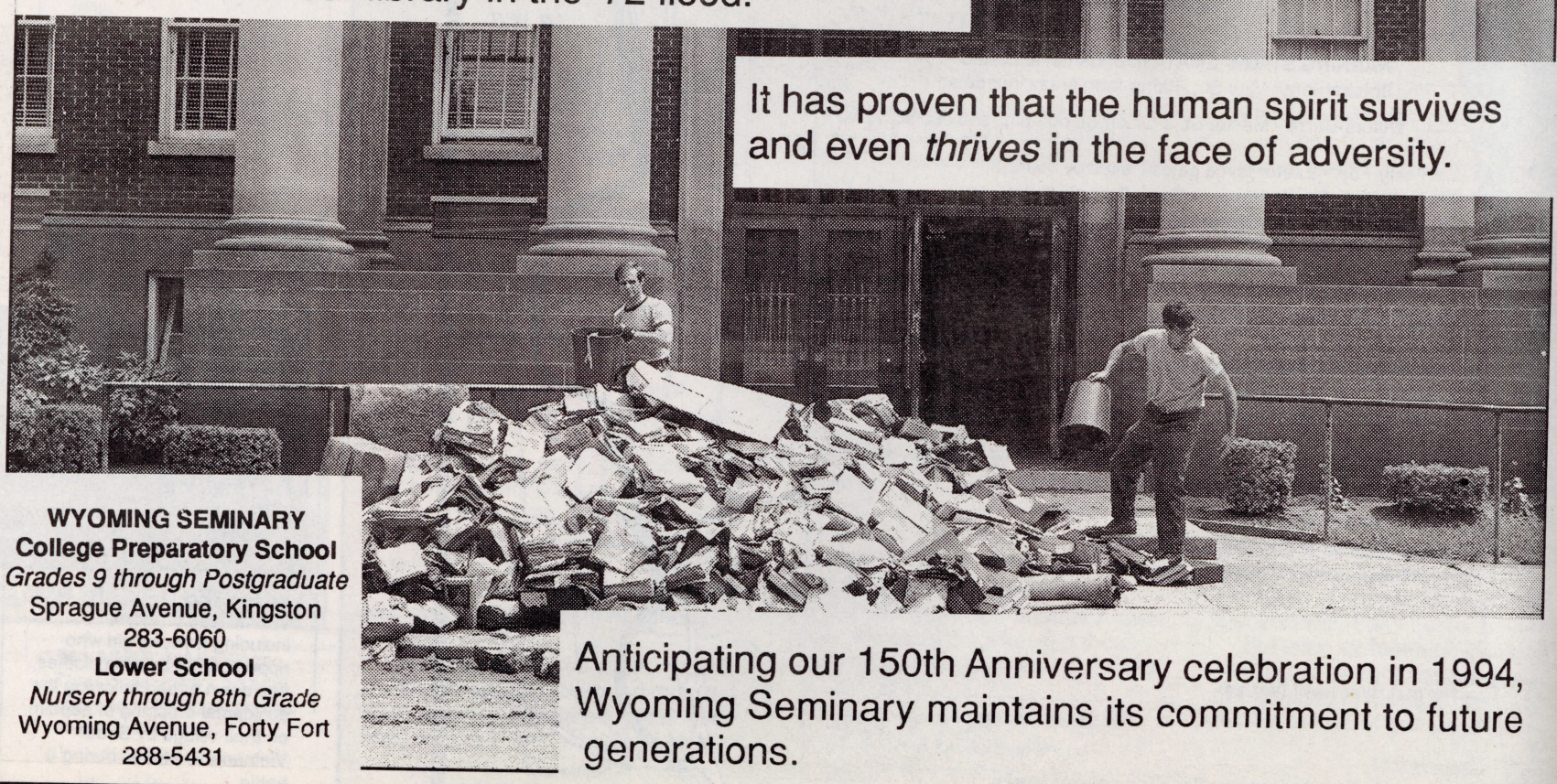
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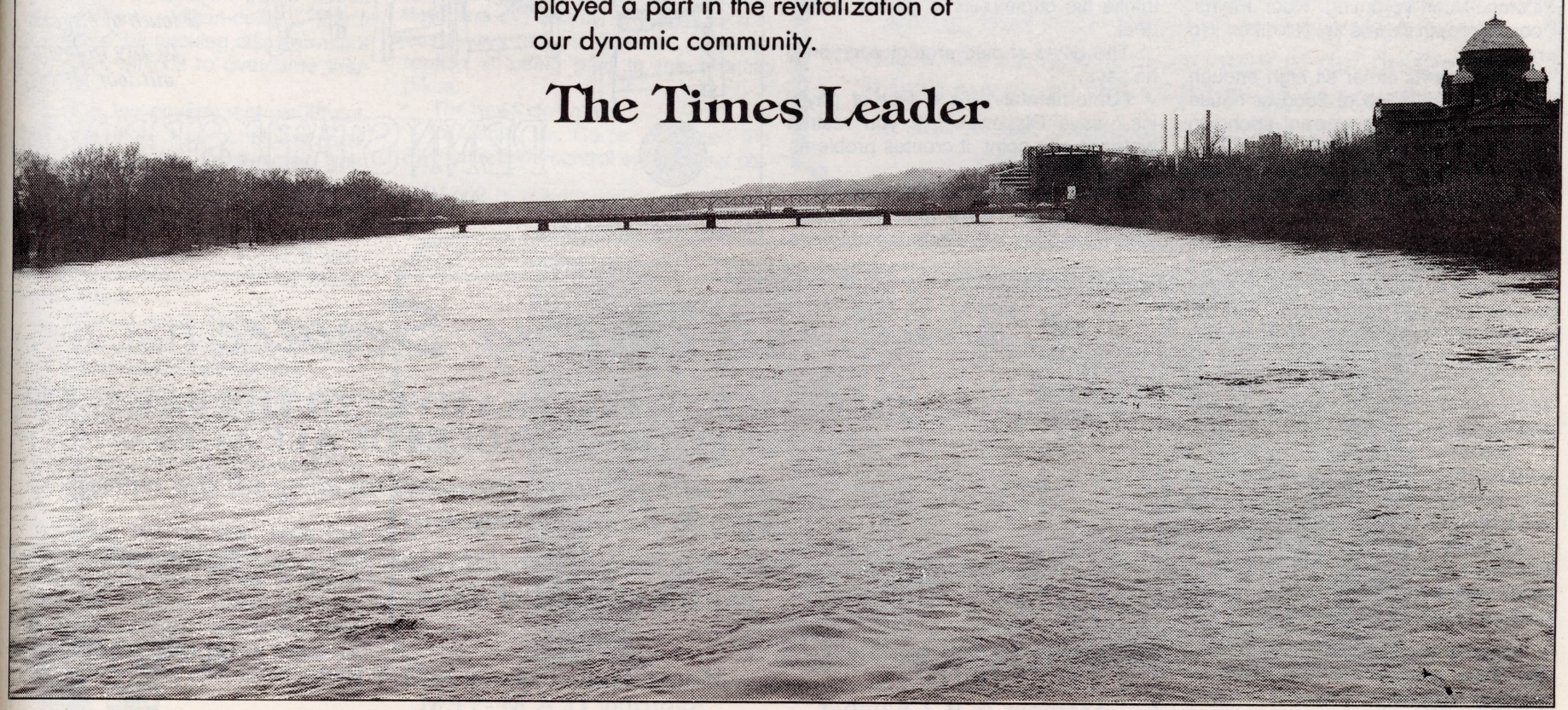
Hurricane Agnes caused the Susquehanna river to rise 40 feet. Water raged across Wyoming Valley. No flood in the history of our nation has ever destroyed so much property.

Once the water receded, residents faced the tremendous challenge of rebuilding a devastated community.

And rebuild we did. Twenty years after the Agnes flood, Wyoming Valley is a renewed community offering all its residents a home which they may take pride in.

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ONE WAY TO REBUILD: MOVE THE DOWNTOWN

Relocate downtown Wilkes-Barre.

Build a 45-foot high dike from New York to the Chesapeake Bay.

Scoop out the middle of the Susquehanna River.

Construct dozens more dams in upstate New York.

Extreme notions all, but possibly — and only possibly — the only ways to prevent a greater storm than Agnes from devastating the populated areas along the Susquehanna River.

Engineers and planners say there is no single sure-fire method to prevent excessive rainfall from filling a river to overflow. But here's a few suggestions:

■ Relocate.

That's just what a U.S. Geological Survey scientist in 1977 said downtown Wilkes-Barre should do.

In an essay published in the Baltimore Sun, the scientist wrote: "Two-thirds of the land contained within the city's boundaries was located on high ground above the flood plain and had sufficient space to accommodate relocation of the downtown.

"What happened? The city chose to rebuild in exactly the same area that was overrun. To do so, it's received $127 million from state and federal coffers with an eventual $300 million downtown renovation planned.

Luzerne County Planning Director Adrian Merolli says, not surprisingly, no one seriously considered relocating the downtown to high ground.

"You'd be surprised how attached people are to things. Look at Centralia. They're sitting on a mine fire and they didn't want to leave."

■ Dredge the river.

Dredging is, in essence, creation of a giant bathtub, says Luzerne County Engineer Jim Brozena. But engineers could dredge here only until they hit the mines that lace the valley because most of the mines already are flooded.

Further, says Brozena, dredging causes gross environmental harm. And, what do you do with the muck you dig out? Create a muckfill?

The cost also is prohibitive.

Brozena says the federal government would cover part of the initial dredging cost but it would be up to the locals to come up with the estimated $1 million a year in maintenance. Once you start dredging you have to keep dredging.

■ Build more flood control dams.

Today, six dams in New York state and numerous local flood control dikes control the water in the Susquehanna River basin. Four of those dams were in service in 1972.

As a general rule, the dams in lower New York state will reduce the threat of floods in Wilkes-Barre. More dams would appear to mean more control.

But, says Brozena, "Upstream communities are not willing to give up property needed to build a dam that will provide them no benefit."

■ Build the world's longest levee.

"If money was no object we'd build a levee from upstate New York to the Chesapeake Bay," says Brozena, who adds that even a 45-foot high, 448-mile dike eventually could fall to another major flood.

"Mother Nature always has the ace."

— Dawn Shurmaitis

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"If it's bigger than Agnes, we're in trouble," says Luzerne County Engineer Jim Brozena, who's supervising the flood-prevention project for the county.

"We built the dikes for the 'biggest flood' in '36 (when riverwater washed over the valley). Agnes in '72 proved that wrong. If we have 26 inches of rain in 24 hours we should build an ark and call for Noah."

Further, there are communities in the valley that never had and will probably never get protective dikes.

On a recent rainy day, Brozena gestures to the clouds outside and says: "Shickshinny is probably within a few feet of flooding right now. Unfortunately, poor Shickshinny doesn't get anything out of this project."

Poor Shickshinny. Poor West Pittston. Poor Wyoming. Poor Plains. Poor Plymouth Township. No dikes. No protection.

These towns either sit high enough to lower the chance of flood or house too few residents to warrant spending millions on flood protection.

Before determining where to spend money, the federal government figures what is called the "benefit-to-cost ratio." When it reviewed Harrisburg after '72, for instance, the Corps calculated how much damage would occur if that area was flooded again and if it was severe enough to justify spending millions of dollars on dikes.

In the end, the Corps decided the cost far outweighed the benefits of protecting the capital city.

"We were extremely lucky to have existing dikes in place," Brozena says. "It's probably the only reason they're still looking to raise the levees here."

Ironically, however, raising dikes in one area can potentially cause even more severe flooding in another area if another big storm blows through.

When a river is restricted by dikes, the dikes prevent the river from expanding naturally. Pressure mounts and the water rises faster with less rainfall. As a result, says Brozena, levee-raising in Exeter could increase the chance of flooding in, say, Plains. All told, 32 riverside communities from Sunbury to Pittston could face greater flooding as a result of the levee-raising.

Originally, the Corps proposed buying and demolishing all homes in Plains and part of Jenkins Township to eliminate potential flooding. That idea was eliminated as too costly.

But the Corps has set aside approximately $15 million for some type of flood protection for those unlucky riverside towns. It's uncertain how that money will be spent.

One proposal calls for buying large-scale insurance policies from Lloyds of London. Another plan suggests using the money to subsidize individual insurance policies.

No matter what the plan, Plains Township Manager Don Olszewski thinks his community is getting a raw deal.

The dikes should protect everyone, he says.

"Unfortunately, it's a fact of physics," says Olszewski. "If you restrict water at one point, it creates problems at another point.

"But it becomes a matter of selective protection: 'We'll offer protection where the dikes were before and let the others go.' I think if they increase the levee they should do it on an equitable basis. If they're going to do it, do it right.

"Unfortunately, we're going to have problems if another hurricane blows up the coast."

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This project, one of the biggest the federal government is tackling today, ultimately will take more than 25 years from blueprint to groundbreaking. Ribbon-cutting is tentatively set for 1999.

The project was first proposed in the early 1970s.

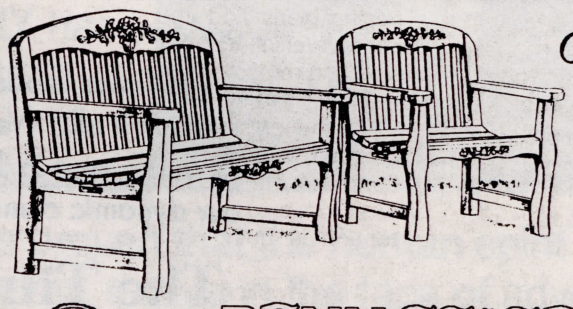
"It's a major public-works project," says Noel Beegle, chief planner for the Baltimore district of the Corps, which plans and constructs such projects and then turns them over to local governments for maintenance and repair.

"Unfortunately, it takes a lot of study. It just takes a long time."

And, it takes a lot of dollars.

The bulk of the Wyoming Valley project will be paid for by the federal gov-

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STREAM-SIDE HOMES ARE AT RISK, TOO

So you want to live along the river.

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Wrong.

The '72 flood focused much-needed attention on the river and on the danger of living in a flood plain. But Wilkes-Barre Planning Director Jack Varaly says it also perpetuated a great misconception — that homes along the river are in the gravest danger of flood.

Varaly says homes near streams face a greater chance of flooding than those built along a river.

Creeks, he says, may cause less damage but they overflow more often.

Homes near streams usually are located within what planners call 100-year flood plains. That means residents there face a one-percent chance of flooding in any given year.

Tropical Storm Agnes, on the other hand, caused a 380-year-flood, meaning the odds are much lower it will happen again in your lifetime or even your children's children's lifetime.

Homes a mile away from the Susquehanna but adjacent to Mill or Solomon's creeks in Wilkes-Barre are considered more prone to disaster than some that line the river.

The riverside Barney Farms development, for instance, is not in a flood plain. Builders there were not required to adhere to special building codes enacted after '72.

But a new business on Carey Avenue, more than a half-mile from the Susquehanna but near a creek, would have to adhere to such regulations, including contruction of living spaces above the first floor and elevation of electric outlets.

"The focus was always on the river," Varaly says. "And although the river represents a potential flood hazard, by virtue of the dikes it's protected.

"I hope that during this 20-year anniversary, attention turns more to the creeks.

"That's not to downplay the river, but the focus should also be directed to the creeks and streams."

— Dawn Shurmaitis

ernment, which is putting up 75 percent of the cost. The state will put up half the local share and the county will kick in anywhere from $15 million to $25 million.

A consulting firm now is looking for ways to pay for that local share, ways that range from raising taxes to floating a bond issue.

But Luzerne County Commissioners Chairman Frank Crossin says it's unlikely individual communities will be asked to contribute like shares.

"Where is a borough like Plymouth going to get that kind of money? They can't even put their cruiser on the street."

But, he says, "The county is firmly committed to the project. It's just a matter of how we'll do it."

Brozena also is confident the project will be built. On time. On budget.

The legislature approved the project this year and it's been included in the president's budget. Now, the only question is whether the levee-raising will be granted "fast-track" status. If it is, construction will start in 1995. If it isn't, building won't begin until 1997.

"At this point it appears we have the hurdles behind us," Brozena said.

If the project stalled for some reason and another billion-dollar storm marched in, the ensuing disaster might prove more difficult to overcome than Agnes.

For one, the government would not provide any more 1 percent loans. And this time, according to Kanjorski, the government would want all its money back. There would be no grace period allowed on loans, which today carry interest rates of between 5 and 8 percent. And redevelopment money would be nonexistent.

As a result, local towns would be forced to shoulder a heavier burden. Taxes would almost certainly rise.

"Overwhelmingly, repairs to infrastructures would fall to local communities," says Kanjorski.

"The cost to the individual would be astronomical."

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The dikes, like the river, have had their share of ups and downs.

Following the twin floods of March 13 and 18, 1936 — when the river crested at 28.8 feet, receded and then rose again to 33 feet — work began on protecting the valley and continued for the next two decades.

But the highest of the levees — 37 feet — still was lower than the 40.6-foot crest reached during Agnes.

Further, over the years, the dikes eroded. The Corps of Engineers first recommended the sagging floodwalls be repaired in the 1960s. That recommendation was ignored.

A little more than 10 years later, the levees were breached at three points: at Charles Street in Wilkes-Barre, along the Forty Fort Cemetery and at South Loveland Avenue in Kingston.

The dikes were raised two feet in 1974, not because of Agnes but because the 40-year-old levees had settled and needed to be built back up to their original height.

One year later, the rising water produced by Hurricane Eloise pushed the water to within two feet of the top. Lowlands flooded, but compared to Agnes damage was minimal.

Throughout the late '70s and '80s, the Corps continued working on levee-raising plans and spent $13 million to improve existing dikes. But actual construction remained years off.

Now it's 1992.

As the legislature continues to wrangle over a starting date for construction, and the county continues to discuss ways to fund its share, more attention is being paid to the existing dikes.

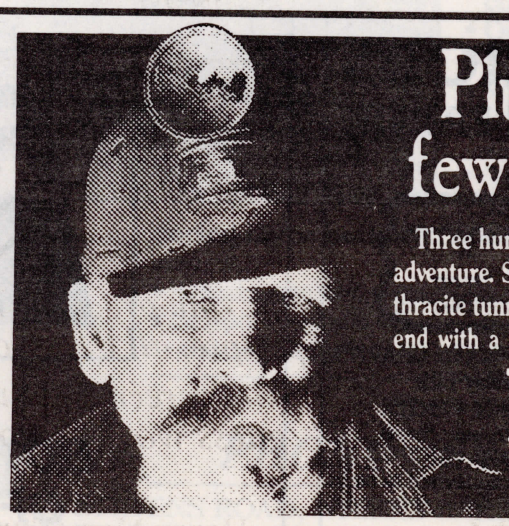
The news isn't good.

In March, the Corps inspected the Plymouth flood-control system and dis-

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covered 56 deficiencies along the 1.5-mile dike. The Corps put a $300,000 price tag on the repair bill.

Luckily, cash-poor Plymouth received a $1.5 million windfall in April, their share of state and federal grants to be used to clean up problems caused by Agnes. The money was tied up for years, awaiting release.

And, of all the dikes in the Wyoming Valley, Plymouth's is the worst.

According to Corps spokesman Harold Clingerman, the Kingston, Swoyersville and Forty Fort dikes received an "outstanding" rating during the last annual inspection conducted by the Corps.

During the October 1991 inspection, the Wilkes-Barre and Hanover Township dikes received "satisfactory" ratings for minor problems. Wilkes-Barre's dikes were plagued by a few groundhog holes and a small oil leak from a transformer. The Hanover dike had similar problems.

But, says Clingerman, "In general, they're in very good condition."

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There are ways to prevent floods other than building or raising dikes, but they are expensive and unrealistic, say engineers and planners.

Still, preventative measures have been taken.

Today, six dams in New York state and numerous local flood-control dikes control the water in the Susquehanna River basin, which stretches from the headwaters at Cooperstown, N.Y., to the Chesapeake Bay. The dams are designed to hold back or store flood water and then release it slowly.

Four of those dams were in service in 1972 but could not completely contain Mother Nature.



CONSTRUCTION of the dike system is shown in this photo from 1958

"The dams reduce the level of flooding but certainly are not able to totally control it," Corps engineer Beegle says.

It's the dikes, however, that are considered the best guarantee against flooding.

And despite what happened in '72, the flood-control system in Wilkes-Barre is a sound one. Beegle insists the dikes did their job.

"The project there worked. It just got a flood even bigger than those it was designed to handle," he says.

As much protection as they provide, dikes alone won't prevent catastrophe. Forces other than Mother Nature are at work.

The rapidity and height of the crest of the river increases with each new home built. Storm runoff that normally would be absorbed in flood plains instead flows into the river because homes and businesses now occupy sponge-like buffer zones.

Every new home and business, every paving project increases the water runoff, says Luzerne County Planning Director Adrian Merolli. "Every time it rains more than a couple of days now the river rises, much higher than before."

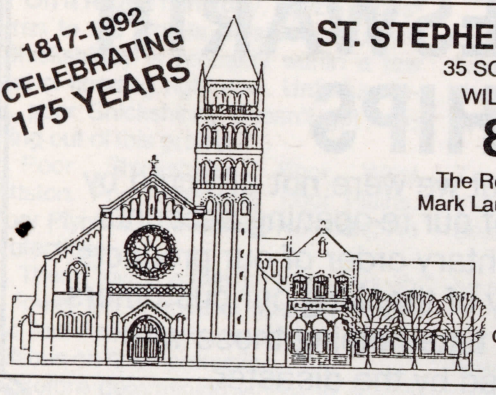
To help, the planning commission is pushing more developers to contain water runoff on site, through retaining basins or holding ponds that allow water to be collected and then to seep back into the watershed naturally, rather than draining into the river.

But no matter what is built, or isn't built, there are no guarantees against disaster.

"It can still go over the top," says Brozena.

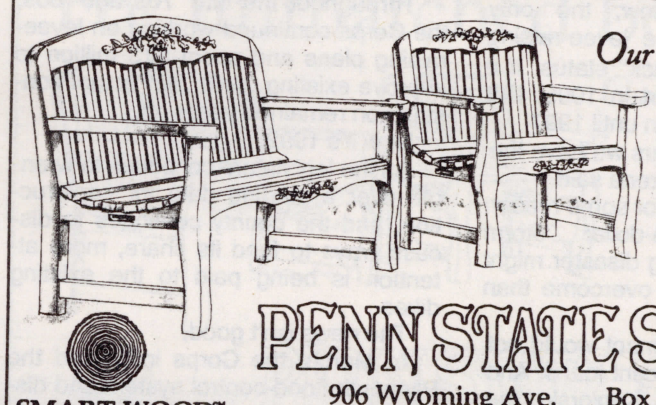
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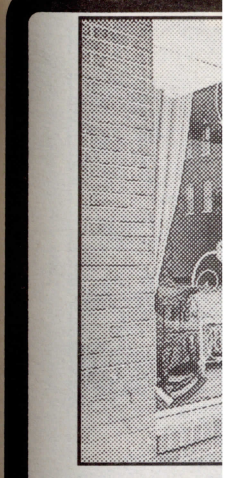
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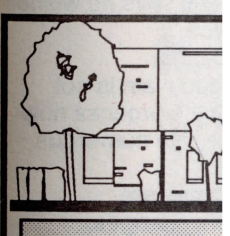
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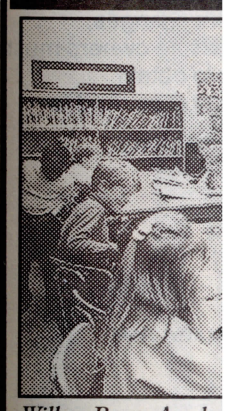
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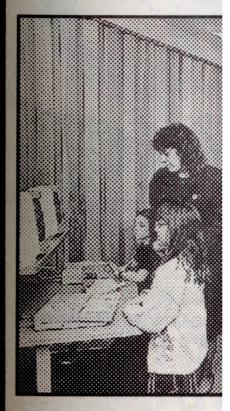
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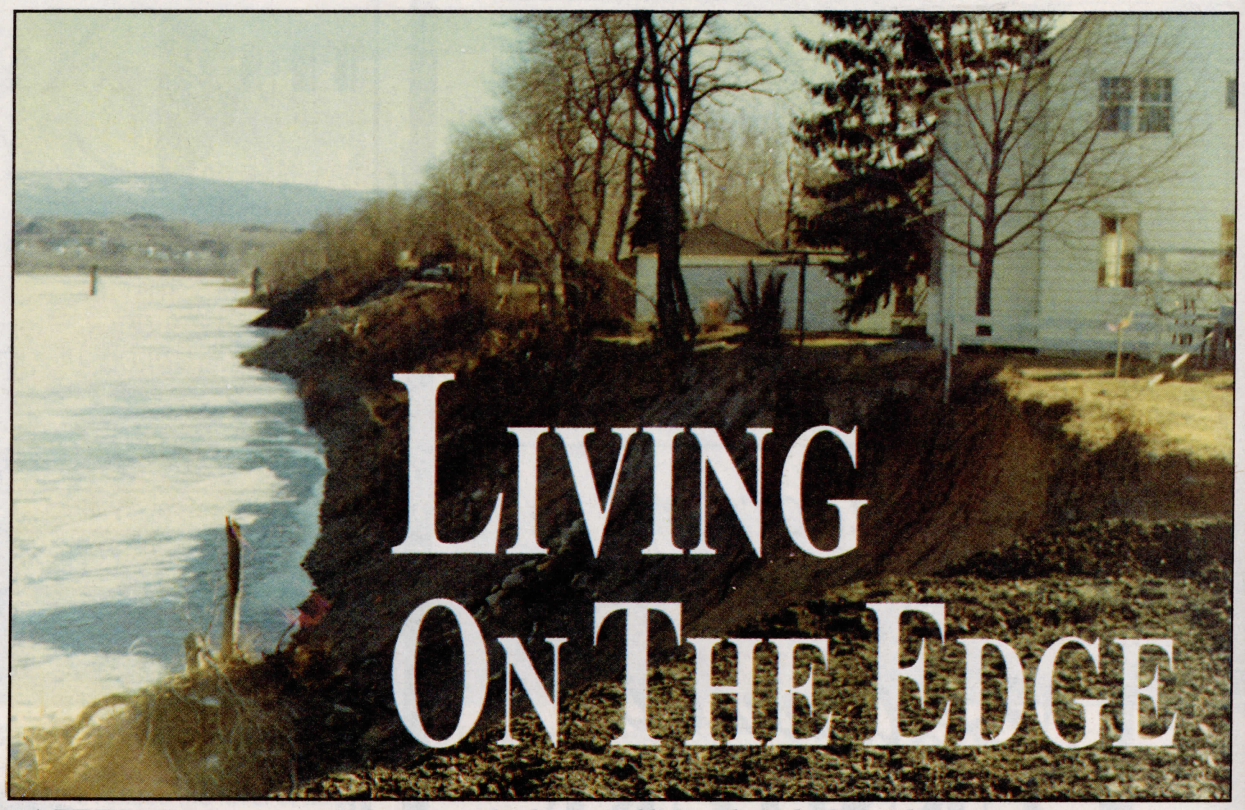
The average homeowner lost $29,000

Four days after the Susquehanna flooded the Valley, Lois Rittenhouse finally met up with her husband, Jim, at the Pringle Fire Hall. A volunteer firefighter, he'd been performing flood work round-the-clock since Thursday night. ``All you had to do was look at the faces of those men, and you knew how exhausted they were,'' Lois says. Jim had already seen their home on Page Street, Kingston, the home where he'd been born. He described the muddy water that rose five-and-a-half feet on the first floor. ``But there's no time for crying,'' he quickly added. ``There's only time for work.''

Living in the flood plain

At right is a look at the flood plain in Wilkes-Barre





LIVING ON THE EDGE

A RIVERSIDE home near Plains shows the dangers of living along the Susquehanna

Despite the flood, despite the fear, the mighty Susquehanna continues to attract thousands of homeowners to its banks.

Although many abandoned riverside communities after 1972 and built in the Back Mountain, Mountaintop and other higher, outlying communities, numerous valley residents either rebuilt, built new or purchased homes in flood plains.

Some were assured by developers they'd get no more than a few feet of water in their basement should another Agnes strike.

Others installed tiny "flood gates" in their first-floors, gates designed to open if water reaches a certain level, allowing the river to flow right into, and out of, the home. The gates should prevent the powerful force of the water from knocking the home off its foundation.

Despite the legacy of Agnes, many people continue to build and live within the reach of the Susquehanna's unpredictable fury

And, of course, there's the flood insurance. Since Agnes, it's been required for residents who live in a flood plain or who have federally insured mortgages.

But despite the precautions and the insurance, many think those who build or live in flood plains are, well, plain crazy.

"I would never, ever build a new house down there," says Judy Karem, who lived one block from the river on Gordon Street in South Wilkes-Barre until 1972, when her flood-ravaged home was bulldozed. She relocated to Hanover Township, far from the river, far from the possibility of flood.

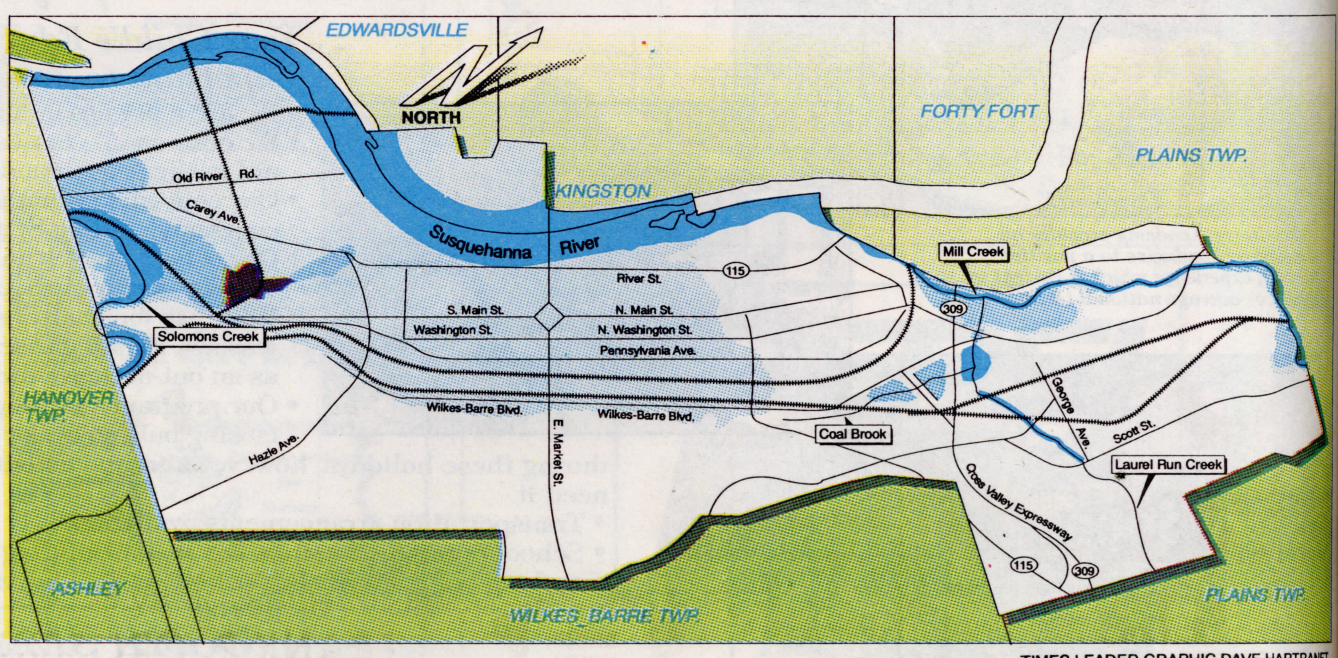
"But people forget," she says. "Their memories are dim. People are putting up beautiful homes down by the river now. My husband says he wishes we would have stayed.

"I say 'no, no, no.' "

Building in the flood plain is not prohibited, although the process now requires compliance with numerous regulations.

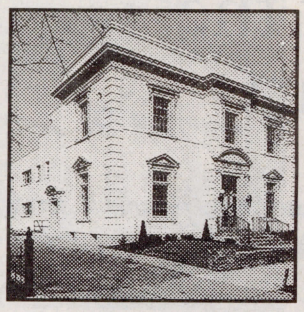
While existing homes are "grandfathered" from changes, developers or new-home owners must flood-proof in order to obtain subsidized flood insurance. And to

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story by: ***Dawn Shurmaitis***
Times Leader Staff Writer



FLOOD FACTS

Kingston's Hoyt Library was not back in full operation until June of 1973, a year after the flood. The library estimated it lost approximately 48,000 books and suffered $750,000 in damages.

"They just came. I don't really know how they found us." Florence Rinehimer remembers the Mennonite women who helped clean their house -- flooded well up onto the second floor on Charles Street, Wilkes-Barre. "They were darling, very, very good people."

CLASS OF '73

BACK TO SCHOOL BLUES

Going back to school in September 1972 was a real test for students in the flood plain

story by: ***Jerry Kellar***
Times Leader Sports Writer

They remember football games and Saturday night dances and proms. They remember those certain special teachers forever, while certain others have been wiped from their memories.

They remember study halls and sick days and running through crowded corridors.

Most of all, however, the Wyoming Valley West High School graduating class of 1973 remembers the bulldozers.

"They had bulldozers working in the school when we first got there," Plymouth native Paulette Janoski Villastrigo recalled of her senior year. "That was pretty amazing."

James Ferris, then principal of eighth and ninth grade and now senior high principal, said, "Every time the bulldozer went in the building, you could feel the place shake. It was a very interesting experience."

"It was a mess, was what it was," said Jack Duda, a '73 WVW grad who lived in Larksville at the time. "You had to watch the areas where you went because there was some heavy-duty construction going on. One section of the first floor was completely open. There wasn't any walls. You could see right down eight classrooms.

"I'll never forget that."

It was indeed an unforgettable year for the 400-plus men and women who will forever be known as "The Class After Agnes."

Tropical Storm Agnes and the subsequent flooding devastated 48 square miles of the Wyoming Valley and caused $6.3 billion worth of destruction (in today's dollars).

The raging waters destroyed or damaged more than 25,000 homes and affected 2,728 commercial establishments.

Schools were not unscathed. The Valley West school district was undoubtedly hit the hardest.

The flood closed the junior high school building in Plymouth, which was used for ninth- and 10th-graders. Those students had to report to the high school in Kingston, normally used for only 11th- and 12th-grade students.

On the first day of class that September, faculty and students found workmen scurrying around, trying to refurbish damaged floors, and trucks rumbling on the school grounds.

Because the Plymouth building was condemned, WVW officials elected to go with split sessions at the Kingston building for the next 1½ years. Students in grades 11 and 12 had class from around 7 a.m. until noon. Ninth-and 10th-graders "worked" the afternoon shift from 12:30 until 5.

"Basically, when we were coming out of school, they were coming in," said Plymouth's Dave Bonawits, now a policeman. "There was a lot of confusion. That whole year, you just felt like everything was rushed."

Rushed and out of order.

According to Ferris, the gymnasium and auditorium were used as homerooms and classrooms, while the library became makeshift offices for school officials.

"Everybody was in there," he laughed.

To complicate matters, electrical power had been disrupted in sections of the Kingston building, knocking out the computers used for scheduling classes.

Many of the toilet facilities were out of order, some rooms had only chairs and no desks, and exposed electrical wires hung everywhere.

Still, students and teachers banded together, and school life trudged on.

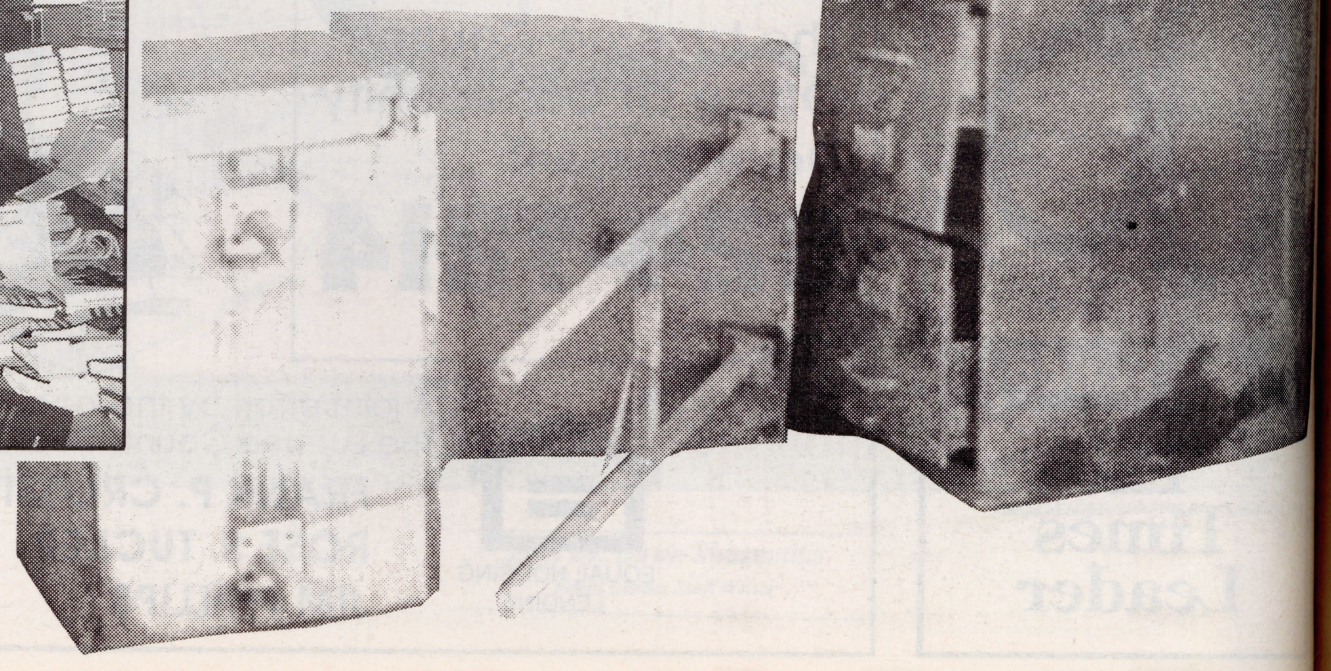
"For some reason, I think everybody kind of dug down a little bit deeper and most seemed to handle it pretty well," Ferris said.

Slowly, a semblance of order and normalcy was restored.

The traditionally powerful football

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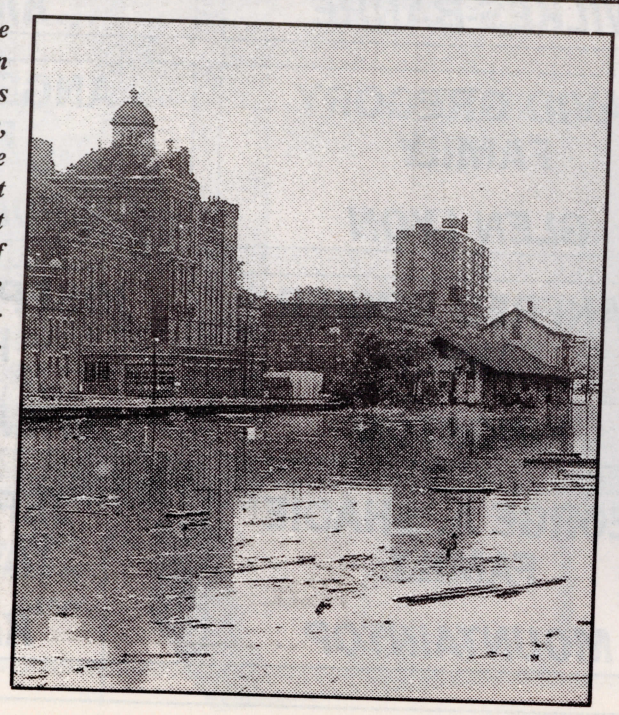


A COLLEGE BOOKSTORE, above, shows the disarray left behind by Agnes

ONE MORE LOOK BACK



MANY of the homes on Wilkes-Barre's Riverside Drive, above, were devastated. At right, the wet remains of Wilkes-Barre Boulevard near the Stegmaier Brewery.





A COAST GUARD boat, above, navigates a Wilkes-Barre street.

Ann Collies?



A SWOYERSVILLE garage, right, was relocated by Agnes. Below, flood waters fill the first floors of buildings on Main Street in Plymouth.





WILKES-BARRE, near Gus Genetti's hotel, on June 24, 1972





ONE AREA STREET, above, takes on the appearance of a lake's boat launch. At left, a Wyoming Valley home is numbered for demolition.

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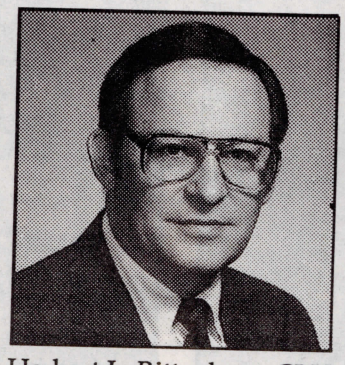


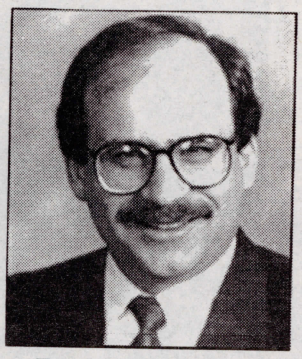
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THERE WERE NO STRANGERS, ONLY NEW FRIENDS

They came in twos and threes, and like rabbits, they multiplied.

In the hours after the Susquehanna spilled over its banks in 1972, flood victims crowded into homes outside the flood plain.

Some stayed for days; some stayed for months.

Sometimes, they knew their hosts; sometimes, they did not.

"It seemed each time I'd pull into the driveway, there'd be another car and another family I didn't know," says Ann Corey. "Our child would be standing in the doorway saying 'Daddy said they could come here to sleep.' "

No matter.

The Coreys felt blessed their four-bedroom home in Laflin escaped the damage of the Agnes Flood.

So they opened their arms and home to flood victims, sheltering 19 people and a couple of dogs in the last week of June 1972 and keeping two families with them throughout the summer.

Such altruism was the single positive effect of the flood, psychologists say.

Agnes' destruction was expansive in scope and deep in breadth, but it also shattered community stratifications and opened hearts.

"People who weren't in the flood were so thankful, they empathized with those who were flood victims. There was a genuine caring, a strong sense of community. People realized their similarities rather than their differences," says Barbara Howell, a family counselor in Forty Fort.

Peter Corey, chief of surgery at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, was busy caring for hundreds of patients sent hurriedly to General from flood-stricken hospitals.

His wife, Ann, hustled at home.

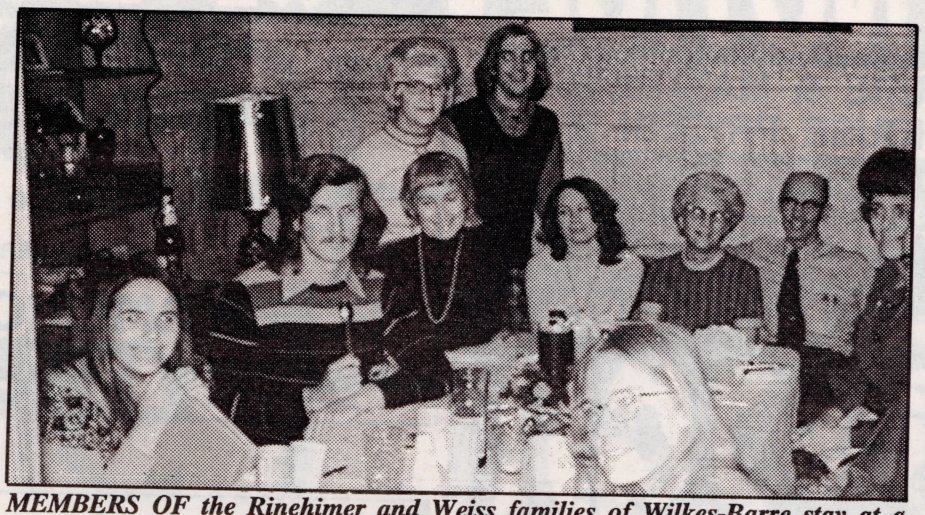
She kept the grill hot, cooked up five gallons of spaghetti sauce and 40 pork chops a night.

She stocked baby food in the refrigerator, since her guests ranged in age from five months to 83 years.

She spread sleeping bags on the floor and wedged portable cots throughout the house.

Peter Corey kept the liquor cabinet stocked.

"I never went through so much liquor at my house in my life," he says, the memory prompting a deep laugh. "We barbequed and drank, barbequed and drank. Everybody was trying to make light of a bad situation so they kept pouring drinks."



MEMBERS OF the Rinehimer and Weiss families of Wilkes-Barre stay at a friend's home during the flood. *(A story on the two families' flood experiences begins on page 53.)*

A family friend who owned a garment factory donated clothes to the Coreys' guests, who'd arrived without money, extra clothing or other essentials.

Wherever there was dry ground in that mud-soaked summer, the story repeated itself.

U.S. Appeals Court Judge Max Rosenn and his wife Tillie evacuated their Kingston home and rushed to their summer cottage at Harveys Lake, only to find it filled with relatives and friends who'd evacuated earlier. The Rosenns trekked down the road where they helped themselves to a friend's house.

When Deputy Coroner Joseph Shaver returned to his Wyoming home after cleaning and inspecting corpses unearthed from the Forty Fort Cemetery, he had to step over unfamiliar bodies sleeping on his floors.

While he'd been performing flood emergency work, his wife Janice had been caring for dozens of flood victims at home.

The Agnes Flood created impromptu extended families, casual sleeping arrangements, hundreds of picnics and a special bond among people who'd once been strangers.

The flood created humorous moments, too.

In Courtdale, where Coroner George Hudock and his wife Helen sheltered eight victims, the only real problem was in the bathroom.

The line was long and the water pressure low.

The Hudocks scooped buckets of water from their swimming pool to flush the toilet, and the impatient little boys went into the woods instead of the bathroom.

The boys found adventure, too, in walking to the borough building instead of the store to gather free cans of soup and jars of peanut butter.

"It was fun," says Helen Hudock. "We wanted to cheer them up so we had a lot of picnics and hung balloons. We made the best of it. The neighbors were wonderful, too."

Simple things, like a hot cup of coffee or a clean glass of water, became treasures worthy of appreciation.

As flood victims prepared to go home in August, facing the long and arduous work of repairing their properties, the Hudocks' neighbors threw a huge farewell party.

"People discovered the rewards of altruism," says Howell. "I think it raised their self-esteem and expanded their sense of their lives. They functioned at a higher level. For the majority of people, it takes a crisis to trigger that."

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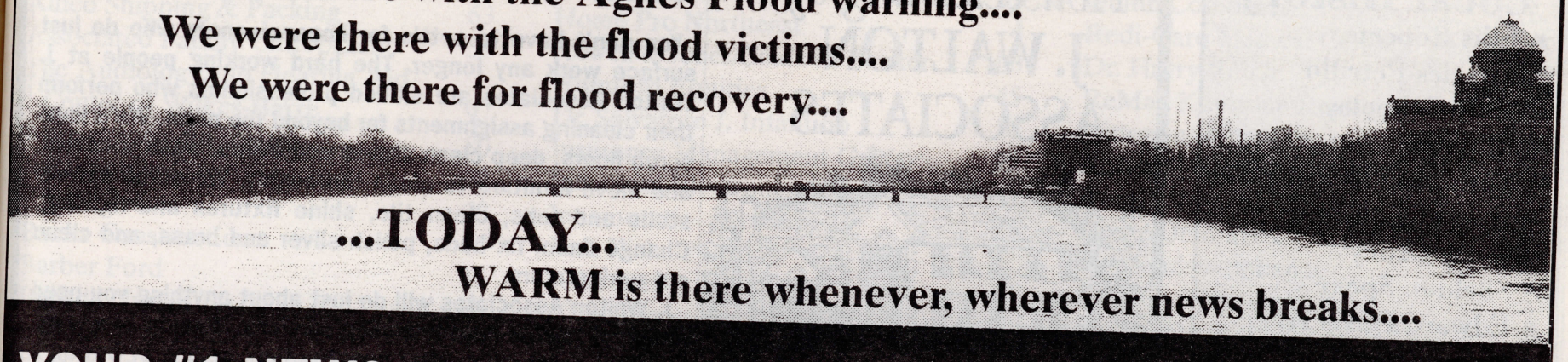
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A POWER BOAT races up a flooded Wyoming Avenue in Kingston.

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Class

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team practiced at Plymouth's Huber Field and showered under cold water in the facility's cramped dressing quarters. It lost its first game to Bishop McDevitt High on a still-soggy field in Kingston, but rebounded for an 8-3 season.

The school's marching band, which lost all but one of its uniforms in the flood, proudly performed at games dressed in burgundy and gold sweatshirts, knitted hats and dark trousers.

And, despite the loss of a few high school staples — shop class and club activities — students didn't seem to feel short-changed.

"I never felt cheated, because some of my friends lost everything," said Villastrigo, who lives in Plainsboro, N.J., with her husband Vance and 2-year-old son, Michael. "We (her family) had absolutely no flood damage. And when you looked around and saw such mass devastation ... I really felt fortunate that I was spared that."

Many of her classmates agreed.

"It was hard on those people who were in the flood," said Duda, who lives in Kingston with his wife Ellen and two daughters. "We had the same family structure. We had a house to come home to. It was a terrible year, in respect to the disaster that took place in people's lives."

Bonawits, who lives in Plymouth with his wife Sandra and four children, said, "In many ways, you couldn't wait for the year to get over with."

While many of the bittersweet memories have faded over 20 years, Villastrigo, Duda and Bonawits all realize they have been a part of history. And they know that being part of "The Class After Agnes" makes them something special.

"Maybe it made us all a little more mature," Villastrigo added. "Even though we didn't realize it at the time."

"I think it made people a little closer," Bonawits said.

Duda said, "I couldn't believe that something like that would ever happen in our lives. But I think people back then were able to handle it. There wasn't as much stress then, as many problems as there are now.

"I'd fear for today if a flood came again." ■

Edge

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obtain federally insured mortgages, homeowners must obtain flood insurance.

Requirements include elevating living areas above the ground level, adding louvers and installing all electrical boxes above the first floor.

That's the plan. The reality?

"Sometimes it's not administered correctly, or at all" says Luzerne County Planning Director Adrian Merolli.

The county approves subdivision ordinances in 27 of 76 municipalities and zoning ordinances in 18. The remainder rely on their own zoning officers and planning directors to OK plans.

But, says Merolli, some communities lack the experts to determine if the building codes are followed. As a result it's possible some buildings have gone up in flood plains without proper controls.

"You must develop the expertise within the town as weil as the desire and will of the governing body," Merolli says.

"If the economy is booming, the planners tend to be more conservative. If there's a recession and someone wants to build in a flood plain, they're more likely to say 'go ahead.'

"You can build," Merolli says. "Whether or not it's prudent or logical is a whole 'nother matter.

"Look at Riverside Drive in Wilkes-Barre. It's pretty. They have the River Common. But they're taking their chances."

Merolli grew up in Mocanaqua, which remains unprotected by the dike. After Hurricane Eloise in 1975, when the river crept within two feet of the Wilkes-Barre dikes and flooded much of Shickshinny, including Merolli's mother's basement for the umpteenth time, Merolli told her: "That's it, you're moving in with us. I'm not shoveling mud again."

"People learn to cope, and live with it. They put the sump pump in their basement, pump the water out when it rains and go on with their business." ■









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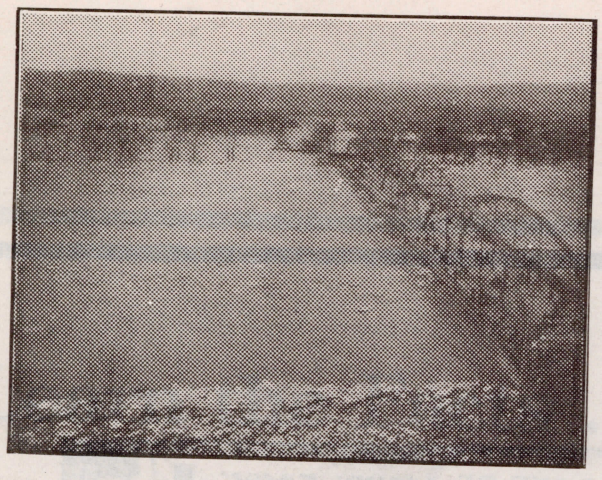








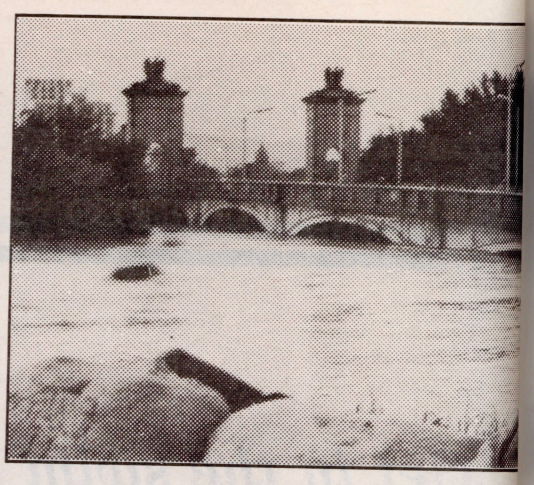
After 75 years of coping with floods, train wrecks, fires, wars, plagues, chemical accidents, and hurricanes, the Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross has something to celebrate: a volunteer spirit that is as alive today as it was in 1917 when the Chapter was formed. To commemorate 75 years of service to the people of the Wyoming Valley, Red Cross combed its archives to create this photographic retrospective. This family album is our tribute to those people whose work and gifts over the years brought help and hope to their neighbors, and to those who are helping their neighbors today. And, as in 1917 when our chapter was founded, perhaps others will be inspired to join.



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McCarthy's servicemen aid in the rescue operations during the Agnes Flood of 1972

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McCarthy's 20 years later.

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Plain hard work, an unselfish sense of community service and participation, and dedicated people fittingly describes the valley's road to recovery.

The McCarthy family proudly shares in that philosophy with the way they run their business, observing how partnership roles over the past 20 years have brought achievements and rewards to those who persevered.

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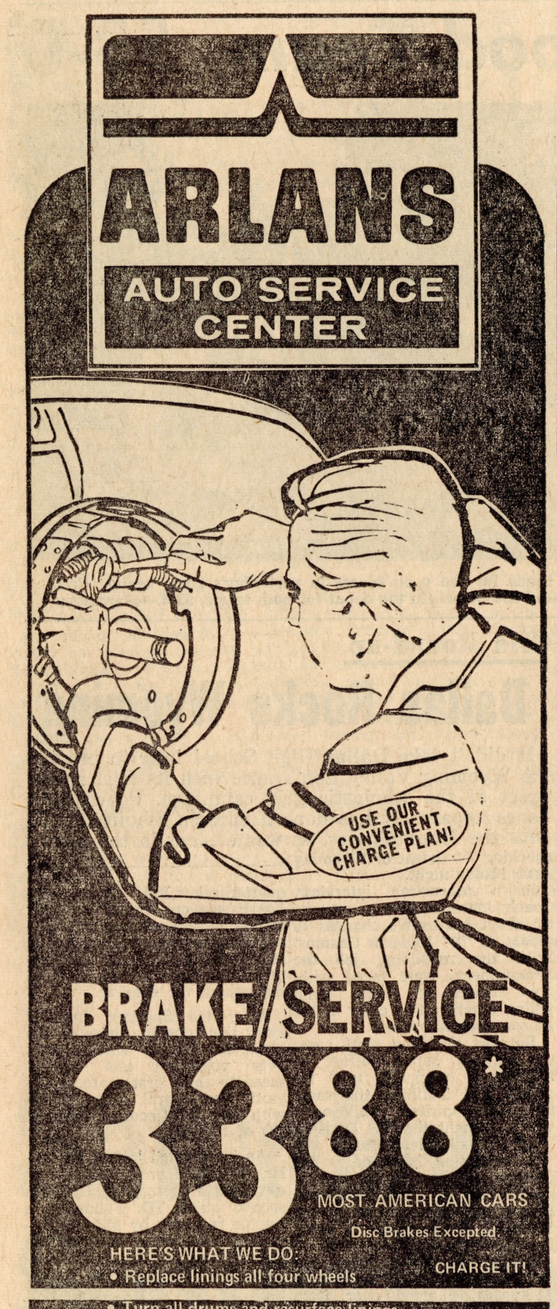
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On Sept. 23 for Old Hat Trophy

Wilkes Gridmen Preparing For Susquehanna Opener

The Wilkes College football Colonels are currently undergoing intensive two-a-day drills in preparation for their Sept. 23 season inaugural with the Crusaders of Susquehanna University at Selinsgrove.

The game will be taking on added significance in the fact that the tilt has been designated as part of the 13th annual Sunbury Kiwanis Football Charities Festival.

Winner of the tilt will take possession of the "Old Hat" of football pioneer Amos Alonzo Stagg for one year.

During his intercollegiate coaching career, which spanned from 1890 to 1946, Stagg recorded a 314-197-35 log through 57 campaigns. Most of his record 314 victories were registered at the University of Chicago (1892-32), although he also spent considerable time at Springfield (1890-91); University of the Pacific (1933-46); and Susquehanna.

Stagg and his son, Amos Alonzo Jr., served as co-coaches at Susquehanna from 1947 through 1952 seasons. Their 1951 team finished with a 6-0 record.

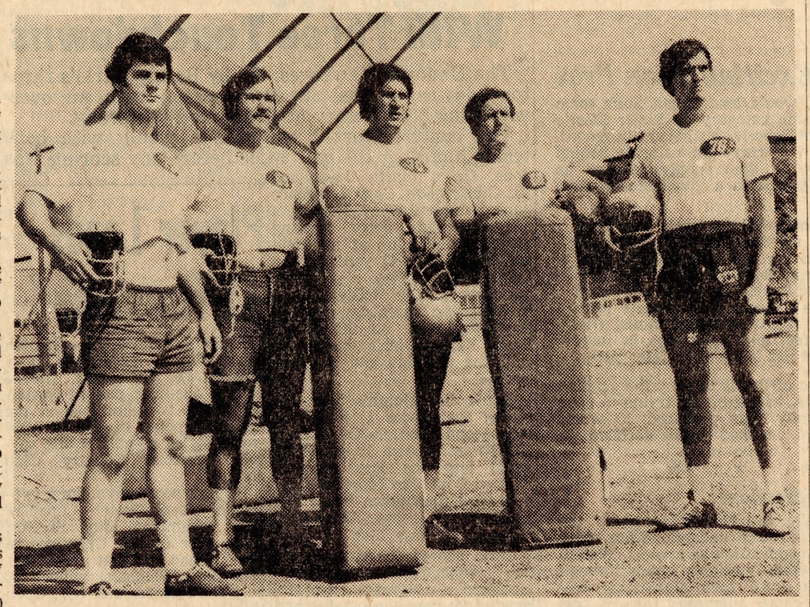
One member of that championship squad was present Crusader mentor, Jim Hazlett, who earned first team recognition as an offensive center on the Associated Press "Little All American" squad that year.

Another standout on that team was quarterback Rich Young, who later coached at Northumberland High School and now teaches in the Shikellamy School system.

Stagg gave his "Old Hat" to Young after the latter's senior season. He had it bronzed and made into a trophy for the Kiwanis series. Stagg frequently walked around Selinsgrove and appeared on the field wearing the hat.

Past Susquehanna foes since the inception of the Kiwanis festival in 1960 have been Lycoming (1960, 61, 62), Youngstown (1963), Randolph-Macon (1964), Marietta (1965), Waynesburg (1966, Wittenberg (1967), Western Maryland (1968), Otterbein (1969), Juniata (1970), and Grove City (1971).

Wilkes will be meeting the Crusaders for the first time since 1961 when the locals dropped a 21-8 decision to the Orange and Maroon. Only Wilkes win of the prior four-game series came in 1959 when the Blue and Gold were victorious by a 12-7 count.



Veteran lettermen composing Wilkes College's defensive line anxiously await the start of the Colonels' 27th grid season, on Sept. 23 against Susquehanna. Going through the passes at Ralston Field and Artillery Park are, left to right: John Van Gorder, Steve Adamchak, Jeff Grandinetti, Joe Pavill, and Pat Ratchford.—(Paramount Studio)

SPORTS MAIL BAG

Says Auto Race Clogged Route 80 Too

Dear Lou—You stated in your column that someone should stop to all that silliness, a rock show at Pocono International Raceway, which attracted a crowd of 120,000 and a profit of $100,000, since it clogged traffic on Route 80 for miles.

If you're so concerned about clogged traffic on Route 80, then why did your paper do so much advertising about the Auto Races at the same raceway? Is it because the auto races gave you a few free passes while the rock show didn't?

As you well know the auto races jammed traffic the entire weekend. If the rock show is eliminated then eliminate the auto races.

Furthermore, the city of Wilkes-Barre bigwigs tried to steal all the publicity from the Stroudsburg twin cities which are located in Monroe County near the race track while Wilkes-Barre is in Luzerne County.

Remember how the Chamber of Commerce, bigwigs and sportswriters tried to bask in the limelight to advertise the city of Wilkes-Barre by sticking their noses in an affair which should have been promoted by the Stroudsburg cities!

They tried to promote Wilkes-Barre, a city that is supposed to have everything, but a local bus company believes otherwise since they charter so many trips or tours everywhere except to the man-made mountains of Wyoming Valley.

Furthermore, it took a tropical storm Agnes to cancel the limelight basking of the bigwigs since the flood was a bigger attention.

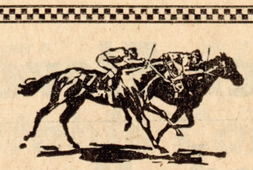
—B. M. SUSZIAK AND ROCK FANS

Billie King Defends U.S. Open Title

FOREST HILLS, N.Y. (UPI)—Billie Jean King, the defending Wimbledon titleholder, defended her U. S. Open title with a 6-3, 7-5 victory over Kerry Melville of Australia at Forest Hills yesterday.

Mrs. King, who defeated her most dangerous foe, Margaret Court, in the semi-finals Friday, had difficulty with Miss Melville only in the second set. The ninth-seeded Miss Melville had ambushed Chris Evert in the seris.

In men's action, Arthur Ashe and Romanian Ilie Nastase gained the final round with clear-cut victories. Ashe trounced 12th-seeded Cliff Richey, 6-1, 6-4, 7-6 and Nastase rallied to put out unseeded and unhearalded Tom Gorman of Seattle, 4-6, 7-6, 6-2, 6-1.



TRACK TALK

By M. T. POCKETTS

(Note—The following article is excerpted from the book "The Wrath of Agnes." It was written by Earl Watson, Pocono Downs publicity chief.)

At Pocono Downs, perhaps first warning that a disaster was in the making was an early morning hour call on Friday (June 23) for empty feed bags. Breaking the silence of the night, the urgent request for bags was blared over the stable area public address system.

Everybody turned out, grooms and trainers alike. And those who had families on the grounds, their kids pitched in. Half-filled oats bags were emptied of their contents, since it seemed every bag counted in the fight to hold back the rising Susquehanna River.

Thousands of the sacks were rounded up and taken by police-escorted trucks to the Wilkes-Barre dikes. Scores of horsemen, watchmen and other track personnel loaded still more bags onto pickup trucks and drove to town to help fill them with earth and bank them up against the river.

Hours later, when the battle to contain the rampaiging Susquehanna was eventually lost, horsemen returned to the track. But little did they realize, it was only the beginning.

From the start of the crisis, Pocono Downs was utilized as an emergency food and medical center. The first wave of military copters from Lakehurst, Quonset Point and Willow Grove used the race track infield to drop off flood victims, many of whom were pulled from rooftops, even treetops.

The clubhouse was converted into an infirmary and registration center with 20 volunteer nurses working shifts around the clock. Dr. Mario Sindaco, the track physician whose Kingston home was swept away, organized a medical corps of volunteer doctors from as far away as Philadelphia and Wilmington, Del. Some of the evacuees remained in the clubhouse while the more seriously injured were transported by ambulance to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital or VA Hospital. Others were moved out to nearby community centers.

Trucks carted in tons of foodstuffs and clothing which horsemen and other volunteers unloaded and stored in the grandstand area. The Army set up mobile water purification systems in the paddock and the infield and Civil Defense established a communications base atop the grandstand.

For days, track facilities were utilized as a disbursal point for these foods stuffs and clothing brought in from distant period, copters carried supplies out of the track to isolated areas. Later the track parking lot was converted into a food depot.

Between 3 p.m. Friday, when the first helicopters arrived, and the following Tuesday, 10,000 refugees went through. Many came for typhoid and tetanus shots. Others came for a sandwich and coffee. There were cardiac cases and pregnant women. There were lost children . . . and lost adults.

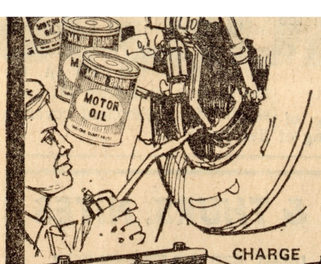
A woman of regal bearing alighted from a chopper accompanied by her maid and three French poodles. She set up a small compound in a corner of the clubhouse and stayed for days. "Simply lovely quarters," she told track officials as she and her poodles departed.

Ralph Massias, clubhouse maitre de who is a product of one of Europe's finest chef schools donned his golf cap and apron, rolled up his sleeves and went to work in the kitchen. He turned out such specialties as spaghetti and meatballs in wine sauce, ham with pineapple glace in champagne sauce and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Always there were peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. In the first 24 hours, stable swipes, security personnel, waiters and waitresses, maintenance men, ticket-takers and secretaries had made 10,000 sandwiches. Sportservice Corporation, the concessionnaire at Pocono Downs, exhausted its reserves of bread and peanut butter, jellies and cold cuts and the second day, 4,000 loaves of fresh bread were brought in. In four or five days, it's a good guesstimate the sandwich chefs turned out over 100,000 sandwiches.

The following Wednesday, even before the track was closed as an evacuation center, General Manager Ed Gilkey, who himself only had 45 minutes sleep the first 48 hours while directing operations, decided racing would resume Friday night.

"I thought people might like to see something besides mud and wreckage, Gilkey noted. "Second I had a responsibility



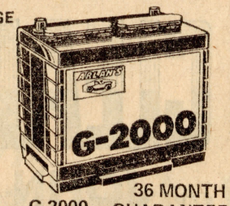
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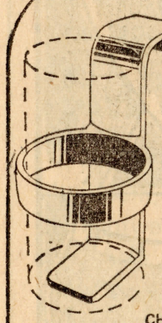
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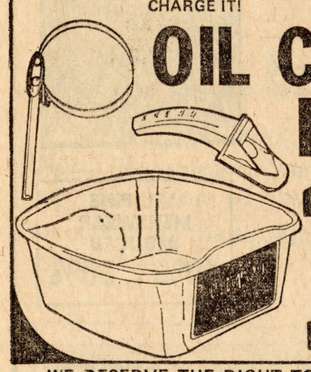
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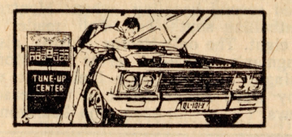
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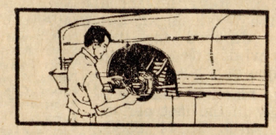
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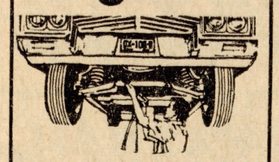
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that business-as-usual was possible in spite of everything. Fourth the payroll here is important to the economy of Wyoming Valley and, of course, our organization was depending on me to get back in business as soon as possible.

When the track reopened for business that Friday, one of the patrons encountered Gilkey and stated: "I'll never forget landing in your infield."

"Or ever eat another peanut-butter-and jelly sandwich," said the general manager.

It is generally conceded that of all the areas affected by the floods, the Wyoming Valley area was the hardest hit. The destruction was unbelievable. The loss in property is immeasurable and, although Pocono Downs was spared from the ravages of the flood, the loss to the track in terms of dollars and cents was also immeasurable. For one, Pocono lost seven racing dates but Gilkey added four matinee programs and additional races to help make up the difference for the horsemen.

And, too, the human misery created by the disaster is indescribable although the New York Times puts it very well: "At Pocono Downs Racetrack, converted into a receiving center, hundreds of evacuees, showing in their faces and their carriage the sagging sense of resignation, lined up for dry clothing that just seemed to appear. Children were strangely silent. Small babies cried, but older children merely stood around holding tightly to adult hands and clutching an armload of toys with which they never played."

The flood, its immeasurable destruction and the inconveniences it caused of course, had different meanings to different people. While it was raining hard the first day, one horseman was notified that Thursday's racing program had been called off. Shaking his head, he retorted, "Dag gone, just when I drew the one hole, too."

William and Mary Crushes Furman, 31-7

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (UPI)— Sophomore tailback Doug Gerhart scored two touchdowns in the first half, one on a 47-yard run, to lead William and Mary to a 31-7 route of Furman in the season opener for both teams yesterday.

Another sophomore, quarterback Bill Deery, scored the Indians' other two touchdowns in the fourth quarter with plunges of one and two yards.

William and Mary dominated the first half with a potent running game that amassed a game total of 340 yards. Furman's only first half threat was choked off when safety Paul Scolaro intercepted Furman quarterback Mike Shelton's pass in the end zone.

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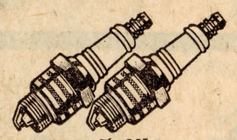
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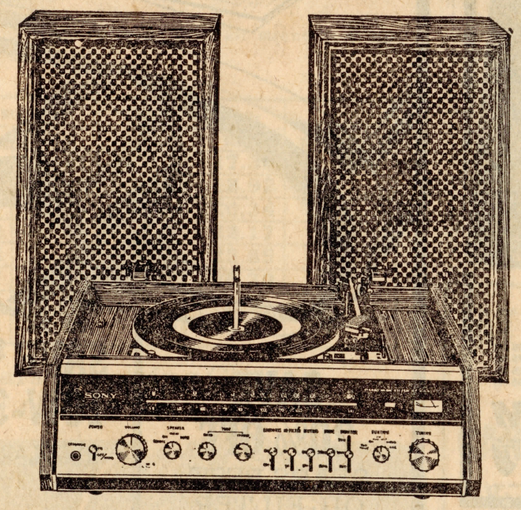
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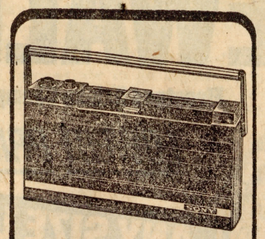
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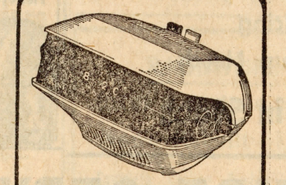
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made to King Fink before the game. Assisting in the ceremony will be Mayor Albright and her husband, Willard, and their family; also Captain Gerald B. Peddicord, a retired Navy captain, now the head of the Fink Country Club in Tanglewood, Tex.; and Mr. and Mrs. John Clift, the official Fink historians.

In addition to his new citizenship, King Fink also will receive a commission as an admiral in the Texas Navy. The commission, signed by Texas Governor Preston, Smith, will entitle Cadet Fink to board and command the USS Texas presently anchored in Houston harbor. Unfortunately, the vessel contain no engine, but King Fink doesn't have that much free time to take a world cruise, anyway.

There will be one disgruntled Fink on hand, however. Lieutenant Dale Fink, a member of the staff and faculty at the Naval Academy — Army's chief rival institution, felt a bit left out when he learned about King Fink's citizenship. He was even more upset to learn about his commission as admiral, but will assist in the ceremony nonetheless.

Blue and Gold Club Will Meet Tomorrow

The first monthly meeting of the Blue and Gold Fathers Club of Central Catholic High School will be held tomorrow evening at 8 p.m. in the school on Maple Avenue in Kingston

Many important items will be discussed and revised plans for the athletic program due to the recent flood will be reviewed. Plans for the annual football trip to Philadelphia for the Eagles-Rams football game on Sept. 24th will be completed and reservations will close tomorrow evening.

Mr. John Orrson will be installed as the new club president and will preside. Mr. Carl Hogan will give a financial report and Rev. Daniel Hitchko will report on the repairs to the school due to the recent flood. Football coach Bernie Popson will review last night's Pittston Area-Queensmen football game and will report on this year's team.

All fathers of students attending Central Catholic are urged to attend this meeting, especially those fathers not personally affected by the flood. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

FOR SAFER HUNTING

SAN FRANCISCO (LPI) — All new hunters in California are required to take a safety course before they are allowed to kill game. The courses, which emphasize hunting safety, conservation and sportsmanship, have been taken by 578,083 persons applying for their first hunting license since 1955.

In that period, the incidence of hunting accidents has dropped from 3.1% 10,000 license buyers to 0.93.

Member of Flood Action Committee

Former King's College Hoop Star Is Victim of Great Flood of 1972

Captain of the King's College basketball team as a senior in 1951-1952, St. Mary's High School graduate Bobby Patton returned to Wyoming Valley two years ago from Allentown in time to make it big in the Great Flood of 1972.

Many local fans feel Patton is one of the finest playmakers ever to cavort at an area high school. In his senior year at St. Mary's under Coach Bill Morgan, Bob starred on a team which included such court notables as Bernie Guggenheim, Red Conway, Nick Beffer, Rev. William Healey, Marty McEnrue, and others.

In his sophomore year, the Marymen won the PCIAA Class "B" crown by stopping St. Casimir's of Pittsburgh in the finals at the Meyers High School gym.

At King's, Bob played under Coaches Dick Riley and Rocco English. He made the Catholic League All Star team three times while at St. Mary's.

After receiving his degree in education from King's, Bob served 27 months in the U.S. Marine Corps and attained the rank of captain.

Returning to Wilkes-Barre, he worked for Commercial Credit and at the Wyoming National Bank.

Patton (no relation to Sports Editor Bob Patton) left his native Wyoming Valley in 1959 and worked 12 years for GAC in Allentown.

It was in Juy, 1970 that he rejoined the Wyoming National Bank and moved back to Wyoming Valley with his wife, the former Patrice Dougherty of East End, and they no whave seven children. On Aug. 28, the family bought their home in Kingston.

The Patton children are Bob, 17, recently enrolled at the University of Delaware on a football scholarship; John, 16, senior at Central Catholic where he is a 5-10, 165-pound quarterback; Jerry, 15, CCHS sophomore defensive back; Pat, 14, freshman at CCHS; Carol, 12, in seventh grade at CCHS; Mary Ellen, 11, in sixth grade at Valley West; and Joseph, 1.

Just prior to the flood, on June 4, Bob's mother, Mrs. Catherine Patton of New Alexander Street, died.

Since the flood, Bob has been a busy young man in the limelight. He has been pictured in the New York Daily News and in Business Week.



Former King's College basketball star Bob Patton stands before his flood ruined home at 451 North Gates Avenue, Kingston.



Penn State Expands Stadium

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Bud Meredith is having a happy Summer.

Meredith, assistant business manager of athletics at Penn State, oversees the Nittany Lions' football ticket sales. He has spent the last two Summers, when all of Penn State's home games were sold out, saying "no" to hopeful ticket buyers.

Penn State helped Meredith satisfy more customers this year by expanding Beaver Stadium from 48,344 seats last year to 57,538 for the coming season.

"We would be sold out for the entire season again if it weren't for the additional seats," Meredith says. "As it is, we are sold out for Syracuse; but there are seats left for our other five home games."

In addition to the Oct. 21 homecoming Day game with Syracuse, the Nittany Lions will play host to Navy on Sept. 23; Iowa, Sept. 30; Maryland, Nov. 4; North Carolina State, Nov. 11; and Pittsburgh, Nov. 25.

"We have some interesting games on the schedule," says Lion coach Joe Paterno. "The home opener should be a good one to see. Navy expects to have its best team in years."

The increase in the seating capacity of Beaver Stadium assures Penn State of retaining its position as the top collegiate football attraction in the East.

The Lions have been the East's top draw for several years in a row and last season attracted 252,863 fans to their five home games. The average of 50,573 fans at each game was more than 2,000 above the former stadium capacity of 48,344.

Things are a little different this year. Tickets are still selling at a rapid pace, but at least Bud Meredith is having a more pleasant Summer on the telephone.

State Insurers To Do Job

Denenberg Assails U.S. Role In Selling Flood Insurance

Citing the federal government's failure to sell flood insurance in the Commonwealth, Insurance Commissioner Herbert S. Denenberg yesterday directed property insurers to notify their Pennsylvania policyholders that federal flood coverage is available.

Denenberg sent an Insurance Department Bulletin to the presidents of the 550 property insurance firms doing business in Pennsylvania. The bulletin directs them to notify all policyholders in writing of the availability of federal flood insurance.

"The federal government should have pursued this course long ago," Denenberg said. "Instead it shirked its responsibility for publicizing and pushing this program. The results of such irresponsibility are obvious."

He said that only 683 Pennsylvanians had federal flood coverage when the flood struck in June. Only two policies had been sold in Wilkes-Barre and none in Harrisburg, two of the hardest-hit cities. Both cities were eligible at the time for flood insurance.

"The success of the Federal Flood Insurance Program rests with the 30,000 casualty agents who sell property insurance in Pennsylvania," Denenberg said. "One would have thought that the federal government would have put a great deal of effort into prompting these casualty agents to sell the coverage.

"That hasn't been the case," said Denenberg. "Next-to-nothing has been done by the federal government to impress upon these agents the importance of selling flood insurance.

Relies on Industry

"Now we want the companies to take it upon themselves to sell this coverage," Denenberg said. "We cannot wait for the federal government to act. Private industry is going to have to accept this responsibility if we are to avert such a tragedy in the future.

"If private industry wants to maintain control of flood insurance, as it has now," he said, 't'hen it must make such coverage readily available. The first step is to make sure that policyholders are aware that such coverage exists."

Presently, flood insurance is only available through a licensed agent, Denenberg said. "This places an obligation on the insurance industry that it has not yet lived up to."

There are now 114 communities eligible for flood coverage in Pennsylvania. There are now about 2,056 policies in force.

Went Too Far

LINTON, Ind. (LPI) — Edith Reed, 82, and Robert Wright, 85, who were childhood sweethearts, were married Friday. The ceremony took place at a nursing home where the bride is confined with a broken hip.

After their early romance broke off, each married someone else. They met again in July after both had lost their spouses.

"We just intended to keep it friendly but it went beyond that," Mrs. Wright said.

Consumer Advocate

WASHINGTON (LPI)—Thomas W. Chadwick, a veteran postal official and former South Carolina newspaperman, was named Friday as the consumer advocate of the U.S. Postal Service.

Postmaster General E. T. Klassen said Chadwick will see "that we respond to the public's needs."

Herbert Hoover said," Fishing is the chance to wash one's soul with pure air."

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one, was to keep the Wyoming Valley flood on the front pages of the nation's press and obviously the committee has done an excellent job.

Bob's job has been to take the visiting editors and journalists on tours of the flood stricken region.

Among those he has escorted have been representatives from Time, the New York News, Life, Newsweek, Business Week, Philadelphia Inquirer, and on Wednesday was with WCAU of Philadelphia.

Patton said Life has under consideration an article about the problem of getting the kids back to school who live in the flood area.

Asked about the procedure, Bob stated:

"I meet the people at the Airport and we go through Pittston, over the Wyoming Bridge, tour Swoyersville, see the Forty Fort cemetery, Kingston, the Gateway, Riverside Drive, Riverside Park, and local colleges hit by the flood."

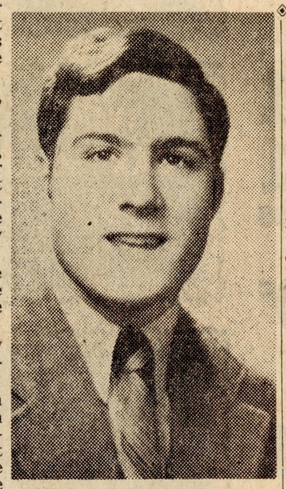
It's the usual story with the visitors—before they come here and see for themselves they are not overly impressed.

"When they see the totality of the flood, some nearly become ill," Bob revealed.

Patton, his wife, and seven youngsters had been residing in a Summer home at Mount Pocono through the courtesy of Pat Fischetti of Scranton, a college and Morine Corps friend. The former King's and St. Mary's star and his family have now joined the mobile home set as they make long-range plans to repair their hard hit Kingston home.



Patton, commercial vice president of the Wyoming National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, goes over reports with President Harold J. Rose, Jr.
—(Joe Walsh Photos)



Now a freshman grid candidate at the University of Delaware, this is Bob Patton, Jr., an All Scholastic grid center last year at Central Catholic in Kingston.

Utility Pole Crushes Child; She Survives

Although a utility pole, estimated to weight close to 1,000 pounds, rolled over her four days ago, physicians expect Barbara Mensch, four, of Bloomsburg RD 3, to recover. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mensch Jr.

The child had been on her way to a playground late Wednesday afternoon when she walked along the top of one of two utility poles that had been placed on a slight grade. The pole began to roll and the girl fell in its path. It rolled over her and caused possible internal injuries and facial and dental injuries.

The child, who weights 35 pounds, was taken to Bloomsburg Hospital and after emergency treatment was transfered to Geisinger Medical Center in Danville. Her condition was described as "satisfactory," although she is in the intensive care section of the pediatric department.

Thalassophobia is a morbid fear of the ocean.

Washington Stops Pacific U., 13-6

SEATTLE, Wash. (UPI) — Fullback Pete Taggares scored from the three-yard line with 5:11 remaining yesterday to give favored Washington a 13-6 victory over University of Pacific and spare the Huskies an embarrassing tie in its season opener.

Taggares' touchdown was set up when defensive back Calvin Jones returned a Pacific punt 33 yards. Then a face mask penalty against Pacific gave the Huskies the ball on the Tiger 18.

The Huskies, ranked ninth in the pre-season ratings, trailed Pacific 6-0 at the end of the first period. Washington tied the score just before halftime when Greg Collins hit Tom Scott with a 25-yard touchdown pass.

Pacific's Mark Pash got the Tigers off to a fast start with field goals of 29 and 49 yards in the first period. Both three-pointers were set up by Husky bobbles.

Tiger linebacker Chuck Khutson picked off a Collins pass on the third play of the game to set up Pash's 29-yarder. His 49-yard kick came after Mitchell True's 48-yard punt hit Husky defensive back Dan Rodwell on the foot and David Hall recovered for Pacific.

Pash had a chance to put Pacific ahead again late in the third period, but his attempt from 47 yards out was partially blocked by Husky cornerback Walter Pldes.

Washington did not look like a team that was rated one of the pre-season favorites in the Pacific 8 Conference.

Quaarterback sonny sixkiller did not see action because of an ankle injury.



FRANKLIN STAMP—The U.S. Postal Service announced in Washington, D.C. yesterday, a new stamp in honor of Benjamin Franklin. The 7c stamp is intended to pay postage for certain educational materials which are granted preferential rates. Franklin, appearing 22 times on U.S. stamps, is bested only by George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The new stamp will be issued in Philadelphia on Oct. 20.—(UPI)

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Banker Restores San Diego's Old Town Park

Environment Is Good Business

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (UPI) — Richard T. Silberman is a banker who thinks the environment is good sense and good business.

In San Diego's Old Town state historic park he's mixed it freely with capitalism and youth and sparked the long hoped-for revival of the place where California began.

Where once stood the house of Pio Pico, California's first governor, there is today a colorful complex of 21 international shops called Bazaar Del Mundo.

For the 43-year-old vice chairman of the Southern California First National Bank, it means a $500,000 investment that's losing money. But Silberman is confident that eventually his efforts will be profitable — financially, historically and ecologically.

One morning in 1970 after taking his daily two-mile job, Silberman spotted an announcement in a newspaper that the state wanted to lease a dilapidated motel structure in Old Town he often had passed while jogging.

Silberman ended up the only bidder and by the time bazaar was through he was the largest private investor in the state park system.

It also marked the beginning of a personal effort for the former college professof to reignite previous attempts at gaining Old Town rightful recognition for its historical significance as California's birthplace rather than—as Silberman put it—the reputation as "Tijuana North."

"If we've ever going to have significant peaceful areas in this state — green belts, historic monuments, open spaces — the practical way to accomplish it is a marriage between the business and environmental communities," said Silberman.

"Things exciting are active historic things. I wanted to bring life to Old Town and have a place for young people interested in good crafts."

Around a large landscaped courtyard reminiscent of old Mexico, circled by buildings reflecting Mexican colonial architecture, is the bazaar.

Since Silberman opened it early this year, the number of visitors to Old Town has increased by about 50% and the state reports its rental income from the many shops throughout the area has nearly doubled.

Many merchants are demodeling and there is new enthusiasm about the park's future.

Air of Enthusiasm

There is an air of enthusiasm at bazaar, too, because that's the way Silberman and his talented young designer, Diane Powers, planned it. Most tenants are under 30.

"We're giving young people a chance to learn they can do what they choose, but it must sell or they won't survive," Silberman said. "It's intellectually honest. We've tried to create a difference in quality and style.

"We're showing that if you do something of quality, it'll attract people. And one good thing is that it brings people in to see the historical stuff here, even if they don't buy anything.

"We're giving young people with skills a chance to manifest them and go back to techniques away from mass production. It's an educational process."

Even though he's losing money, Silberman said he doesn't see his subsidy of the operation as unreasonable. He talks about practices of the past where patrons made it possible for young artists to develop their skills.

One tenant is a young American Indian, a veterans of the Vietnam war who lost an arm in combat.

"He's buying, selling and collecting Indian things," said Silberman, "and he's started making jewelry and does real well at it."

Other tenants, selected from about 200 who applied, include a banker who runs a toy shop, a nurse who operates the bakery and Silberman's 19-year-old son, proprietor of a book store.

Nestled near the intersection of interstate Highways 5 and 8 at the foot of Mission Valley, Old Town was the site of California's first mission, founded in 1769 by Father Junipero Serra. The mission later was moved to another Mission Valley location, but digs are in progress at present to excavate the first mission San Diego de Alcala.

For many years, Old Town was the heart of the tiny village of San Miguel, which later became San Diego. The heart of downtown is now located five miles south.

The Pennsylvania Story

Gov. Shapp's Consumer Crusade Focuses On 'Milk Marketing Law'

By MASON DENISON, Editor
Pennsylvania News Service

HARRISBURG—After taking his "Year of the Consumer" crusade to Pennsylvania's senior citizens, insurance buyers and mobile home owners, Governor Shapp has again focused his efforts on the corner supermarket.

The Shapp Administration recently introduced legislation to amend Pennsylvania's "Milk Marketing Law" by removing the Board's power to set consumer milk prices.

The proposed legislation will have the effect of bringing milk prices in the Commonwealth to levels comparable to those of neighbor states, some of which sell milk at 25c less than here.

All this will occur without endangering the milk-producing end of the agricultural economy. In fact, the new legislation will stimulate business for the farmer by encouraging the consumer to buy more milk at the lower market price.

The power to set the farmer's price for his milk will be untouched, and further safeguards are provided for his protection.

All reail stores will be required to sell milk to consumers at a mark-up rate of at least 5%, this to prevent retailers from using the sale of milk as a loss-leader gimmick to stimulate sales of other, more costly items.

Some Strong Wording

The Governor's proposals also contain some very strong wording putting teeth into protection efforts, on behalf of both the farmer and consumer.

Use of the loss-leader gimmick to increase sales will be considered an unfair trade practice to injure competition.

urthermore, it will be an illegal and unfair trade practice for any dairy to show favoritism among its retail outlets through the use of lower prices, kickbacks, rebates, loans of money, equipment or advertising allowances.

Fines of up to $5,000 and imprisonment for up to one year are provided for those convicted of infractions of the proposed new milk marketing rules.

Although 80% of Pennsylvania's milk producing farmers are currently protected under the auspices of the Federal Milk Marketing Orders, which take precedence over the Commonwealth's law, the new proposals will provide even more protection for the milk producer.

In order to insure payment to farmers the surety bonds of dairies will be increased from $200,000 to $300,00, and the proposed measure establishes a monthly schedule by which a dairy must pay farmers to keep dairies from operating on the milk-producing farmer's money.

Milk cartons also will be required to carry a clear legend listing the state where the milk was farm-produced.

Pennsylvania milk producers will be permitted to carry the label "100% Pennsylvania Produced Milk," thus providing an additional advertising advantage to the Pennsylvania farmer.

For the milk "juggers," the two-gallon per customer sales limit will be lifted, and the restriction that a jugger can only sell milk his cows produced will be liberalized to permit him to purchase raw milk during the months his cows are not meeting their previous averages in order that he can better accommodate his customers.

The proposals hopefully will bring definite benefits for the Pennsylvania milk producer, retailer and consumer. It provides a new stimulus for marketing one of the Commonwealth's most healthful and basic commodities and should have the effect of keeping more money in the pockets of Pennsylvania's 11 million consumers.

Luzerne County Farmer's Corner



By E. V. CHADWICK
County Agricultural Agent
And AUBREY D. VOSE, Area Marketing Agent

In a staff meeting last week some of Extension's activities during the post-flood period were being discussed and evaluated.

Our Penn State disaster information vans which were on over 300 streets in the valley from July 13 to July 22 gave out 50,000 pieces of information to 4,000 homes and to most flood information centers. We are continuing to evaluate this phase of our program.



A. D. VOSE

Some 50 news releases appeared in the local press pertaining to flood recovery on homes and farms. Through the end of July we had prepared over 60 radio spots and had participated in four television appearances.

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Meetings were held for valley vegetable growers to provide information on the role of federal agricultural agencies in gency forage crops.

The Extension Nutrition Program staff moved in to assist with the day care centers and playground programs.

These were a few of the Extension activities through the first five weeks following the flood.

I'm really proud of the staff who carried out this program even though we were displaced by the flood and suffered a 90% loss to our office. In addition, two homes of staff members were destroyed and two non-professionals suffered severe losses.

We shall continue to analyze and evaluate the Extension role in this disaster hoping that our experiences may help others in their role in disasters which certainly will happen somewhere.

Marketing News

Old wives, and young ones, too, subscribe to a number of fanciful tales regarding dairy products. Perhaps the biggest misconception involves dairy food's fat content with many homemakers believing them to be far more "fatty" than they truly are.

The USDA recently queried homemakers on their attitudes towards dairy products and nondairy competitors. Let's review what those ladies had to 10 of the ladies correctly rated whole milk's fat content in the "up to 5%" category. All the rest guessed too high with three in 10 even thinking that milk contained 50% or more fat.

The homemakers were equally wide of the mark in judging the fattiness of ice cream and American cheese. Fewer than a tenth of them correctly picked the "between 10 and 19% fat" category for ice cream. One in 10 scored the fat content too low but almost 60% believed ice cream to be more than half fat.

The fat content of American cheese, which fell into the category "between 30 and 39% fat" was correctly stated by only one in 10 persons. The others split almost equally between those that underestimated and those that overestimated.

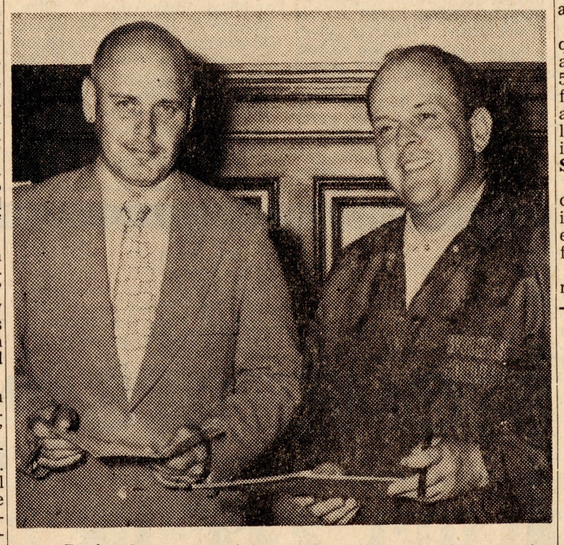
For cottage cheese, two in 10 homakers pegged its fat content correctly as "up to 5%." Most of the others overestimated by considerable amounts.

The ladies did best of all when it came to estimating the fat content of low fat milk, perhaps because this item's fat content is often displayed on labels.

There is an old adage that goes something like this: "What you don't know can't hurt you." In this instance though, what the lady customers don't know can hurt dairy product sales and the dairy farmer. Along the way some place homemakers have latched onto dubious information about the fat content of dairy products. Obviously, there are persons that may not consume dairy products. But there are stacks of statistics and facts that speak well regarding the nutritional properties of milk and other dairy foods.

It's interesting that many of us will really accept and buy products even though we are aware they are not known for their contributions to good health. On the other hand we reject good products largely on

Wilkes Alumni Plan Homecoming



Regional representatives of the Wilkes College Alumni Association are advancing plans for the 26th annual Homecoming on the weekend of Oct. 20-21-22 and have provided for a full schedule of events beginning on Friday night and concluding on Sunday morning.

Pictured going over some of the committee rosters are, left to right, Carl Zoolkoski, cochairman of this year's affair, and Arthur Hoover, college alumni affairs director.

Notices in the form of newsletters, carrying the complete program, will be sent out to the 9,000 alumni—3,000 of them residing in Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties.

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source is not new. But Dr. Carruthers' camera lends it substantial new support.

SEARCH Program Needs Volunteers

Wyoming Valley Council of Churches and several other organizations are sponsoring a SEARCH program. This is a volunteer venture being launched with the expectation of reaching and assisting all elderly flood victims.

Miss Anita J. Ambrose, administrator of Wyoming Valley Council of Churches, said that statistics compiled by the President's Task Force on Aging reveal that some 25,000 elderly people have been displaced by the flood in Wyoming Valley.

Persons interested in becoming a SEARCH volunteer can call Miss Ambrose at Wyoming Valley Council of Churches office, 35 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

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Few homemakers could correctly match the food with the fat. For example, only one in the way some place homemakers have latched onto dubious information about the fat content of dairy products. Obviously, there are persons that may not consume dairy products. But there are stacks of statistics and facts that speak well regarding the nutritional properties of milk and other dairy foods.

It's interesting that many of us will really accept and buy products even though we are aware they are not known for their contributions to good health. On the other hand we reject good products largely on the basis of casual hearsay rather than on factual information.

It's not the one in 10, or even the three in 10 ladies that correctly guessed the fat content of dairy products that we need to be concerned about. Somehow the dairy industry has to get to those other seven or nine ladies that appear to be slightly misinformed.

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We get our precious life gas, so the textbooks say, from photosynthesis, the process by which green plants exhale oxygen as a waste after using sunlight to convert carbon dioxide, water and sundry soil nutrients into foods and fibers for use by us and other animals.

One trouble with this textbook story is that it may not be altogether true. Space science has provided at least some support for another theory of how our atmosphere acquired its oxygen content hundrers of millions or perhaps a few billion years ago when the earth was young.

When Apollo 16 flew to the moon last April, it took with it a gold-plated "ultra violet camera spectrograph" designed by Dr. George Carruthers of the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL). Navy Capt. John W. Young of the Apollo crew set it up on the moon's surface and used it to take pictures from that airless vantage point of the earth.

The pictures disclosed details never seen before of the geocorona, a vast region of atomic hydrogen which envelopes our planet and extends 40,000 miles into space.

Sunlight Gets Credit

The photographs, according to the NRL, indicate that sunlight acting on water vapor "may provide our primary supply of oxygen, and not photosynthesis as is generally believed."

According to Dr. Carruthers, the earth's geocoronal hydrogen is believed to be the result of the dissociation of water vapor into hydrogen and oxygen in the upper atmosphere as a result of solar ultraviolet radiation.

Hydrogen, being extremely light, eventually escapes the earth's gravity. Oxygen, much heavier, remains in the atmosphere. The idea that solar separation of water's components provides our chief oxygen source is not new. But Dr. Carruthers' camera lends it substantial new support.

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City Hall

New Law Signed During Flood Outlaws City Milk Inspection

Gov. Milton Shapp on June 15 signed Senate Bill 1330—which became Act 120—but it was not until yesterday that city officials learned that under the measure local milk licenses and permits no longer are valid.

This means that Wilkes-Barre City no longer will have any inspection control over the milk consumed by residents, plus a loss in revenue.

For years city milk inspectors have visited all dairies supplying milk for city resident consumption and fees for this service have poured $1,200 and more annually into the city treasury.

Since the first of the year Sanitarian William Stevens has been doing the inspection job and fees for the service have been received.

Officials learned yesterday not only is this revenue source ended, but that it may have to pay back the fees received so far this year.

It is no fault of city officials that this comes as a surprise. The governor signed the measure on June 15 and a hearing for local health authorities was held June 28 in Harrisburg in the midst of the flood emergency period.

According to Morris J. Solomon, chief counsel for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, the state now has the sole right to license milk processors.

Not only Wilkes-Barre, but other municipalities which have been charging license or permit fees to support inspection activities, will find themselves in some financial bind due to the suspension of the local permit system.

City officials were quick to raise the question of the constitutionality of the new law, but were advised that Chief Counsel Solomon had ruled there is no question as to its legality because "what the state grants, it can take away." He noted at the same time that the right to promulgate more stringent requirements had been contained in the original Milk Sanitation Act of 1935, which was amended by Governor Shapp's 1972 change.

Kingston VFW Post Has Flood Supplies

Commander Sam Michak reported flood relief supplies donated by VFW posts are available at the VFW diningroom of Anthracite Post 283, Wyoming Avenue, Kingston. All flood victims, members and non-mem-



Taking Notes Along

CITY HALL CORRIDORS

By SHELDON C. WINTERMUTE

Watch for City Council to take some action in ending the dragging of feet that has delayed the reopening of Wilkes-Barre Post Office's vital and convenient Station A in Wyoming National Bank Annex on West Market Street.

There is no doubt that the station was badly damaged by the flood, but there seems to be little reason for the long delay in reopening this postal facility.

Councilmen will get into the act, it seems, because they have received a barrage of complaints from business firms, lawyers and just about everyone else in the central city area about the failure of the postal service to reopen the midtown station.

One official said "I just can't understand the reasoning of postal officials in not speeding the reopening of this station that does, I am informed, close to $1-million business annually."

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So you want to be a city fireman? Well you better get to the city clerk's office in City Hall early tomorrow to obtain an application and get all the paper work done before the filing deadline at 4 p.m.

There will be no extension for filing for the next slated tests for appointment to the Bureau of Fire.

The deadline is tomorrow afternoon at 4.

With the flow of official business returning to normal, Council members have decided that weekly meetings will be abolished after the Sept. 21 session. After that date stated sessions of Council will be held the first and third Thursday of each month.

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The new secretary in the city clerk's office is Miss Deborah Davies, an attractive and personable young lady from the

Council has purchased 2,000 tons of rock salt for snow and ice control from International Salt Co. at a cost of $14,700.

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Specifications are being prepared by City Engineer Leo Corbett for the purchase of three police cruisers, a street sweeper, a catch basin cleaner and a front end loader.

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There is a City Hall touch to reports that the Kingston High School Class of 1962 reunion "will be one of the most gala events of the year." On the advisory committee for the event to be held Nov. 26 at Genetti's Hotel is City Clerk William G. Brace.

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Parking meters will not be placed in service until all the standards and meter housings are steam cleaned. The meters were sent back to the factory to be cleaned and checked after flood waters subsided.

Citizens Group Meets Tomorrow at Lehigh U.

The Citizens Advisory Council of the Department of Environmental Resources will meet tomorrow at 10 at Lehigh University, Bethlehem to enable citizens in that area interested in environmental problems to appear befor the Council and discuss views and concerns.

The meeting will be held in the Sinclair Auditorium of Sinclair Laboratory Building.

In addition to hearing reports

Political Jottings...

By JOE BILSKY

Republican organization in Luzerne County apathetic and not tuned in to national campaign despite giant lead President Nixon has over George McGovern . . . Recent flood one of few reasons for Rip Van Winkle attitude of county leaders . . . Another main factor is lack of funds . . . The till is empty and it takes money to finance campaigns.

County Chairman Steve Yanoshak admitted the county lull in national campaign but said legislative candidates financing and running individual contests . . . Yanoshak in communication with state GOP leaders but there is no definite promise of just how much, if any, financial help will be coming this way . . . The chairman aware this is no time to put on a drive for campaign funds in this flood devastated area . . . It's a dismal picture for the once powerful and successful Republican party in the county.

Patsy Marcinkowski, former commissioner of Nanticoke and one-time employee at the court house, enjoys retirement but keeps himself in political harness calling shots in his home town . . . Hanover Township politicos hint Joe Florek, former member of the school board and now in the county controller's office, in the dog house since he crossed party lines in the primaries . . . Wilkes-Barre's Johnny Lavelle, deputy sheriff, making a hit with his spirit of cooperation.

Jenks Williams and Steve Bonomo regarded the "favored GOPers" by Democrats in Wilkes-Barre City Hall. Bonomo superintendent of streets with Jenks his understudy . . . There are stronger reports in Demo circles that Jenks and Steve are playing footsie to keep their jobs.

GOPer Ben Seacrist waging uphill struggle for representative in the Democratic Third District . . . Despite heavy odds, Ben making the rounds and not discouraged by heavy Demo registration in the district . . . He could be depending on Nixon landslide and helping hand from his buddy Jim Post, former chairman and commissioner . . . Attorney Joe Kasper, once dynamic political leader, now apparently on sidelines watching Republicans march by . . . Glen Lyon's Al Kanyuck continues to produce for bosses in county assessors office . . . Al Kanyuck continues to produce for bosses in county assessors office . . . Al made good adjustment from Republican to Democrat . . .

Plymouth's Emmett Kendig. Democratic leaders and former councilman, not disillusioned by President Nixon's wide mrgin over George McGovern . . . ending confident McGovern will close gap and win another "Truman style" victory Nov. 7 . . . Kendig vows he'll pull out all stops to push McGovern bandwagon . . . Wilkes-Barre Township Republican organization practically dead since two years ago when town chairman Eddie Sokolski resigned . . . Democrats' only problem is to avoid internal struggles that could divide their powerful organization.

They call him "Little Billy" Luchin but the veteran court house employe under GOP and Demo administrations, rated super-giant in Pittston's 10th Ward . . . Bily makesl daiy rounds of the building with ready smile and helping hand . . . It could be the secret of his winning score cards he turns in every election . . . Court House politicos hear talk that Mike Granteed no longer calling shots at meetings of Hughestown's borough fathers . . . Borough Secretary Frank Moran of the First Ward reported to be power behind the throne.

Wilkes-Barre Democrats rumbling over city hall reports that one-time staunch Reublican leader in South Wilkes-Barre, Percy Hughes, muscling in for city assessors job vacant since death of Stanley Kocian . . . Hughes reportedly playing footsie with Demos sitting on Bob Brader's doorstep . . .

"Friends for Sutcavage," GOP candidate for representative against Bernie O'Brien, scheduled clambake at Slovak Park in Dallas yesterday . . . Dr. John Hosage chairman assisted by Joseph M. Snyder and Councilman Frank Trinisewski . . . Republican district leader in the city's north end, Johnny Tereshak continues to be the "skyrocket" among committeemen despite many defections of former colleagues to Democratic party . . . Tereshak now retired but keeps eyes and ears to the political whirl.

Popular Melvin Jones, secretary of No. 6 Hose Company of Askam and secretary of Hanover Twp. Fireman's Relief Association, good prospect for the Sixth District Commissioner . . . Jones active in Legion activities and has many friends making early moves to put him in the commissioner's seat . . . They are still taking about the political muscle and savvy of Joe Homnath who successbattled three seasoned aspirants for the vice-chairmanship of the Wilkes-Barre Twp. party . . . Friends already boosting the popular "northsider" for county seat after he cops a local office.

Political Giant: Republicans and Democrats will search long time before they find another District leader to match results of Fred Ruffley in Wilkes-Barre's Fifth-First . . . The 10 to one marjority he polled for the Crossin-Wideman ticket oustanding in county politics . . . Last primary Ruffley pulled in 93 for O'Brien against 11 for his opponent . . . When politicos look around for a powerhouse they usually come up with Fred Ruffley.

West Pittston's Jack Salvaggio, attached to the county assessors office, making inroads to Republican stronghold . . . Jack Loyal booster of County Commissioner Frank Crossin . . . Timmy Pribulas showing political savvy in capacity of school director from the Exeter district . . . Donald Casey working his way around in Avoca Demo politics since coming over from Republican side . . . Casey clerk with the county building and grounds organization.

Brookside Legion Will Meet Thursday

Brookside American Legion Post 837 will reorganize for 1972-73 at a meeting Thursday night at 7:30 at the clubrooms of Northeast Slovak Club, North Main Street.

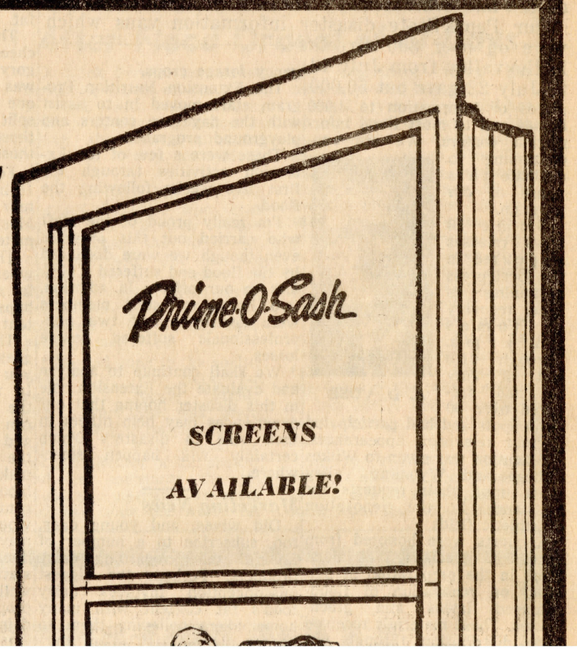
Commander Stanley Zapotoczny will present the Fall and Winter programs to the membership.

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able at the VFW diningroom of Anthracite Post 283, Wyoming Avenue, Kingston. All flood victims, members and non-members, are welcome to help themselves, Michak said, "taking what their heart desires."

Although her ovaries contain 50,000 to 100,000 eggs, a cow normally produces only about 10 calves in her lifetime.

The new secretary in the city clerk's office is Miss Deborah Davies, an attractive and personable young lady from the East End section.

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With the payment this week of bill totaling $32,127.09, the $500,000 Flood Emergency Account will have a balance of $111,938.65.

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Here's a reminder of Winter.

the Sinclair Auditorium of Sinclair Laboratory Building.

In addition to hearing reports from its four committees—air, water, urban and natural resources—the Council will have reports on water quality management, the flood plain management bill now before the State Senate and on the question of citizen standing before governmental bodies.

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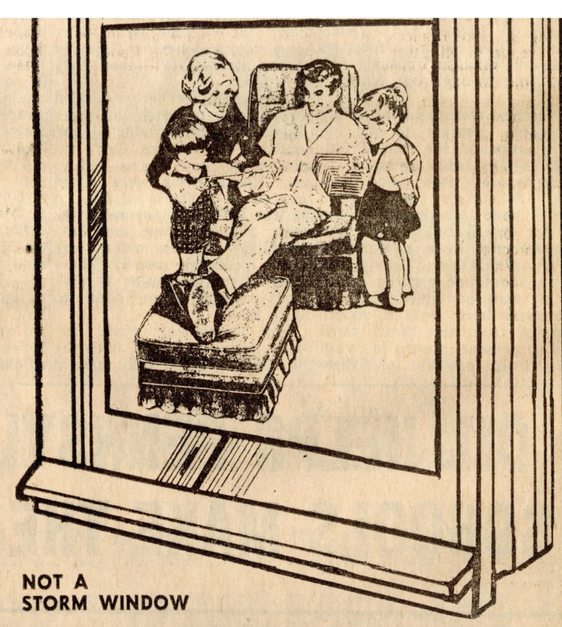
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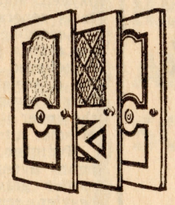
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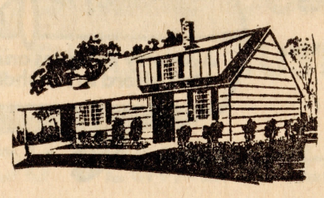
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$100,000 Being Spent For Registration Cards To Replace Voter Rolls

Some County Observers Questioning Price of Cards at 50 Cents Apiece

It's going to cost the State 50 cents for every registration card as the county prepares to launch a special drive to re-register over 173,000 voters whose records were lost in the flood.

County officials said they already have ordered 200,000 new registration cards for a total outlay of $100,-

The State legislature has agreed to appropriate $175,000 for the special voter registration drive. The other $75,000 of the total will be used to man the registration offices.

At 50 cents a card, one of the county workers said last week "they must be etched in gold. I know where they could've got a lot of cards a lot cheaper," he said.

Although Gov. Milton J. Shapp is in favor of keeping the registration books open until the polls close on election day, Nov. 7, Luzerne County registration chief Dan Ripa says that such a setup would not be practical.

He is in favor of closing out all registrations at least one week before the election so that his personnel can prepare the books for each of the 408 precincts in the county.

Flooding caused by tropical storm Agnes destroyed all of the county's 274 registration books and voter signature cards. Microfilm copies of the books were saved, but they do not include the signatures.

Signatures Lacking

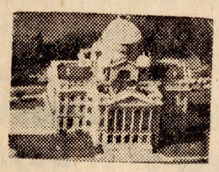
The signatures are used on election day to compare them with the signatures of the people who walk in the door of the polling places.

Registration is scheduled to officially end in other counties within the Commonwealth on Oct. 10.

The Luzerne County situation will be an experiment in the electoral process. "In Alaska, voters can just come in on election day and register," says Ronald Pettine, deputy secretary of state.

Persons who were not registered before will be serviced by the county, Ripa said.

The county is predominantly Democratic. Hubert Humphrey took the county by nearly 22,000 votes in 1968.



Under the Dome

While the method of applying for antlerless deer licenses in Luzerne County is basically the same as it has been in years past, Lehigh County has made a drastic change in the procedure for applying for such tags.

Sam Cooperman, treasurer, said a lottery will be the means of determining successful applicants. Previously, as in Luzerne County, it was "first come, first served."

Four of the county's seven judges were affected by the flood and were forced to seek temporary quarters elsewhere.

In addition, six other other elected county officials also were affected.

Judge Bernard Brominski resided temporarily with relatives but has since returned home. Judge Edward Lopatto of Old River Road, cty, has been residing with relatives on Park Avenue, city.

Judge Peter Paul Olszewski of Old River Road is residing at 100 Laflin Road, Laflin. Judge Robert J. Hourigan of Yeager Avenue, Forty Fort, has been residing at Harvey's Lake.

In addition, District Attorney Patrick Toole of Mallery Place in the city has been living at Harvey's Lake.

Commissioners E. C. Wideman of South Dawes Avenue and Frank Crossin of East Bennett Street, both of Kingston, were forced from their homes.

Wideman is residing at Oakwood Park in Laflin while Crossin has returned to his home.

County Treasurer William Curwood of Shickshinny incurred flood damage to his home and also to his business. He's back at his residence.

Mrs. Helen O'Connor, Register of Wills, has been residing at Lake Frances in Drums while her home on Chestnut Avenue in Kingston was being readied after the flood.

Stephen Yanoshak of Korn Krest, county controller, did not get hit by the waters at his home but his beauty supply store in Wilkes-Barre was hard hit.

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Flood Damaged 50,000 Acres in Luzerne County

Hurricane Agnes will long be remembered by all Pennsylvanians for leaving the state with a two billion dollar flood damage bill. She will be especially remembered by the farmers who watched flood waters destroy their land, their homes, and their hopes for a good harvest.

In Luzerne County, nearly 50,000 acres of land were damaged by sheet and gully erosion, according to District Conservationist O. Gene Thrasher, Soil Conservation Service. Soil washed off the land filled road ditches, covered bottom lands, and would up as sediment in our dams, rivers, and streams.

A number of conservation practices including ponds, terraces, waterways, and tile drains were damaged. Crops were washed out and in places completely inundated by flood waters, Thrasher reported.

During the storm streams and rivers left their banks and cut new channels while damaging acres of floodplains. Miles of stream banks were ripped and gouged. Quiet streams and small runs became raging torrents, uprooting trees, carrying debris, destroying farm buildings, crops, roads, and bridges.

Restoration work has begun in Luzerne County and in the other flood ravaged areas of the state, according to Thrasher. Farmers are rebuilding their conservation measures, reseeding denuded areas, repairing roads and streambanks, and removing flood debris.

Conservation agencies of the U. S. Department of Agriculture are helping with financial, technical, and informational assistance. Landowners can receive technical help from the Soil Conservation Service in Luzerne County by calling or visiting the office at the Post Office Dallas.

Poconos Court Conventioneers

The Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau Convention Comittee announced the completion of its new Convention Brochure. This brochure is now available in quantity and explains in detail with pictures and copy the many fine convention facilities available for groups in the Poconos.

Conventioneers in the Pocono Mountains enjoy more than just a place to hold their meetings. In their time off, they can play golf on any of the Poconos championship mountain golf coures, visit the area's many fine attractions, enjoy the water sports during Summer and skiing during the Winter months. Groups of 10 to 1,500 can be accommodated in the Poconos where excellence in service and cuisine is a lifestyle.

For the Convention Brochure and information on the Pocono Convention facilities, write the Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau, 1004 Main Street, Stroudsburg.

Marywood, Diocese Plan New Program

SLOVAK CLUB TO MEET

North End Slovak Citizens Club wil lresume monthly meetings this afternoon at 2:30 at the clubrooms, North Main Street.

Flood Recovery Task Force Conducts Meeting



Executive committee and staff members of the Flood Recovery Task Force Inc. are shown during their recent meeting to discuss major problems in all phases of disaster recovery and assure maximum use of all available resources by coordinating rehabilitation activities on a broad community front.

Seated, left to right, are Mrs. Frank Anderson, Attorney Andrew Hourigan Jr., Edward Schechter, Thomas Kiley, Judge Max Rosenn and Mrs. Edward Schechter.

Standing, left to right, are Harold Rose, James Tarity, Andrew J. Sordoni, 3rd, Rev. Lane Kilburn, Dr. Francis Michelini, Charles Hardwick, Andrew Shaw, Mrs. George Bierly and Dr. Stanley Holden.

Staff of the Flood Recovery Task Force currently shares offices in Hotel Sterling with member agencies of the Federal Regional Council, keeping in constant touch with all federal planning to see that local interests are directly tied in with the decision making process.

Sub-committees which have been actively engaged in rehabilitation efforts include State Aid, Flood Control, Labor, Construction and Contractors Assistance, Bridges, Roads and Transportation, Education, Families, Health and Aging, Local Government, Planning and Development, Legislation and Equity, and "Telling the Recovery Story."

Federal Judge Max Rosenn is chairman of the volunteer group, with Andrew Shaw serving as executive director.

D&H President Commends Flood For Area Rail Problem Interest

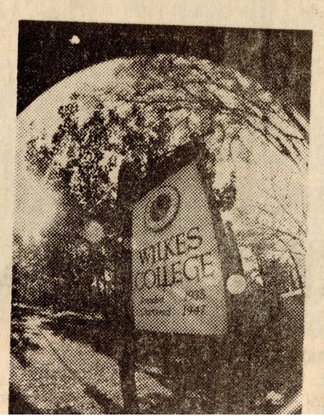
C. B. Sterzing Jr., president and chief executive officer of the Delaware and Hudson Railway Co. has publicly commended Congressman Daniel J. Flood for the direct, prompt action he took with the Interstate Commerce Commission and other governmental agencies to ensure the restoration of the Penn Central's connection with D&H at Wilkes-Barre.

Sterzing said:

"Congressman Flood's efforts on behalf of shippers, industry, railroad employees and the general public in the Wilkes-Barre area to restore this vital segment of railroad which was destroyed by Tropical Storm Agnes are deeply appreciated by all of ous at D&H. His vigorous assistance and leadership in this matter of public concern was invaluable in this emergency," the D&H president added, "and should eventually result in a great economic benefit to the people in Wilkes-Barre and Luzerne County area, provided Penn Central promptly acts to comply with the gederal agency's directive to restore this vital gateway connection."

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District Attorney Pat Toole and his staff have come in for considerable praise for their work on behalf of consumer protection since the flood.

Victims who are repairing their homes or who are having contractors doing the job for them are invited to contact the office if they have any complaints about shoddy practices.

Complaints continue to mount under the dome about the poor telephone service since the flood. While many other local enterprises which were without the vital service after Agnes have since obtained their full quota of lines, the county seat somehow has been coming out on the short end.

It's been a long time since there were as many hearty laughs at the Court House as last week in the wake of Dan Flood's comment that he got his weak spell after getting a kiss from Commissioner Ethel Price.

No one enjoyed the levity more than Mrs. Price herself.

Convention facilities, write the Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau, 1004 Main Street, Stroudsburg.

Marywood, Diocese Plan New Program

Marywood College and the Diocese of Scranton's Office of Religious Edlucation have announced a new venture in the "continuing" or adult education sphere at Marywood.

Classes in the new program for the Fall semester will begin Sept. 27 and continue each Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. through Dec. 20 on the college campus.

Two courses, "Theology of Faith," and "A History of the Church's Transmission of the Word of God," will be offered simultaneously both in the Fall and Spring semesters.

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HISTORY

History of Western Civilization I & II
American History to 1865

HUMANITIES

English Composition I & II
Reading for Comprehension and Speed
World Literature II
American Literature II
Modern Drama
Introductory News Writing
Art Appreciation
Introduction to Philosophy

MATHEMATICS

Survey of Mathematics I & II
Basic College Mathematics
College Algebra

SCIENCE

Introduction to Bio. Science I & II

SOCIAL SCIENCE

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Introduction to Education
General Psychology
Principles of Sociology
Contemporary Social Problems

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UNDERGRADUATE DIVISION

COURSE	DESCRIPTION	DAY & HOUR	CR.
ACCOUNTING:			
Acct. 101E	Elementary Accounting I	T 6:30-9:30	3
Acct. 101E-2	Elementary Accounting I	W 6:30-9:30	3
Acct. 102E	Elementary Accounting II (Pre: Acct. 101)	W 6:30-9:30	3
Acct. 111E	Intermediate Accounting I (Pre: Acct. 102)	M 6:30-9:30	3
Acct. 201E	Cost Accounting I (Pre: Acct. 112 or approval of instructor)	T 6:30-9:30	3
Acct. 221E	Taxes I (Pre: Acct. 112, 202, or approval of instructor)	Th 6:30-9:30	3
Acct. 231E	Auditing I (Pre: Acct. 202)	Th 6:30-9:30	3
Acct. 241E	Advanced Accounting I (Pre: Acct. 112)	M 6:30-9:30	3
BIOLOGY:			
Bio. 101E	Biological Science I	Th 6:30-9:30	3
Bio. 102E	Biological Science II (Pre: Bio. 101)	T 6:30-9:30	3
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION:			
B.A. 209E	Business Correspondence and Reports (Pre: Eng. 102)	T 6:30-9:30	3
B.A. 225E	Corporation Finance (Pre: Econ. 102)	Th 6:30-9:30	3
B.A. 231E	Business Law—Introduction, Contracts, and Sales	T 6:30-9:30	3
B.A. 241E	Life Insurance (Pre: Approval of instructor)	M 6:30-9:30	3
B.A. 251E	Principles of Management I	W 6:30-9:30	3
BUSINESS EDUCATION:			
B.E. 105E	Elementary Shorthand	T 6:30-9:30	2
B.E. 107E	Elementary Typewriting (Fee $10)	Th 6:30-9:30	2
ECONOMICS:			
Econ. 101E	Principles of Economics I	Th 6:30-9:30	3
Econ. 101E-2	Principles of Economics I	W 6:30-9:30	3
Econ. 102E	Principles of Economics II (Pre: Econ. 101)	M 6:30-9:30	3
Econ. 111E	Economic History	T 6:30-9:30	3
Econ. 201-E	Money & Banking (Pre: Econ. 102)	W 6:30-9:30	3
Econ. 217E	Economics of Transportation (Pre: Econ. 102)	Th 6:30-9:30	3
Econ. 223E	Collective Bargaining (Pre: Econ. 102)	T 6:30-9:30	3
Econ. 225E	International Trade (Pre: Econ. 102)	W 6:30-9:30	3
Econ. 227E	Economic Geography of North America (Pre: Econ. 102)	M 6:30-9:30	3
Econ. 229E	Comparative Economics Systems (Pre: Econ. 102 or approval of instructor)	Th 6:30-9:30	3
Econ. 231E	Applied General Statistics (Pre: Approval of instructor)	T 6:30-9:30	3
Econ. 241E	Economic Analysis (Pre: Econ. 102)	M 6:30-9:30	3
Econ. 245E	Consumer Economics (Pre: Econ. 102)	W 6:30-9:30	3
ENGLISH:			
Eng. 101E	Composition I	M 6:30-9:30	3
Eng. 101E-2	Composition I	T 6:30-9:30	3
Eng. 102E	Composition II (Pre: Eng. 101)	Th 6:30-9:30	3
Eng. 131E	Fundamentals of Speech	T 6:00-8:00	2
Eng. 151E	Western World Literature I (Pre: Eng. 102)	W 6:30-9:30	3
Eng. 410E	Studies in Medieval Literature	M 6:30-9:30	3
ENGINEERING:			
MaE102E	Materials Science Time and place to be arranged (Pre: Approval of instructor)		3
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE:			
Env. Sci. 101E	Introductory Earth Science	Th 8:00-10:00	3
	Lab	T 8:00-10:00	
	Lab fee $20		
FINE ARTS:			
F.A. 101E	Experiencing Art I	T 6:30-9:30	3
FOREIGN LANGUAGES:			
FRENCH:			
Fr. 101E	Elementary French I	TTH 6:30-8:00	3
Fr. 203E	Intermediate French I (Pre: Fr. 102 or equivalent)	TTH 8:00-9:30	3
GERMAN:			
Ger. 101E	Elementary German I	TTH 6:30-8:00	3
Ger. 203E	Intermediate German I (Pre: Ger. 102 or equivalent)	TTH 8:00-9:30	3
SPANISH:			
Span. 101E	Elementary Span. I	TTH 6:30-8:00	3
Span. 203E	Intermediate Span. I (Pre: Span. 102 or equivalent)	TTH 8:00-9:30	3
HISTORY:			
Hist. 101E	History of Western Civilization I	M 6:30-9:30	3
Hist. 102E	History of Western Civilization II	TH 6:30-9:30	3
Hist. 353E	Early Modern Europe	W 6:30-9:30	3
Hist. 357E	History of Russia to 1815	M 6:30-9:30	3
Hist. 497E	Seminar—Ethnic & Racial Minorities in America	Th 6:30-9:30	3
JOURNALISM:			
Jour. 101E	Basic News Writing I (Fee $10)	W 6:30-9:30	3
MATHEMATICS:			
Math. 100E	Pre-Calculus Math. (Pre: Two years of secondary school math. in algebra and geometry)	MW 6:300-8:00	4
Math. 101E	Fundamentals of Mathematics	W 6:30-9:30	3
Math. 105E	Introductory Calculus I For social and natural science students. (Pre: At least 2 years of college prep. math. including algebra II and geometry)	MW 6:00-8:00	4
Math. 111E	Analysis I (Calculus with analytic geometry)	MW 6:00-8:00	4
Math. 211E	Intermediate Analysis I (Introductory linear algebra and differential equations) (Pre: 1 yr. Calculus)	TTH 6:00-8:00	4
Math. 261E	Introduction to Computer Science Fee $20	TH 6:30-9:30	3
Math. 263E	Fortran Programming (Pre: Math. 261 or consent of instructor) In addition to the above courses, a number of senior-graduate courses will be offered. Generally, these courses will be scheduled twice per week in late afternoon (4:00-5:30) or evening. Please consult the Graduate Office or the Department of Mathematics for this course listing.	T 6:30-9:30	3
MUSIC:			
Mus. 101E	Introduction to the Materials & Literature of Music I	T 6:30-9:30	3
Applied Music	Applied Music Room and Hours to be arranged.		
NURSING EDUCATION:			
N.E. 103E	History and Trends in Nursing	TH 4:00-7:00	3
N.E. 106E	Supervision and Administration	M 4:00-6:00	2
N.E. 112E	Field Experience in Supervision or Teaching. Time, place to be arranged		
PHILOSOPHY:			
Phil. 101E	Introduction to Philosophy	Th 6:30-9:30	3
Phil. 102	Logic and Scientific Method	W 6:30-9:30	3
Phil. 330E	Existentialism	M 6:30-9:30	3
PHYSICAL EDUCATION:			
P.E. 105E	Hygiene	T 7:00-8:00	1
PHYSICS:			
Phys. 101E	Physical Science I	TH 6:30-9:30	3
POLITICAL SCIENCE:			
P.S. 101E	Political Science I	M 6:30-9:30	3
P.S. 223E	Comparative Government (Pre: P. S. 101-102)	T 6:30-9:30	3
P.S. 253E	Land Use Planning Law (Pre: P. S. 251)	W 6:30-9:30	3
P.S. 395E	Independent Research (Pre: Approval of Dept. Chairman) Time and place to be arranged		3
PSYCHOLOGY:			
Psy. 101E	General Psychology I	T 6:30-9:30	3
Psy. 101E-2	General Psychology I	TH 6:30-9:30	3
Psy. 221E	Child Psychology (Pre: Psy. 101-102)	M 6:30-9:30	3
Psy. 232E	Human Behavior (Pre: Psy. 101-102)	W 6:30-9:30	3
RETAILING:			
Ret. 101E	Principles of Retailing	W 6:30-9:30	3
Ret. 212E	Purchases and Merchandising Control (Pre: B.A 115 or approval of instructor)	T 6:30-9:30	3
SOCIOLOGY:			
Soc. 101E	Introduction to Sociology and Anthropology I	W 6:30-9:30	3
Soc. 251E	Fields of Social Work (Pre: Soc. 101-102, Psy. 101-102)	M 6:30-9:30	3

GRADUATE DIVISION

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION:

Acct. 503	Managerial Accounting, Capin	T 6:30-9:30
B.A. 502	Management Science, Dwivedi	W 6:30-9:30
B.A. 511	Modern International Commerce, Taylor	M 6:30-9:30
B.A. 523	Management Seminar I, Szmilo	T 6:30-9:30
Econ. 473	Pre-Seminar, Werner	W 6:30-9:30
Econ. 506	Labor-Management, Economics, Rosenberg	M 6:30-9:30
Econ. 533	The Labor Market, Werner	Th 6:30-9:30

BIOLOGY:

402	Cell Biology, Embryogenesis, and Diff., Ogren	To be announced
460	Selected Topics in Bio-Repro. Phys., Acheson	To be announced

CHEMISTRY:

341	Elementary Phys. Chem., Swain (Chem. Ed. Students only)	M-W-F 9 (Lab. A, T 2-5) (Lab. B Th.2-5)
411	Inorganic Chemistry, Faut	To be announced
431	Advanced Organic Chemistry I, Labows	To be announced
541	Chemical Thermodynamics & Statistical Thermo., Swain	To be announced

ENGLISH:

330	Seventeenth Century Prose & Poetry, Kaska	T-Th 4-5:30
410	Studies in Medieval Lit., Fiester	M 6:30-9:30 Bedford Sem

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE:

401	Dynamic Geology, El Ashry,	To be announced

EDUCATION:

430	Developmental Reading, Siles	T 6-9 Chase Hall 209
510	Psychological Founds. of Education, Hammer	Th 6-9 Chase Hall 209
514	Historical Founds. of Education, Watters	W 6-9 Chase Theater
520	Tests and Measurements, Bellucci	T 6-9 Kirby Hall 109
521	Statistics in Educ., Bellucci	W 6-9 Kirby Hall 109
532A	Problems in Elementary Education: Math., Caldwell	Th 6-9 Chase Theater
534	Elementary School Curriculum, Darte	M 6-9 Chase Hall 209

HISTORY:

327	History of the Foreign Policy of the U.S., Leach	M-W-F 11 Franklin 30
331	Colonial America, Meyers	M-W-Th 2 Franklin 14
333	Age of Big Business, Cox	M-W-Th 9 Frannlin 30
353E	Early Modern Europe —1648, Berlatsky	W 6:30-9:30 p.m. Franklin 30
355	Europe—19th Cent., Kaslas	M-W-Th 10 Kirby 109
357E	Europe—20th Cent Kaslas	M 6:30-9:30 p.m. Frank. 30
381	History of Latin America, Furlow	T-Th-F 8, Franklin 30
497E	Seminar—Ethnic & Racial Minorities in America, Rodechko	Th 6:30-9:30 p.m. Frank 30

MATHEMATICS:

311	Functions of a Real Variable I, Wong	M-W 4-5:30, Mi. 11
331	Introduction to Abstr. Algebra I, Tillman	T-Th 4-5:30, Mi. 11
343	Intro. to Geometry, Earl	M-W-F 9, Mi. 12
351	Probability & Math. Statistics I, Richards	M-W-F 3, Mi. 12
365	Partial Differential Equ., DeCosmo	M-W-F 11, Mi. 20
441	Intro. to Topology I, Wasileski	M-W 4-5:30, Mi.20
451	Advanced Statistics I, Mitra	T-Th. 4-5:30, Mi. 20
511	Measure and Integration I, Sours	T-Th. 6-7:30, Mi. 11

PHYSICS:

401	Topics in Mathematical Physics, Hostler	To be announced
511	Analytical Mechanics, Donahoe	To be announced
530	Electricity and Magnetism, Hostler	To be announced
551	Quantum Mechanics, Bellas	To be announced

*To be arranged classes will be scheduled on Monday, September 25, 1972 in Stark 109 at 7 p.m.

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After Trip Through Kingston and Hanover Township

Allentown Reporter Finds Flood Victims Retain Their Spirit

(Ed. note: The following account of area activity after the flood appeared in the Allentown Call-Chronicle. It is presented here to show how out-of-towners witness our calamity.)

The residents of flood stricken Wyoming Valley have adopted the slogan, "The valley with a heart comin' back better than ever."

But the residents of the 21 municipalities in the Wyoming Valley area that were affected by the flood caused by Tropical Storm Agnes have more than heart.

Their needs are great, but their wants are little.

"Give my family a mobile home so we can be together again, and a few household belongings, such as bedding, pots, pans and dishes, and we will be more than satisfied," said Mrs. Peter Mischak of 537 North Gates Avenue, Kingston.

Mrs. Helen Peipon of 542 N. Gates Ave., Kingston, added, "Hurricane Agnes may have destroyed a lot of property—homes and businesses, and even some lives — but she couldn't destroy our human spirit."

Kingston, located across the Suquehanna River from Wilkes-Barre, had a higher percentage of property damage according to population as a result to the June 22-23 flood than any other Pennsylvania community.

Last week, Kingston Borough Council said a total of 6,629 structures in the community were affected when the Susquehanna River broke through its dike. It will require a $15.4-million rehabilitation and redevelopment program to restore the community, Ray Lowery, the borough's urban renewal consultant, said.

Most of the homes in a two-block area of N. Gates and N. Tioga Avenues, Kingston, were destroyed when the flood waters inundated the buildings, all constructed within the past five years.

The work of restoring and rebuilding goes on after nine weeks of hard work. Some say it will take a year, others say two or three years, until the area is restored. The work is hard and dirty.

Hurricane Agnes may have demonstrated the worst in nature, but she tended to bring out the best in people.

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put it, "You have to keep your sense of humor or you will go insane."

The Gorskis had only lived in their newly built brick stucco home eight days when the Susquehanna River overflowed and inundated the entire home. They are now living in a 65-foot mobile home located at the rear of their property that was provided by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. Gorski has suffered a heart attack since the flood and is limited in his activity.

But you must visit the areas hardest hit by the flood and talk with the flood victims in order to get a true picture of the devastation and the needs of the people.

Regardles of their good humor, pride and determination, these people need help. They don't need money, a Kingston borough official said, "just some friendly words of hope, comfort and encouragement, plus a few necessities of life."

An example of the type of programs needed to help the flood victims over this crisis is a project undertaken by the Lehighton-Palmerton area Lutheran churches.

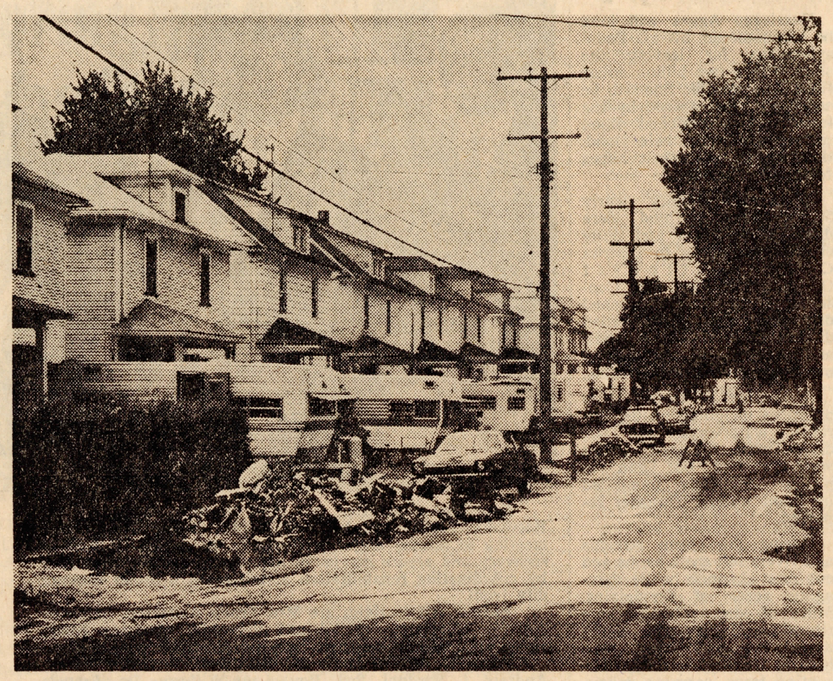
Last week, the Rev. Robert Leith, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Bowmanstown, and several of his parishioners packed a camper trailer with food, small appliances, household utensils and bedding and went to Kingston. They called their trailer "The Hope Wagon."

As a result of the visit, a woman from N. Goodwin Avenue sent a letter to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Lutheran Synod which reads in part:

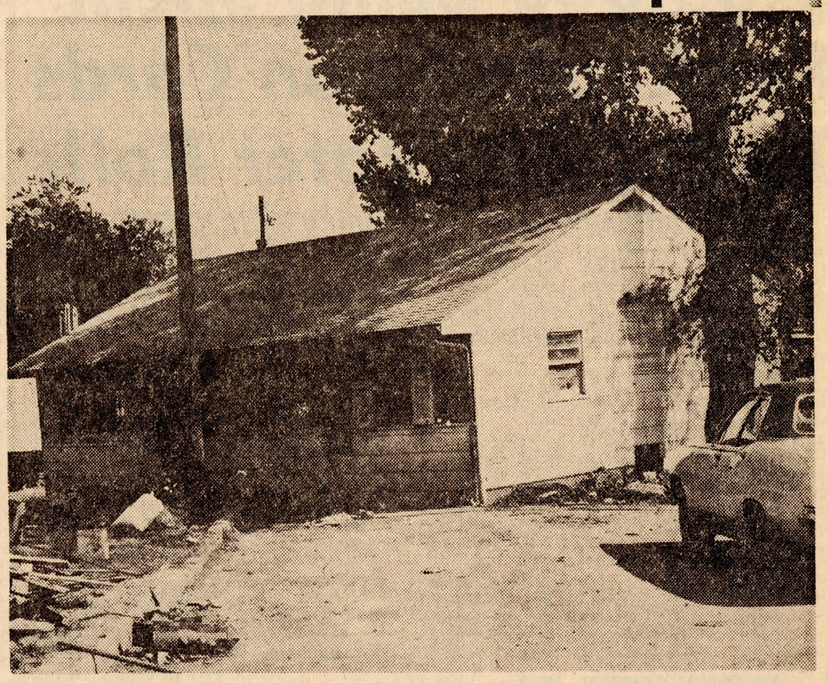
"I have done nothing but shovel, shovel, shovel and clean, clean, clean. As the days went by, I was getting more and more depressed and discouraged. One Sunday afternoon a hope wagon arrived on our block. They invited us all to a corn roast, and soon they brought out the guitars and accordion, and then would you believe we were dancing in our street.

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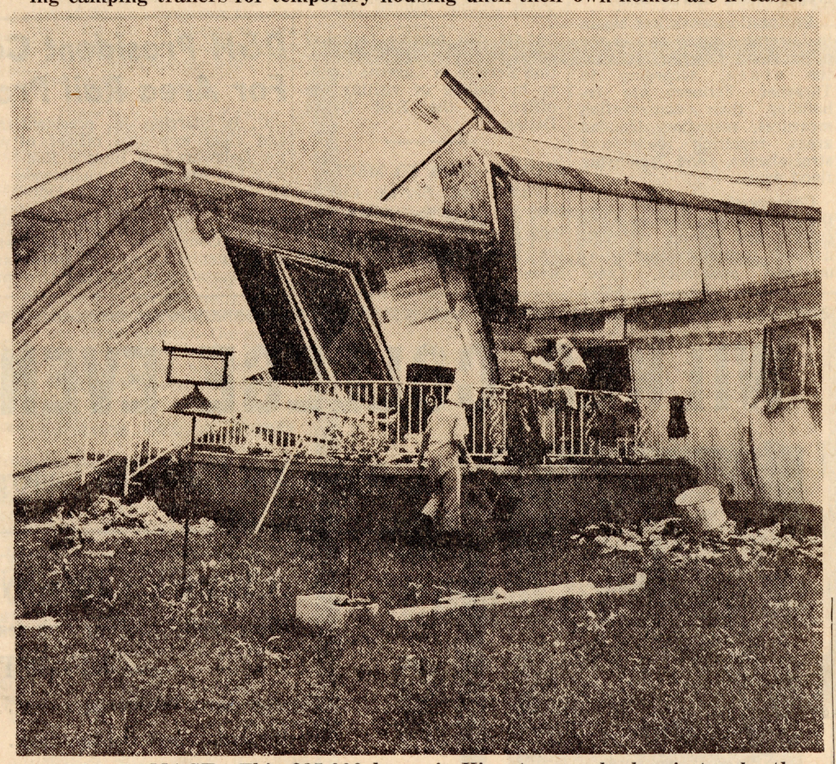
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TEMPORARY HOUSING—Flood victims on Kingston's Tioga Avenue are using camping trailers for temporary housing until their own homes are liveable.



FLOATED AWAY—This house was lifted from its foundation and left in the middle of a Kingston Street when the Susquehanna swelled to 40.6 feet high.



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ready had a home and suggested he deliver it to a family of six across the street who had not received one.

"My orders are to deliver it to you or bring it back," the delivery man told Mrs. Peipon. As a result, he returned to Tennessee with the trailer.

After nine weeks since Tropical storm Agnes swelled the Susquehanna River to a record height, many areas still look like a war zone.

Homes floated off their foundations are either crumbled or sitting on the front lawn or a portion of the street; newly built white homes are now dyed a drab beige of mud and dust for block after block; porches and carports are caved in, cars overturned and furniture turned upside down.

In front of nearly every home is a pile of rubble, much of it representing a family's entire belongings.

But in face of all the frustrations, the flood victims still smile and express their thanks for "just being alive."

'Boots' Back With Her Humans After Flood Ordeal of 67 Days

A black Persian cat named "Boots," a victim of the flood, is back with her owners after a 67-day separation in which she almost drowned and then nearly starved to death.

Her owners, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gallagher who resided at the Gateway Apartments when the flood hit, claimed their pet at the SPCA Animal Shelter in Plains Township after seeing her pitcture with a story that appeared in the Sunday Independent last week.

"We had gone to the shelter twice after the flood but could not locate "Boots" either time. She was there, though, and through the tender care of Ruth Jones, executive director of the shelter, and her assistants the pet made a remarkable recovery and was none the worse for the experience when her owners picked her up.

The 2½-year-old cat did her bit for her owners on the morning that the Susquehanna breached its dikes. The Gallagher's baby was awakened about 4:30 am. June 23 by the meowing of the cat, and then the baby's cries soon woke the young couple. When it was time to leave their apartment, the cat disappeared and the Gallagher's had to leave without it.

"Boots" had her picture taken with Miss Jones because the executive director felt that the cat illustrated the value of the rescue efforts of the SPCA and its volunteers during and after the flood.

In an eight-week period workers at the shelter brought in and housed over 1,000 animals from the flood zone.

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CYC Membership Campaign To Open

Kickoff meeting of the Catholic Youth Center's annual membership campaign will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 at the center, 36 South Washington Street with city Mayor Con Salwoski cutting a ribbon to mark the start.

General chairman is Mrs. Stanley Urbanski of Wilkes-Barre and Harvey's Lake.

East Side cochairmen are Mrs. Sylvia Solinsky and Mrs. Margaret Hromisin. Serving as West Side cochairmen are Daniel Stadulis and Mrs. James Feddock.

Assisting Mrs. Urbanski as campaign cochairman is former St. Vincent High School basketball coach "Red" Jones.

Because of the June 23 flood, some of the Wyoming Valley geographical areas usually covered in the CYC campaign have been affected.

But, recreational activity is direly needed by boys and girls and will continue until the final report meeting is made at the center on Oct. 11.

According to Mrs. Urbanski, the theme this year will be "Come grow with CYC, mentally, physically, and socially."

Rev. Paul J. Flynn, CYC director, and Anthony J. English Jr., associate director, have pointed out some of the many opportunities for children and adults to develop skills at the center. These include magic, drama, guitar, woodcraft, art, charm, sewing, cooking, cheerleading, guidance and development, flower arranging, knitting, drawing, quilting, bridge, and party platters.

In the physical realm, there are swim teams for boys and girls; biddy, junior teenage, and industrial basketball leagues, archery, wrestling, golf, judo, baton, tumbling, and special diving instructions from a new duraflex diving board. Frank Majikes is athletic director.

Dances and rock concerts are being planned for the coming year. Since the flood, the game room is newly renovated and has a relaxed atmosphere after school and evenings and it has a snack bar and a new stereo system where the teenagers can meet.

Youth group is a newly formed club for students of the 10, 11 and 12 grades providing recreation. Club 78 offers boys and girls on the seventh and eighth grade levels social introductions.

A Junior Basketball Officials program is held to train high school and college boys to become referees in the future.

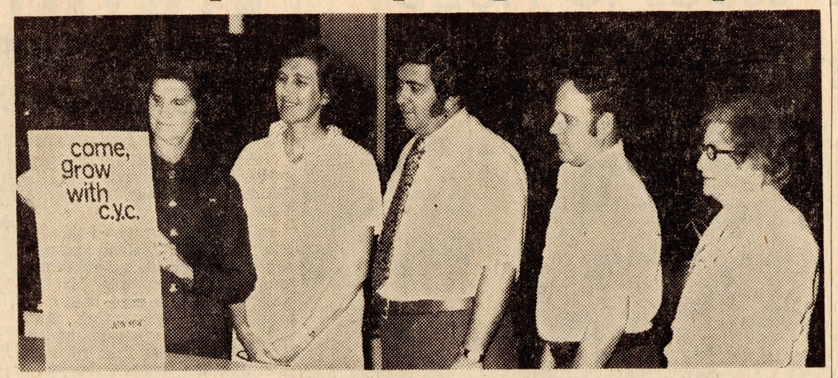
Mrs. Urbanski has emphasized the tremendous need for recreation for youngsters in the wake of the area's disaster. CYC officials will make every possible effort to arrange for youngsters displaced from their homes to other areas to be able to come to the center and be a vital part of its regular program.

A new basketball court is being installed in the center and should be ready for play around the middle of next month.

Swimming pool has been completely cleaned, sanitized, and refurbished to aid the local recreational scene.

Mrs. Susan Sordoni is chairman of the drive's public relations committee. Mrs. Robert Schuler is Endowment committee chairman. Mrs. Joan Evans heads the Century Club committee.

Parish quotas have been discontinued for this year's campaign and the center will bank heavily on cooperation from pastors in the drive parishes. Additional workers are needed for the drive and they may contact the center or come to the meeting tomorrow night. CYC is an agency of the United Fund.



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Pictured looking over a poster containing this year's drive theme from left to right are Mrs. Stanley Urbanski, chairman; Mrs. Ted Loke, West Side District 1 chairman; Anthony English Jr., associate director of the James Austin, District 5 chairman; and Mrs. Helen Murphy of the CYC staff.

CYC officials are working harder than ever to restore full services, which the flood sharply curtailed temporarily. (Joe Walsh)

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Hanover Amvets Will Install Officers Monday

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Past Commander William Koscinski will swear the following officers: Joseph F. Schintz, commander; Robert Blaskie, first vice-commander; Jerry Baluta, second vice-commander; Steve Bigus, adjutant; Walter Boyson Sr., finance officer; Michael Hrichison, judge advocate; John Bat, provost marshal; James Chopak, publicity.

Commander Schintz retired from the U.S. Air Force after 25 years of military service. He served in Europe during World War 2 in Korea during the Korean Conflict and also served in Iceland.

He is married to the former Sophie Lenio of Hanover Township and resides at 251 Phillips Street in the Lyndwood section.

Comander Schintz is a member of American Legion Post 609 and Lee Park VFW Post 5267. He is president of the Hanover Township Notre Dame Club and is a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Casimir's Church, Lyndwood.

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A Warning to Home Owners In Flood-Affected Areas



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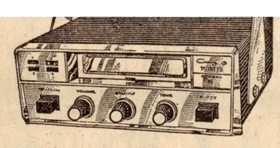
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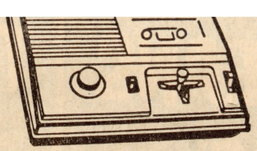
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Nonfiction

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THE SUPERLAWYERS—Joseph C. Goulden
OPEN MARRIAGE—Nena and George O'Neill
THE GAME OF FOXES—Ladislas Farago
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A WORLD BEYOND—Ruth Montgomery

As Commander

Prominently identified for his activities in veteran affairs, George Barna has taken over as commander of Parsons American Legion Post 199. A colorful installation ceremony was held at thet post home on George Avenue with the district commander and Hanover Post installation participating.

Serving with Commander Barna will be the following:

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Lehigh Valley Project

Double Benefit Slated To Help Flood Recovery

The Lehigh Valley escaped the ravages of the floods, but it has not forgotten its neighbors.

Within a few weeks, Lehigh Valley residents will be asked to lend a helping hand for a flood cause that has been buried in the headlines of many personal tragedies.

A special double benefit is being planned to help replace the books and periodicals that were destroyed in the libraries of Wilkes and King's Colleges.

The need for a helping hand is accented by the fact that little, if any, state or federal money, will be available to rebuild the library stocks.

Although both colleges suffered massive damages in the floods, they plan to open their doors for classes this Fall. In order to have a complete education, the students need the books and periodicals that were destroyed.

Recognizing this need, H. B. Sigal and Sons, who operate clothing stores in Easton, Whitehall, and in the Wyoming Valley Mall, have decided to sponsor two events.

The first will be an old-fashioned dance marathon, to be held Sept. 22 through the 24. The second will be a VIP fashion premiere, scheduled for Oct. 12.

Students from 13 Lehigh Valley colleges and universities as well as some stars of the "Roaring 20's", will participate in the 48-hour dance marathon. The dance will begin at 6 p.m. Friday and end 6 p.m. Sunday at Grace Hall on the Lehigh University campus in Bethlehem.

Fashion Show

The Fall Fashion Show, called "Fall '72, The Famous With The Fashions For Wilkes"—Bigger and Better Than Ever—will be emceed by Candy Jones, voted model of the year, who is native to Wilkes-Barre. Candy has authored 10 successful publications, and heads her own career girl school. She is Correctional Institution Consultant for Women Inmates and Stones Foundations Correctional programs.

The event will be held at the King's College gymnasium in Wilkes-Barre. Oct. 12 has been set as the date, but it could be changed if the gymnasium, which was very heavily damaged in the flood, is not cleaned up by that time.

The dance marathon will raise funds through a sponsorship of dancers, most of whom will be nominated by college students throughout the Lehigh Valley.

Vaudeville stars are expected to appear during the marathon hours. Some radio personalities have been contacted to pay a visit to help spur the donations. Music will be provided by local radio and college disc jockeys.

The fun-filled event is expected to be one of the most unusual ever held in the Lehigh Valley. Marathon donations have been set tentatively at $1. All proceeds of both events will be donated to the colleges to help replace the books and periodicals that were lost.

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Cinema 2
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American (Pittston)
"THE LAST OF THE RED HOT LOVER" 2, 3:40, 5:20, 7:15, 9:10

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"THE OTHER" 3:40, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20
"WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY" once only at 2 p.m.

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Wilkes-Barre
"LADY FRANKENSTEIN" at 8; "THE CREAMATORS" at 9:30

Sunset
"WELCOME HOME SOLDIERS" at 8; "THE ABDUCTORS" at 10
"ESCAPE TO PASSION" at 11:30

Dallas
"MONEY TALKS" plus "DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER" at 7:45

Oak Hill
"SECRETARIES CLUB" at 8 & 11
"COMING OF AGE" at 9:30

GNA PEP RALLY

Greater Nanticoke Area cheerleaders will stage a bonfire and pep rally at 8 p.m., Friday at the baseball field behind John S. Fine High School.

Sept. 25 to 30

Judging Days Are Set For Bloomsburg Fair

Thousands of people come each year to the Bloomsburg Fair, set this year for Sept. 25-30, to see the many exhibits and judging of livestock. Horse and pony pulling contests and cattle judging are among the many activities utilizing the large arena at the western end of the fairgrounds, adjacent to the livestock barns which also house the sheep and swine exhibits.

The horse pulling contest will be held Thursday, Sept. 28. In order to win the prizes of up to $110, a team must pull a distance of 16 feet. Any length shorter is not used except when two or more teams fail to pull 16 feet. Whipping and shouting are forbidden, and the driver must ride the sled and not the horses. There are two classes—for a pair of horses 3200 pounds or under, and for a pair of horses over 3200 pounds. Premiums are the same for both classes—$110, $90, $70, $50, $30, $20, $10.

There are also two classes for the pony pulling contest on Saturday, Sept. 30—for a pair of ponies weighing 1050 pounds or less, and a pair over 1050 pounds but less than 1250 pounds. The official pull is 10 feet, and premiums are $75, $60, $45, $35, and $15 in each class.

Beef cattle—Aberdeen Angus, Charolais, and Herefords—will be judged Tuesday, Sept. 26. Champion bull and female also receive special ribbons.

Only Pennsylvania-owned sheep and swine are eligible for competition in these departments. There are eight breeds of sheep and seven breeds of swine eligible with prizes in each class.

In the poultry show there are 172 breeds of bantams and 132 breeds of chickens eligible for the show. All poultry must be blood tested, and any bird rejected must be destroyed or removed from the show building.

The Bloomsburg Fair features turkeys and pigeon exhibits which are furnished by private breeders.

Rabbits are judged on the opening day of fair week. Eighty-four breeds are eligible. Rabbits may be entered individually or as a meat pen comprising of three rabbits, 59 days old or under. There will be special awards of $5 for best doe and $5 for the best buck in the show, all breeds competing.

SOKOLS TO MEET

Edwardsville Slovak Catholic Sokols will meet this afternoon at 2 at St. Anthony's Hall on Wilson Street, Larksville.

MORE FISHING THAN EVER

WASHINGTON — American fishing-license holders increased by 1,316,814 over 1970 to a record 25,751,494 in 1971. They spent $99,922,221 for licenses, $9 million more than in 1970.

Location—Rt. 81, Moosic Exit

Theatre 3 Goal Of 400 Patrons At 58% Of Goal

At College Misericordia's Theatre 3 benefactor drive progress report meeting held at the Treadway Inn, campaign team captains reported 58% of this year's goal of 400 benefactors achieved. Reports listed 233 benefactors registered to date in the six-week old campaign.

Less than half of the 13 campaign teams were represented at the meeting, according to general chairman John J. Gartner. Late reports from the absent team captains are expected to raise the tally considerably, Gartner said, possibly to the 300 point.

During the report meeting, Gartner extended the campaign an additional week. Originally scheduled to be concluded on September 13, the campaign will now be continued until the 20th. The final report meeting will be held at Newberry Estates in Dallas.

At Wednesday's meeting, Mrs. William J. Umphred reported the highest number of benefactors achieved by any team during the two-week reporting period. Mrs. Umphreds' team was able to register 12 additional benefactors since the last report.

Gartner indicated that he felt the campaign would be a success, reaching the goal of 400 by the last report meeting.

Theatre 3 Production Will Star John Raitt

John Raitt, Broadway musical star scheduled to appear in College Misericordia's Theatre 3 production of "Kiss Me Kate" on Sept. 28, was once better known as an athlete than as a singer.

Active in high school athletics in the 30's, Raitt won a track scholarship to the University of Southern California and seemed headed for a career as a physical education teacher and sports coach. Following his transfer to the University of Redlands, he excelled in field events and was unbeaten in the javelin throw, shotput and discus throw.

On his way to the Olympics in 1940, Raitt was hopeful of making athletic history, but the dream was shattered when the Nazis bombed Helsinki. The war totally ended Raitt's athletic aspirations.

But 1940 was also the beginning of Raitt's professional acting career as he accepted a singing engagement in the Los Angeles Civic Light Opera production of "H.M.S. Pinafore". Five years later, he appeared as Billy Bigelow in "Carousel", and the rest is entertainment history.

More than 30 years later, Raitt pursues athletics as a hobby rather than as a profession. He enjoys waterskiing and golf and has been a favorite of the various celebrity golf tournaments for many years.

Flood Benefit Slated By Blue Ridge Singers

A benefit performance by the Blue Ridge Quartet, the nation's top spiritual group, will be held in the Masonic Temple, Scranton, tomorrow night at 8 for the inter-denominational Flood Relief Fund of the Wyoming Conference United Methodist Church.

Information on purchasing tickets may be obtained from Mrs. John Schulde, 528 Wyoming Avenue, Wyoming.

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State, County, Local School Aides Plan Program

Flood-ravaged Wyoming Valley school districts have received valuable school-planning assistance from Penna. Department of Education representatives, and officials of Luzerne County Intermediate Unit 18. Wilkes-Barre Area School District is among the 10 Wyoming Valley districts to benefit from the help of these consultants this week.

Superintendent of Wilkes-Bare Area School District, Walter C. Wood, and Ray J. Chesney, administrative assistant for instruction, worked with Mrs. Bertha Boyd, Educational Services Representative, Office of the Commissioner of Education, Harrisburg, and Nello Riccetti, Executive Director, Luzerne County Intermediate Unit 18, to plan workshops for the professional staffs of the area. PDE officials in the area for consultation purposes included Ernest Johnson, P.D.E. Basic Education, temporarily on duty in the area to assist with flood-related school problems; also, Joseph Skok, Wyoming Valley area personal representative of Secretary of Education, John C. Pittenger, and Thomas Jachimowicz, Federal Program Specialist, Luzerne County, Intermediate Unit 18.

Staff Workshops

Approximately 625 members of the professional staff of Wilkes-Barre Area School District will attend workshop sessions for one week beginning tomorrow. The official date for students to report to school is set for Tuesday, Sept. 19.

Tomorrow, a special orientation meeting for all newly employed teachers will be held in the Administration Building, 730 South Main Street, at 9 a.m. Meetings will be conducted for the elementary teachers by Fred Kepner and Leo Solomon, elementary curriculum directors. Joseph A. Pe-', secondary Curriculum director, will conduct meetings for secondary teachers.

Tomorrow at 1 p.m., all professional personnel will report to designated buildings for departmental meetings. These meetings will be conducted by curriculum directors and supervisors of the district.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, teachers from 19 elementary schools and five secondary schools will participate in worshops. The workshops will be conducted by GAR Memorial High School, Wilkes-Barre Township Junior High School, and Plains Township Junior High School. The professional staff will report to each of the three buildings on a rotating basis each of the inservice days. Plans to present two different topics each day will enable teachers to participate in six different educational offerings over a period of three days.

The teachers have been informed by letter regarding the numbering system used to expedite the workshop attendance. All elementary teachers and teachers from Wilkes-Barre Township Jr. High School will attend group 1 sessions. Group 2 is for all teachers from Coughlin and GAR. All teachers from Myers, Plains Junior High School and personnel of the Administration Building will attend as group three.

On Friday, faculty meetings will be held in all school buildings of the district and teachers will prepare rooms for the opening of school on Sept. 19.



State, County, and local school district officials are shown in planning session for the opening-of-schools program for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District last week. The educators planned inservice workshops for the professional staff of Wilkes-Barre Area School District. The workshops will be conducted for one week, beginning tomorrow.

Pictured in planning session, left to right, are Ray J. Chesney, administrative assistant, for instruction, Wilkes-Barre Area School District; Joseph Skok, Wyoming Valley personal representative of John C. Pittenger, Secretary of Education, Harrisburg; Mrs. Bertha Boyd, Educational Services Representative, Office of the Commissioner of Education, Harrisburg; Nello Riccetti, Executive Director, Luzerne County, Intermediate Unit 18; Walter C. Wood, Superintendent, Wilkes-Barre Area School District; Thomas Jachimowicz, Federal Program Specialist, Luzerne County Intermediate Unit 18; Ernest Johnson, PDE, Basic Education, on temporary duty to assist schools with flood-related problems. —(Ace Hoffman).

Barbershoppers Will Rehearse Tomorrow at 8

Wilkes-Barre Chapter, Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA) will hold a rehearsal tomorrow night at 8 at the home and garden of a member, Anthony R. D'Angelo, 600 Wyoming Avenue, West Pittston.

President Robert H. Kressly, Wilkes-Barre, announced the session will begin with a "harmony review." Rehearsal session will be under direction of James McClelland, Wilkes-Barre.

Other plans for the evening, according to Vice President Robert Jones of West Pittston, include a "Pick-up Quartet Contest," tag quartet singing and

Although paralyzed, Samuel Schereschewsky spent 25 years translating the Bible into Wenli Chinese. His "One-Finger Bible" was tapped out with one finger of each hand for transcription into ideograms.

To Fight Fires By Burning Forests Is Controversial, Emotional Plan

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Smokey, the U.S. Forest Service's fire-hating poster bear, may not like this.

But it appears that a number of forestry experts are coming around to the belief that one of the best ways to fight fire is with fire.

This controversial and emotional idea was discussed by Marvin Dodge, a California state forest ranger, in the technical magazine, "Science." Fire fighters in western forests are doing such a good job that they may, in fact, be helping to increase the hazards that beset woodlands.

High among these hazards is the accumulation of dead fuel material—fallen leaves and needles, twigs and branches, tree trunks, grass and weeds—in which fires start easily.

Once ignited, these dead fuels burn with high intensity, generating fires that may roar out of control.

According to Dodge, "fire has been part of the western forests, probably for thousands of years."

Prevent Large Buildups

These fires presumably consumed much of the deal fuels, with their high content of stored energy, and prevented large buildups.

But since the white man's protection agencies established as their goal "total exclusion of fire" from the forests, gradual accumulation of dead fuels has reached the danger point in many areas.

The total exclusion goal has not yet been attained. More than 95% of wild fires are put out while quite small, according to Dodge. But it is the small percentage of fires that get out of control that cause 95% of the damage to forests, and to human life and property.

In 1967 and again in 1970 huge fires generated from small beginnings devastated hundreds of thousands of acres and hurt the whole economy.

"More disastrous fires may be expected in future years," Dodge said.

How to protect forests from fire and at the same time prevent the consequent accumulation of dead fuel which menaces their future.

Efforts to find efficient chemical or biological digesters of dead fuels have not succeeded. Mechanical removal is expensive?

Why Not?

So how about deliberately setting small, low-intensity, controlled fires to get rid of the deadwood before it becomes an uncontrollable hazard.

Australians have tried this, and there is evidence, Dodge reported, that it may work. They have started "a program of prescribed burning to reduce the fire hazard and restore the ecological conditions needed by the forest and wildlife."

It may surprise you to hear that some authorities attribute the survival and health of valuable tree species—Douglas fir, western white pine, lodge-pole pine, giant sequoias—to the soil purifying and fuel consuming effects of sporadic fires in the long history of forests.

So it may make sense for man to do what nature has been doing for thousands of years. Dodge quoted William E. Towell, chairman of a fire study group of the American Forestry Association, as saying:

"A fire protection agency's worst enemy may be its own efficiency. The longer forests go without burning, the greater the fuel accumulation and the greater the hazard."

Senior Citizens

By PATRICIA WERNER

Now that Labor Day has come and gone, I'm sure that many of us have asked "Where has the Summer gone?" The brisk nights and cool mornings are clear evidence that Fall is almost here. Within a few weeks the beautiful Fall foliage will surround us and we will be able to marvel at mother nature's beauty, as well as her wrath.

Fall and Winter events are being planned for Senior Citizens throughout the area whether you are living at home, in a trailer, or in temporary quarters. We hope to have some regular schedules underway by Oct. 1. We plan to be back in the Wilkes-Barre Center in B'nai B'rith Building, 61 East Northampton Street, around Sept. 18. Watch this column.

Two busloads of members from the Pittston Center will be off to Camelback Playhouse on Wednesday. This happy group is most active in all center endeavors and certainly enjoy themselves wherever they go.

Not only do our center members enhance their lives by participating in recreational activities, they are also involved in many community projects. These range from volunteer programs to donating handmade items to various organizations. Several new volunteer programs will be launched within a short time to help flood victims and other affected persons. Please watch for further notices and if you have a little time to devote to others, contact the Bureau for the Aging at that time.

Since Hurricane Agnes left her mark, we at the Bureau for the Aging have come in contact with hundreds of people. Persons in flooded areas, persons from other social services agencies, persons from the state and from Washington. The spirit, devotion and tireless work put into the recovery effort is indeed gratifying.

Although there has been frustration, delays and concern, there has also been planning, action and progress in getting the community functioning once again. We often tend to dwell on the complaints and tend to forget or ignore the accomplishments that have been made. Dealing with thousands of people, all with multiple problems, is a sizeable task; existing agencies, programs and personnel had to be expanded at an accellerated rate.

We have been most pleased that many of our senior citizens have rallied to the cause and have helped us in many ways from our "Life-Line" referral service to delivering Meals-on-Wheels. In helping others we also help ourselves. We know that this feeling will continue through the days ahead and will help us to build an even better and more prosperous community filled with contented, well cared for inhabitants.

This goal will be accomplished with careful planning, proper facilities and cooperation. All these ingredients are at present being blended together to form the perfect mixture. The weeks and months ahead should be bright and full of promise for all.

Poor Rural Housing Affects 30% in U.S.

WASHINGTON — Thirty per cent of the U.S. population is affected by substantard rural housing, including almost half the rural poor, a high percentage of the 7 million rural elderly and over one-fourth of the million or so migrant farm workers.

WYOMING VALLEY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES



By ANITA J. AMBROSE, Administrator

A missionary wrote to me last week expressing the challenge she confronts as a missionary in Africa: "The government has just levied a tax of $14,000 for the use of the radio communications for the Missionary Aviation Fellowship, and $6,000 for our Mission. So, as of this week, we are entirely off the air. This means that, since our second truck broke down, we are without means of communication with the rest of the world."

This paragraph reminded me that if there is one essential work for the Christian community it must be that of communication with the world! Many of us in Wyoming Valley know the experience that we have had in the means of communication which we encountered within the past two monnths. We are so very grateful that it is improving as the days go on.

The overarching problem for the church today is the means by which the church communicates its word, and the message with which the church confronts the world.

The word from Paul in Romans 10:17 speaks directly to our present condition. "So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ."

To a world and especially to a community which longs for "The Real Thing," the church must communicate with clarity and power the gospel truth that Christ brings reality to life. Many possessions make life pleasant, and many luxuries make life livable, but only Christ makes life worthwhile.

Communicate this to the world and especially our community today! Many are dying to hear it

Council activities for the week:

Today, 8 a.m.—The Wheel Chair Ministry will be carried on at the VA Hospital.

Today, 9 a.m.—The Dialogue Program will be seen over Channel 16. Dr. Jule Ayers and Rev. Richard Bevan of First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre, are the moderators.

Today, 10:30 a.m.—Downtown churches will worship together in the First United Methodist Church, North Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Today, 2 p.m.—The Valley Crest Ministry will be carried on by Rev. Robert Butler, pastor of Parsons Baptist Church.

Today, 4 p.m.—Ecumenical Service of Celebration of Hope and Promise will be held at St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church, 339 North Maple Avenue, Kingston. The service will be informal both in content and manner of dress.

Monday, 10 a.m.—United Methodist Ministers and Wives of Wilkes-Barre District will meet for the first Fall meeting at Shavertown United Methodist Church. Rev. Robert D. Yost is host pastor.

Monday, noon—Keystone Job Corps Community Relations Committee will meet at Hotel Sterling.

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.—Church Women United executive board will meet at the Council office, 35 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. Lee Bubeck will preside.

Wednesday, noon — YWCA/YMCA board of directors will meet at the YMCA/YWCA Building, West Northampton Street, Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. John Fine and Harry Hickman, presidents, will be in charge.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.—The O'Karma Terrace Ministry will be carried on by Rev. William Reid, pastor of Central United Methodist Church.

Thursday, 9 a.m.—Mental Health Clergy Seminary will be held at St. Joseph Oblates Seminary, Yatesville. Northeast Interfaith Planning Committee is in charge of this seminar and hopes to better equip pastors of the area for the great load of flood crisis counselling.

Thursday, 9 a.m.—The newly-formed Interfaith Flood Recovery board of directors will meet at Dorranceton United Methodist Church, Kingston. Rev. Edward Scott is chairman.

Our sympathy surrounds the family of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wood, pastor of Plains and Abbott United Methodist Churches, in the death of Rev. Wood's father, Rev. Robert Wood, retired United Methodist minister of the Wyoming Conference.

Rev. Lee Brehm, pastor of Christ United Methodist Church, Mountaintop, is a patient in General Hospital.

Rev. Charles Hailstone, pastor of Wyoming Presbyterian Church, is a patient in General Hospital.

Statistics recently compiled by the President's Task Force on Aging reveal that some 25,000 elderly people have been displaced by the flood in Wyoming Valley. Project SEARCH, a volunteer venture is being launched with the expectation of reaching and assisting all elderly flood victims. Those interested in becoming a SEARCH volunteer can call Miss Anita J. Ambrose at the Council of Churches office.

Also needed are volunteer drivers for the Meals on Wheels program.

This Week's TV Log

Today

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30 16 The Christophers
00 28 Rev. Rex Humbard
6 Old Time Gospel Hour
30 22 Summer Semester
00 16 Dialogue
22 Music and the Spoken Word
28 Day of Discovery
30 28 Oral Roberts
16 Insight
22 Mass for Shut-ins
00 22 Lamp Unto My Feet
16 Curiosity Shop
28 This is the Life
30 28 Church Services
22 Look Up And Live
00 16 Bullwinkle
22 Camera III
30 22 Face the Nation
6 Make A Wish
8 Lost In Space

TERNOON
00 16 Untamed World
22 Your Senator's Report —Sen. Hugh Scott
30 22 Archie's T VFunnies
28 The World Tomorrow
16 College Football
22 Harlem Globetrotters
30 16 Summer Olympics
22 Star Showcase
00 28 Mets Baseball— Mets vs. St. Louis
0 22 Yankee Baseball— Yanks vs. Detroit
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0 16 Drugs Via Satellite
0 28 World Series of Golf
22 U.S. Open Tennis Championships

ENING
0 22 NFL Pre-Season Game —Minn. vs. Miami
0 28 Nightly News
16 Kreskin
0 28 Wild Kingdom
16 It Takes a Thief
0 28 Walt Disney
0 16 Summer Olympics
0 28 Ozzie's Girls
0 28 Liza with A Z
22 The Life of Leonardo DaVinci, Part V
0 16 Zenith Presents— Salute to TV's 25th Year
0 28 The Bold Ones
22 Special—Norman Rockwell
0 22 Felony Squad
0 22, 28, 16 News
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0 28 The Tonight Show
22 Special—American Physical Fitness
0 22 The Flick— "Plainsman"
0 22 WDAU Late News

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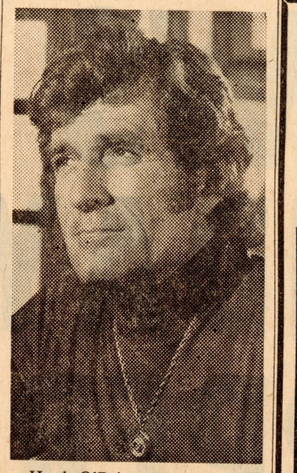
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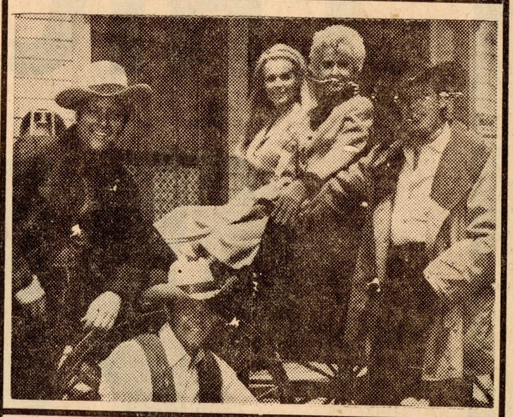
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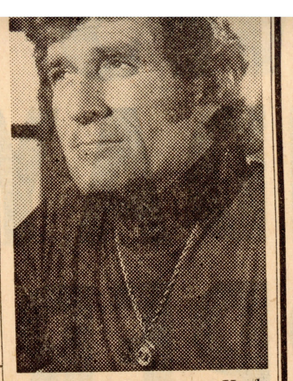
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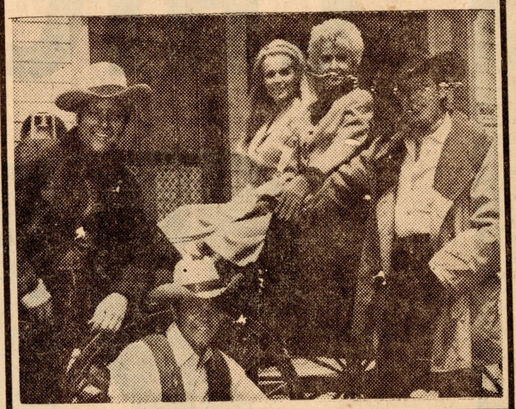
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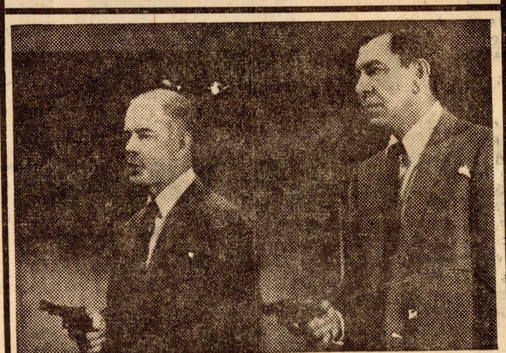
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First Grade, Dallas Elementary:

To Mrs. Ambrose: Christine Brown, Deborah Carol Davis, Edward Peter Fedrow, Kurt John Fetterman, John Sidney Fine, Linda Marlene Heffner, Stephen Hutnick, Kimberly Dawn Justus, Beth Karnofsky, Robin Karnofsky, Sharon Elaine Martini, Caroline McCarthy, Donna Lee McDermott, Judith Lynn Myak, John Mark Patterson, Gavin Michael Perry, Patricia Phillips, Gary Stephen Radzinski, Veva Shannon Rogers, Cynthia Silverman, Russell Harold Smith, Susan Marie Taylor, Maribeth Watchulonis.

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Dallas Schools List Times For Sessions

All fifth and sixth grade students of the Dallas School District will report to the Dallas Intermediate School (formerly the Dallas Junior High School) at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19. The school buses will run

This Week's TV Log

Today

MORNING
7:30 16 The Christophers
8:00 28 Rev. Rex Humbard
16 Old Time Gospel Hour
8:30 22 Summer Semester
9:00 16 Dialogue
22 Music and the Spoken Word
28 Day of Discovery
9:30 28 Oral Roberts
16 Insight
22 Mass for Shut-ins
10:00 22 Lamp Unto My Feet
16 Curiosity Shop
28 This is the Life
10:30 28 Church Services
22 Look Up And Live
11:00 16 Bullwinkle
22 Camera III
11:30 22 Face the Nation
16 Make A Wish
28 Lost In Space

AFTERNOON
12:00 16 Untamed World
22 Your Senator's Report —Sen. Hugh Scott
12:30 22 Archie's T VFunnies
28 The World Tomorrow
16 College Football
22 Harlem Globetrotters
1:30 16 Summer Olympics
22 Star Showcase
2:00 28 Mets Baseball— Mets vs. St. Louis
2:30 22 Yankee Baseball— Yanks vs. Detroit
4:00 16 Twon Meeting of the Air—"Home Rule"
4:30 16 Drugs Via Satellite
5:00 28 World Series of Golf
22 U.S. Open Tennis Championships

EVENING
6:00 22 NFL Pre-Season Game —Minn. vs. Miami
6:30 28 Nightly News
16 Kreskin
7:00 28 Wild Kingdom
16 It Takes a Thief
7:30 28 Walt Disney
8:00 16 Summer Olympics
8:30 28 Ozzie's Girls
9:00 28 Liza with A Z
22 The Life of Leonardo DaVinci, Part V
9:30 16 Zenith Presents— Salute to TV's 25th Year
10:00 28 The Bold Ones
22 Special—Norman Rockwell
10:30 22 Felony Squad
11:00 22, 28, 16 News
11:15 16 Name of the Game
11:30 28 The Tonight Show
22 Special—American Physical Fitness
12:00 22 The Flick— "Plainsman"
2:00 22 WDAU Late News

Monday to Friday

6 a. m. until 5:30 p. m.

MORNING
6:30 28 Religious Series
22 Summer Semester
7:00 22 CBS Morning News
28 Today Show
7:30 16 Hatchy Milatchy
7:45 22 Job Opportunities
28 Hogan's Heros
7:30 28 The Price Is Right
22 This Is Your Life
16 I Dream of Jeannie
8:00 16 Temperature's Rising
22 Maude (Premiere)
28 Bonanza
8:30 22 Hawaii Five-O
16 Movie—" The Longest Night"
9:30 22 Tuesday Night Movie
10:00 28 NBC Reports
16 Marcus Welby
11:00 16, 22, 28 News
11:30 28 The Tonight Show
22 Late Movie— "She Waits"
16 Dick Cavette
1:30 22 WDAU Late News

Wednesday

EVENING
6:00 28 Eyewitness News
16 WNEP News
6:25 22 American Physical Fitness
6:30 28 NBC News
22 CBS News
16 ABC News
7:00 28 Hogan's Heroes
22 WDAU News
16 Truth or Consequences
7:30 28 Wait 'Till Your Father Gets Home
22 Green Acres
16 I Dream of Jeannie
8:00 16 Mod Squad
22 The Waltrons
28 Flip Wilson
9:00 22 CBS Thursday Night Movie—"Around The World In 80 Days"
10:00 28 Dean Martin Show
16 Owen Marshall— Counselor-at-Law
11:00 28 News
16 News
22 News
11:30 16 Dick Cavett Show
28 NFL Game of the Week
1:30 28 I Love Lucy
16 American Bandstand
2:00 22 Yankee Baseball— Yanks vs. Baltimore
16 Wide World of Sports
28 NBC Baseball
3:30 16 NCAA Football— Arizona at Houston
4:30 22 Sports Scope
5:00 28 TBA
22 Wrestling

EVENING
6:00 22 The Explorers
28 Lawrence Welk
6:30 22 CBS News
7:00 22 News
16 Star Time
7:30 22 Gomer Pyle
28 Hee Haw
8:00 28 Three Cheers for the Redskins
22 All in the Family
16 Summer Olympics
22 All in the Family
8:30 22 Marv Tyler Moore
9:00 22 Dick VanDyke
28 Ballad for Americans
9:30 22 Arnie
10:00 28 Miss America Pageant
16 The Best of Nashville
22 Mission: Impossible
11:15 16 Saturday Spectacular Theatre, Decision Before Dawn"
11:30 22 The Flick—"Little Miss Marker"
1:30 22 WDAU Late News
1:35 22 Late Movie, "The Lady Eve"

CHANNEL 44
EDUCATIONAL TV

SUNDAY
4:00—Sesame Street
5:00—Misterogers
5:30—Electric Company
6:00—Hodge Podge Lodge
6:30—Magic Window
7:00—Insight
7:30—What Shall We Do With Thursday's Child?
9:00—Masterpiece Theater
10:00—Evening at Pops
11:00—Chess Summary

MONDAY
3:00—Apart From the Crowd
3:30—Time With Carol
3:45—Magic Widow
4:00—Sesame Street
5:00—Misterogers
5:30—Electric Company
6:00—State of the Weather
6:30—French Chef
7:00—Hodgepodge Lodge
7:30—Code
8:00—Special—"The Violent Universe"
10:00—Evening Edition
10:30—Harlem Baske[illegible]

TUESDAY
3:00 Yoga, And You
3:30—Time with Carol
3:45—Magic Window
4:00—Sesame Street
5:00—Misterogers
5:30—Electric Company
6:00—State of the Weather
6:30—Maggie and the Beautiful Machine
7:00—Hodgepodge Lodge
7:30—Washington Debate
8:30—Evening at Pops
9:30—Towers of Frustration
10:00—Evening Edition
10:30—Concerts on the Lawn



Channel Scanning—

By JIM EDWARDS

In 1947 a Sunday Independent headline proclaimed: "40-Year Control of Germany by Big Four is U.S. Plan. "Also in that year, Stan Kenton and his orchestra played at West Side Park, Berwick; Ed Thomas, the "radio poet," was heard each Sunday night at 8:15 over WBAX Radio and the Luzerne County bond debt was $2.2-million.

That was when a toy called television was in its infancy and the relatives who dropped in from Sugar Notch or Dallas or Pringle enjoyed the near pictures on the little screen in the big box almost as much at they enjoyed your beer and sandwiches.

But television began to mature, to expand and its growth could accurately be related to that of the aviation industry. (In 1947 there were about 17,000 sets in the United States as compared with over 94 million today.)

Believe it or not, 25 years have gone by since "Howdy Doody," Shirley Dinsdale with Judy Splinters, Milton "Mr. Television" Berle and Sid Caesar did their thing for the electronic box. But it's true. And tonight from 9:30 to 11, "Zenith Presents A Salute to Television's 25th Anniversary" on the ABC Television Network. The program will be seen locally over WNEP-TV, Channel 16.

Nostalgia, we are told in a press release, is the password for the evening as "stars from television's past and present receive special Medallions of Merit for their outstanding contributions to the medium."

Old Films, Tapes

Film clips, tapes and old kinescopes, all pulled together by television veteran Jackie Cooper, will help viewers relive those glorious days in the 25-year-history of the medium.

Among those mentioned will be Jack Palance, the Hazleton-area native who spends a lot of his off-camera moments in the Conyngham Valley. Palance is remembersd for his performance in the "Playhouse 90" production of "Requiem for a Heavyweight." And there will be Edward R. Murrow with his "Person to Person" broadcasts; Kukla, Fran and Ollie; Mollie Goldberg and "I Love Lucy;" Jackie Gleason and Dr. Ben Casey . . . James Garner playing "Maverick" and young Mia Farrow with Dorothy Malone on "Peyton Place," as well as Churchill's "The Valiant Years."

Does it all make you feel old? Well, don't let it . . . nostalgia is nothing if it can't be fun. And a lot of work went into making tonight's 25th anniversary of the television industry a whole lot of fun.

questions on the subject which will be directed by a studio audience.

Some people never get the word, and in the case of Wyoming Valley's recent flood disaster, the people not getting the word must number more than the proverbial 2%.

On a "Jeopardy" program during the week, contestants were asked which state was hardest hit by this year's big flood. The answers included New York, South Dakota, West Virginia—all wrong, of course.

A movie synopses for the week on WBRE-TV, Channel 28, is as follows:

Tomorrow night at 9, "NBC Monday Night At The Movies," will present "The Anderson Tapes," starring Sean Connery, Dyan Cannon, Martin Balsam and Alan King. Duke Anderson lays the plans for the execution of a million dollar caper.

On Wednesday night at 8:30, the NBC Wednesday Night Mystery Movie will be, "Let's Hear It For A Living Legend," starring George Peppard as Thomas Banacek, a modern-day bounty hunter.

'In the Heat of the Night'

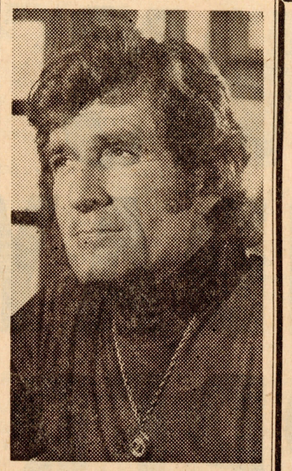
NBC Saturday Night Movie at 9 will air "In The Heat Of The Night," starring Sidney Poitier, Rod Steiger, Lee Grant and Warren Oates. An angry and resentful police chief subjects a black man to bigoted questioning about a murder.

Also on Saturday night, the "Academy Award Theatre" at 11:30 will present "The Jazz Singer," starring Danny Thomas and Peggy Lee. A modern day version of the first talking picture and of a young man who chooses a career in show business rather than follow in his father's footsteps as a cantor.

The "Dialing For Dollars Morning Movie" seen weekdays at 9 a.m. over Channel 16 will be as follows for the coming week:

Tomorrow, "Outrage," with Laurence Harvey and Paul Newman; Tuesday, "Rose Marie," with Ann Blythe and Howard Keel; Wednesday, "Hilda Crane," with Jean Simmons, Guy Madison and Jean P. Aumont; Thursday, "Oh, You Beautiful Doll," starring June Haver and Mark Stevens; Friday, "The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker," with Clifton Webb, Dorothy McGuire and Charles Coburn.

Global Adventurer



Hugh O'Brien stars as Hugh Lockwood, a globe-trotting, electronically-monitored agent of World Securities, in NBC Television Network's adventure series, "Search," which will be colorcast Wednesdays from 10-11 p.m. starting Sept. 13.

TV Notes

NEW YORK (UPI) — It is amazing to me that anyone still can watch those late shows such as NBC's "Tonight" and the Dick Cavett program on ABC. The sameness, night after night, turned me off long ago. CBS sensibly gave up in this area by cancelling Merv Griffin and turning the time over to old movies. Which makes it easy to turn off the set at the conclusion of the 11 p.m. news.

The networks are still floundering around for good comedy entertainment. Why? Didn't they ever hear fo Jackie Gleason, Sid Caesar, Red Skelton?

If you remember how Carol Burnett, the best protean comedienne on television, began her video career, you have been around quite a while and have a remarkable memory. In the very early 1950's, she was sort of a stooge on a program that starred ventriloquest Paul Winchell. Followed quickly by a quick failure in a series entitled "Stanley," in which she was vis-a-vis comic Buddy Hackett.

Comedienne Lily Tomlin has been signed as a guest star on three variety shows in the fall. She will appear Oct. 30 on "The Bill Cosby Show" on CBS, Carol Burnett's CBS hour on Nov. 6 and ABC's "The Julie Andrews Show" Dec. 13.

Lynn Klugman, a television associate director, is the niece of star Jack Klugman of "The Odd Couple" series.

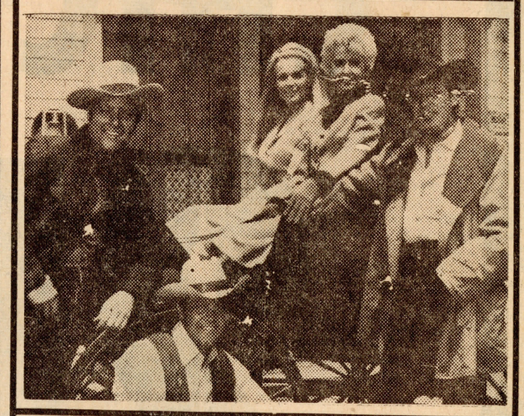
handicapped children to publicly-supported education. The program will include a live

this is the place to be

Love American Style 4:00 P.M.



Big Valley 4:30 P.M. staring Barbara Stanwyck



Dragnet 5:30 P.M. staring Jack Webb



George Shrader, Sam Sorber and Paul Irzinski.

Community betterment, Peter Steve, chairman; Paul Irzinski, James Sheard and Joseph Manosky; constitution and bylaws, Martin Stefanski, chairman; Cy Korba and Stanley Zincavage; convention, John Petroski, chairman; John Basar and Edward Tarutis; education and declamation, Norbert Wisniewski, chairman; Frank Alansky and Leo Yozviak; finance and budget, Donald Rother, chairman; Joseph Ridzon and Francis Ayers; greeters, Martin Stefanski, chairman, and all past presidents; health and welfare, Raymond Benkoski, chairman; Joseph Gaydos and Michael Kilcoyne; Lions information, Francis Ayers, chairman; Leo Koury and Cy Korba.

Membership, Michael Seman, chairman; Raymond Kruczek

Legion Post 609 Member Drive Gets Under Way

American Legion Post 609 has launched its 1972-73 membership drive. Jack Joseph, incoming commander, also has announced that all old and new members will have their name permanently inscribed in the new post home to be erected at Lee Park. Dues have been increased.

The Legion is planning a party for all members signed up before Sept. 30. All Korean and Vietnam veterans were urged to join the post and take advantage of numerous services offered to members.

New officers will be installed at 5 p.m. next Sunday. The program will be in charge of 12th District Commander Edward McGeehan and the Nanticoke installation team. Nello Carrozoni will be guest speaker.

Hanover Area To Help Adults Get Diplomas

A high school equivalency course will be conducted this Fall by Hanover Area School District.

"Your Future is Now" is a television series covering the major subject areas leading to a high school diploma. It is designed for adults who don't have time to go back to school for their diplomas.

The program will be conducted at Hanover Area High School. Also, as part of the program, a series of television lessons will be presented as a public service by WVIA-TV beginning Sept. 26.

The program lessons are presented for study at home but every fourth lesson will be viewed at the local high school study center where instructors will be available to help with the subject matter.

Information may be obtained from Bernard McGuire, assistant superintendent, at Lee Park Elementary School.

Collection of Flood Debris To End Sept. 16

This will be the last week for the collection of flood debris in Hanover Township, it was announced yesterday by township commissioners.

"Pickups will be discontinued at the end of the week," officials stressed. "Residents will be on their own after Sept. 16."

It was explained that men and equipment used during the flood emergency now are needed elsewhere. Numerous municipal projects were neglected to help people clean and repair their homes.

A 10-day deadline also has been set on the razing of damaged properties. Those who do not sign releases with the U.S. Army Engineers will b required to hire their own contractors for demolition and site clearance.

VFW Auxiliary To Meet Monday

Ladies auxiliary to VFW Post 5267 will meet at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the post home. Dues for 1973 will accepted at the meeting.

Plans have been made to hold a party at the Veterans Hospital at 6:30 Wednesday. Verna Richwalder and Ann Musial, the committee in charge, request other members to attend the affair. Gifts are requested. Refreshments will be served.

Hostesses are Dorothy Charnetski and Jule Chosnyk, auxiliary president.

Timely Township Topics

Hanover Green PTA executive board will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Michael Postupak, president, 472 Main Road.

Bernard Burden, Lee Park, ski, chairman; Frank Alansky, Wisnieski and Frank Nagorski; ladies night, Joseph Gaydos and Edward Wodaski; scholarship, Leo Koury, chairman; Thomas Beshada, William Hester, Paul Irzinski and Donald Rother; Summer meetings, Anthony Shipula; special awards; Simon Korba and Leo Yozviak; shutin project, Edward Tarutis, chairman; Peter Steve and Joseph Ridzon; Christmas party, Michael Seman, chairman; John Bonsavage and Michael Jula.

Members are planning a visit to Retreat State Hospital to entertain the patients. Fund-raising returns will be accepted at Tuesday night's meeting. An inventory is being taken of wheel chairs, walkers, beds, canes, etc. Residents having this equipment are requested to notify the club or committee chairmen.

playing in the first contest while the All-Star boys participated in the other contest.

Results of the girls softball were the Barons-Cyclones defeated the Bombers-Red Devils by a score of 13 to 5.

In the boys All-Star game, the Phillies-Dodgers defeated the Braves-Mets by a score of 10 to 1.

The feature in the latter contest was the hitting of Eddie Penckowski, first baseman for the winners, who drove in seven runs.

U.S. bonds went to Jack Tinner, 230 Freed Street, Sugar Notch; Mary Su and Betsy Huston, 343 Slope Street, Warrior Run and Michele Pegareski, 581 Front Street, Warrior Runl.

The holiday contests marked the close of another baseball season in Warrior Run with the teams being sponsored by the Askam-Warrior Run Community Service Association, with the Phillies winning the championship. The Phils were managed by Len Croop whose coach was Andy Klemish.

Warrior Run Notes

Auxiliary to American Legion Post 176 will meet tomorrow night at 7:30 at the Post Home with Mrs. Marie Skiptunas presiding. Hostesses will be Diane Kasulon, Stacia Kerestes and Pauline Linkewicz. Door prize will be brought by Helen Daylida.

Mothers ' Auxiliary of Boy Scout Troop 417, will meet tomorrow night at 7:30 at Mrs. Effie Metcalf's home on South Main Street, Upper Askam. Hostesses are Mrs. Effie Metcalf and Mrs. Clementine Mentrikoski. Gift of the month will be brought by Mrs. Jule Nitkoski.

The Warrior Run Bombers men's softball team are entered

is vacationing at Cape Cod, Mass., for several weeks. A big storm known as "Carrie," hit the area last Sunday. He said it "blew 50 miles per hour winds down our necks and umped six-and-one-half inches of rain down on us. Quite the 'gal.' High seas and lots of inland flooding."

Members of St. Michael's Hail will meet at 6:30 tonight.

Township commissioners will meet tomorrow at 5:30 p.m.

Celebrating her birthday today is Barbara Tomczak, 19 Willow Street, Hanover Green. Mrs. Frances Millo, 133 Regal Street, Korn Krest, has a birthday celebration coming up on Saturday.

Ray Keating, Newtown entertainer, visited friends at Jim Thorpe over the Labor Day weekend.

Hanover Area High School wrestling squad will meet at Chick's Place, Lee Park, at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday. Plans will be made for the annual car wash in October. Don Rother will preside.

marczyk, 350 Orchard Street, will be pleased to know she is recuperating in Wyoming Valley Hospital following surgery.

Warrior Run American Legion Post 176 will hold a regular meeting this afternoon at 1 in the Post Home. Joseph Wilczewski will preside. A report of the past bazaar will be given.

Ted (Lincoln) Linkiewicz was showing some of the patrons in Kaminski's tavern early mushrooms that he picked in the field off Front Street.

Warrior Run Borough Council will hold a meeting tomorrow night at 7:30 in the Town Hall. John Pehala will preside.

Baseball Unit to See Phillies-Cubs Game

Three chartered buses with adults, coaches and managers along with the four teams sponsored by the Askam-Warrior Run Community Service Association, will leave at 9:30 a.m. from the Holy Family Church parking lot for the Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia, where the group will witness a baseball game between the Phillies and Cubs.

The trip this morning will mark the 15th consecutive year to Philadelphia which is an annual treat for the youngsters at the end of the Little League baseball season. George Gegaris is in charge of arrangements with Mrs. Eva Tarnalicki assisting with ticket reservations.

Solemn Exposition To Be Next Sunday

The Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in SS. Peter and Paul Church next Sunday.

The Exposition Mass will be at 10 a.m. with a short sermon, which will be delivered by Rev. Clement Kasinskas, CP., from St. Ann's Monastery, Scranton. Solemn closing of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the evening at 7:30 p.m. next Sunday. Guest priests will participate in the special adoration.

Rev. Vito F. Zemaitis, pastor, extends a welcome to his parishioners and friends to attend the services.

Holy Family CCM To Hold Meeting

Mrs. Irene Wroblewski, president of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers of Holy Family Church, announced the group will have its first Fall meeting on Tuesday night at 7:30 in the church hall.

Hostesses for the meeting will be Lillian Sokolowski, Frances Prymovicz, Florence Pawlowski, Johanna Rusin, Marie Rovinski and Luzy Rzemien.

Rev. Joseph Rusin, pastor, is moderator of the society.

Sugar Notch Notes

Joe Tarnalicki, a former school director, is a new police officer being appointed by

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Youngblood and family returned from a trip to the seashore.

Tony McGinty will add more miles to his automobile after he has the vehicle done over.

Townspeople and patrons of the new tavern in the town are praising the delicious food served by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Macy, operators of the former Tracy Tavern.

John "Jocko" Ozmina was glued to the TV watching the Olympics and rooting for the United States entries.

It will be interesting through the Fall and Winter months in the Sugar Notch Businessmen's Bowling League with rivalry coming among the six teams.

Sympathy is extended to the Stivers family on the death of their mother. She resided in Sugar Notch most of her life.

Anthony "Cap" Gorham is pulling for his favorite New York Yankees to cop the pennant in the East Division of the American League.

Another eyesore and away from Main Street, is a vacant double-frame dwelling down on Railroad Street. Needs a complete renovating job.

John "Coats" Guravage, a former resident, is a patient in Wyoming Valley Hospital.

Wide selection of homes appears in Sunday Independent Real Estate Ads

Find the home you want, in the location you want, at the price you want to pay. Check offerings by local Realtors in Sunday Independent Real Estate Ads. You may see your next home advertised today.

The blaze was attributed to a leak in a gas line. According to a firemen, it was scarcely more than a pin hole in a flexible line behind the kitchen stove.

Two pieces of fire apparatus responded. The blaze was quickly extinguished with the aid of an extinguisher.

"I think all mobile homes also was in walking distance. Mobile homes are not too sturdy. They could easily be destroyed before the arrival of volunteer firemen."

Water pressure also has been reduced at fire hydrants serving the trailer park. This is a precaution taken to prevent damage from excessive fire line pressure.

Ambulance Fund Staff Sets Collection Sites

Three collection points have been designated for Ashley's annual community ambulance drive.

Contributions may be left at Winkler's Department Store, Guesto's Pharmacy or the police station, according to Robert Hess, drive chairman.

Residents who were working or away when solicitors called may leave their $3 annual membership at either of the three places.

The response from townspeople has been gratifying to date. Many newcomers have been enrolled, including flood victims who last month moved into the trailer court off Hazleton Street.

Many said the $3 membership was "a rare bargain."

Ambling In Ashley

Navy Cmdr. and Mrs. David Bowling and family, Virginia Beach, Va., visited the Bartek family, West Hartford Street.

Billy Field, Ross Street, is back at work after enjoying his annual vacation.

David Draina, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Draina Sr., North Main Street, was honored at a birthday party.

Dr. Edward Cronauer, retired North Main Street dentist, fractured his shoulder in a fall. He is hospitalized at Long Island, N.Y.

Ashley Borough Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow. Bids will be received on repairs to municipal sewer lines.

Signs are sought for the entrance to the mobile court on Hazleton Street. Police Chief John Graham said he feels precautions must be taken due to the traffic increase brought about in the neighborhood by 100 or more new residents.

Frank Barchick of Cambra, brother of John Barchick, Cemetery Street, has returned from Berwick Hospital.

Auxiliary to Ashley-Newtown VFW Post 7021, Hazle Street, will meet Tuesday with Helen Schneider presiding. Plans will be made for a trip to Cherry Hill to see Wayne Newton. Kay Gilroy is chairman. Committee chairmen will make reports.

Rescue Hose Co. is operating at full strength with 36 members. Arnott Albee is doing an excellent job as fire chief. Members noted last week, "We haven't had many fires to speak of, lately."

Mrs. Alice McGroarty, West Liberty Street, has returned from visiting her son, Dr. Raymond McGroarty and family at Tacoma, Wash. While there she toured Vancouver, British Columbia.

Ashley-Newtown 13 Gun Club will hold a clambake at Mehoichick's Grove today.

Half of Mercy Calls Assist Non-Residents

Half of Ashley Ambulance Association's most recent calls represented service to non-residents. Three were accident cases, two on Interstate 81, and the third at the top of Hazleton Sareet.

Transportation was furnished to Emily Gyle, General Hospital to home, 91 East Newport Street; Paul Zaeber, Washington, D. C. General Hospital; Joseph McCormick, 10 Chester Street, Mercy Hospital; Mrs. Jones, 224 Oak Street, Sugar Notch, Wyoming Valley Hospital; Lucy Sabatura, 10 Ashley Street, Mercy Hospital; Julian Ponelli, 515 Sanderson Street, Olyphant, Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Fox, Mercy Hospital to home, 85 Oxford Street, Lee Park; Mrs. Evans, 60 Vine Street, General Hospital, and Mrs. Cynthia McClae, Waverly, N.Y., Mercy Hospital.



Special Project Aids Youth

An exciting new project focusing on serving the needs of youngsters as individuals has been launched in the Dallas School District under the direction of Mrs. Gloria Whitman, Elementary School Counselor. One of the first steps in this unique pilot program designed to help students at all ages and grade levels was to bring together, earlier this Summer, small individual groups for talk sessions.

Students, parents, community leaders, teachers and counselors listened to each other's complaints, troubles and concerns. The initial results of this combined effort to make the most of each youngster's potential both as a student and as a person were enthusiastically received by Dr. Linford A. Werheiser, Dallas School District Superintendent. Under his guidance, funding for a full year's project was obtained from the State Departn.ent of Education, Harrisburg, under an ESEA Title III grant.

A task force of teachers and counselors are now hard at work developing a counseling process and program that is so innovative that the group had to coin its own word for it—"UNIGUESS." Those important sounding letters, actually the result of a typographical error, can stand for anything that means loving, or caring, or listening and really hearing what other people say.

Mrs. Whitman and the two Department of Education consultants, Dr. James Stockdale and Mrs. Joyce Smedley are "excited" over the prospects of finding new means to focus on the needs of young people and then put them into practice.

A concrete start will be the small group meetings with all school district teachers scheduled for next week to inform them of the information gained to date and to plan the next steps.

Not suprisingly, better communications and better relationships are two of the primary goals of this developing program that will greet students returning to school in Dallas on Sept. 19.

Church Women Set Meeting Wednesday

The Churchwomen of the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church will meet on Wednesday at 10 a.m. Hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. Russell Parsons, Mrs. Robert Maturi, and Mrs. Paul Daily.

The Churchwomen are planning a rummage sale at the church on Oct. 5 and 6. Miss Sophie Kancher is chairman. A Holiday Bazaar is planned for Nov. 1 and 2. Mrs. Leroy Brown, president, announced that the women are meeting every Wednesday from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. to make items for the bazaar. All women of the church are invited to participate. Bring a bag lunch. The beverage is provided.

Last year there were 2,223 strikes in Great Britain.

7:30 16 Hatchy Milatchy
7:45 22 Job Opportunities
7:50 22 CBS News
8:00 22 Captain Kangaroo
9:00 22 Mike Douglas Show
16 Dialing for Dollars
28 Phil Donahue Show
10:00 28 Dinah's Place
22 The Joker's Wild
10:30 22 The New Price Is Right
28 Concentration
11:00 28 Sale of the Century
22 Gambit
16 Dick VanDyke Show
11:30 22 Love of Life
28 Hollywood Squares
16 Bewitched

AFTERNOON
12:00 22 Where the Heart Is
16 Password
28 Jeopardy
12:25 22 CBS Midday News
12:30 16 Split Second
28 Who, What or Where
22 Search for Tomorrow
1:00 28 What's My Line
16 All My Children
22 Galloping Gourmet
1:30 22 As the World Turns
16 Let's Make a Deal
28 Three on a Match
2:00 22 Guiding Light
16 Newlywed Game
28 Days of Our Lives
2:30 22 Edge of Night
16 To Tell the Truth
28 The Doctors
3:00 22 Love Is a Many Splendored Thing
16 General Hospital
28 Another World
3:30 22 Secret Storm
16 One Life to Live
28 Return to Peyton Place
4:00 22 Family Affair
16 Love American Style
28 Somerset
4:30 22 Gilligan's Island
16 Big Valley
28 I Love Lucy
5:00 22 Merv Griffin Show
28 Ponderosa
5:30 16 Dragnet

Monday

EVENING
6:00 16 WNEP News
28 Eyewitness News
6:30 28 NBC News
22 CBS News
16 ABC Evening News
7:00 28 Hogan's Heroes
22 WDAU News
16 Truth or Consequences
7:30 22 Felony Squad
16 I Dream of Jeannie
28 Let's Make A Deal
8:00 16 The Rookies
28 Laugh-In
22 Gunsmoke
9:00 22 Here's Lucy
28 Movie—"The Anderson Tapes"
16 ABC Monday Night Movie—"The Odd Couple"
9:30 22 Doris Day
10:00 22 Bill Cosby
11:00 16, 22, 28 News
11:30 16 Dick Cavett
22 CBS Late Movie—"Chamber of Horrors"
28 The Tonight Show
1:30 22 Late News

Tuesday

EVENING
6:00 16 WNEP News
6:30 28 NBC News
22 CBS Evening News
16 ABC News
7:00 22 Regional News
16 Truth or Consequences
22 News
11:30 16 Dick Cavett Show
28 The Tonight Show
22 CBS Late Movie—"The Rounders"
1:30 22 Late News

Friday

EVENING
6:00 28 Eyewitness News
16 News
6:30 28 NBC News
22 CBS News
16 ABC News
7:00 22 WDAU News
16 Truth or Consequences
28 Hogan's Heroes
7:30 22 Circus
28 Parent Game
16 I Dream of Jennie
8:00 22 Sonny and Cher
16 The Brady Kids Meet ABC's Saturday Super Stars
28 Sanford and Son
8:30 28 The Little People
16 The Partridge Family
9:00 22 New CBS Friday Night Movie—"Around The World In 80 Days," Part II
16 Room 222
28 Ghost Story
9:30 16 The Odd Couple
10:00 28 Banyon
16 Love American Style
11:00 16, 22, 28 News
11:30 28 The Tonight Show
22 Late Movie—"The Old Man And The Sea"
16 Friday Night Movie—"The Snows of Kilimanjaro"
1:30 22 Late News
1:35 22 The Flick "Buy Me That Town"

Saturday

MORNING
7:30 16 Across the Fence
7:45 28 Davey and Goliath
8:00 28 Underdog
22 Bugs Bunny
16 H. R. Pufenstuf
8:30 16 Jackson Five
22 Sabrina, the Teenage Witch"
28 The Jetsons
8:56 22 In the News
9:00 28 Pink Panther
16 The C monds
22 The Amazing Chan
9:26 22 In the News
9:30 22 The New Scooby-Do Movies
28 The Houndcats
16 Super Star Movie
10:00 28 Roman Holidays
10:26 22 In the News
10:30 22 Josie and the Pussycats
16 Brady Kids
28 The Barkleys
10:56 22 In The News
11:00 28 Sea Lab 2020
22 The Flintstones
16 Bewitched
11:30 28 Run Around
16 Kid Power
11:56 22 In The News

AFTERNOON
12:00 16 Funky Phantom
22 Archie
28 Around the World In 80 Days
12:26 22 In The News
12:30 28 Talking with a Giant
16 Lidsville
22 Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids
1:00 16 The Monkees
22 Children's Film Festival
10:00—Evening Edition
10:30—Concerts on the Lawn

WEDNESDAY
3:00—Maggie ond the Beautiful Machine
3:30—Time With Carol
3:45—Magic Window
4:00—Sesame Street
5:00—Misterogers Neighborhood
5:30—Electric Company
6:00—State of the Weather
6:30—Something Else
7:00—Hodgepodge Lodge
7:30—Between the Lines
8:00—Public Affair—Election 72
8:30—Attica Report
10:00—Evening Edition
10:30—Dialogue

THURSDAY
3:00—Something Else
3:30—Time With Carol
3:45—Magic Window
4:00—Sesame Street
5:00—Misterogers
5:30—Electric Company
6:00—State of the Weather
6:30—Seafaring Farmer
7:00—Hodgepodge Lodge
7:30—Man and Environment
8:00—Jean Shepard's America
8:30—Kup's Show
9:45—Newsfloor 44
10:00—Evening Edition
10:30—TV Quarterback

FRIDAY
3:00—The French Chef
3:30—Time With Carol
3:45—Magic Window
4:00—Sesame Street
5:00—Misterogers
5:30—Electric Company
6:00—State of the Weather
6:30 Yoga, And You
7:00—Hodgepodge Lodge
7:30—Yesterday's Headlines
8:00—Washington Week In Review
8:30—Run Up and Down These Streets
9:30—Jacob Bronowski
10:00—Evening Edition
10:30—Jazz Set

SATURDAY
3:00—Code
3:30—Hodgepodge Lodge
4:00—Sesame Street
5:00—Misterogers
5:30—Electric Company
6:00—Speaking Freely
7:00—World Press
7:30—Thirty Minutes With
8:00—Hollywood Television Theater
Yesterday Headlines
9:30—David Susskind

In Comedy Series



Julie Andrews stars in a top-drawer musical-comedy series, "The Julie Andrews Hour," premiering Sept. 13 from 10-11 p.m. on the ABC Television Network.

sary of the television industry a whole lot of fun.

"Town Meeting of the Air" will be seen this afternoon at 4 over WNEP-TV. Topic of discussion will be "Home Rule," and a number of knowledgeable guests will answer

Clifton Webb, Dorothy McGuire and Charles Coburn.

Tonight at 7:30, WVIA-TV, Channel 44, will air, "What Shall We Do For Thursday's Child?" The special, live program from KYW-TV, Philadelphia, will explore the right of

program will include a live computer-telephone polling of 1,500 viewers distributed across the state.

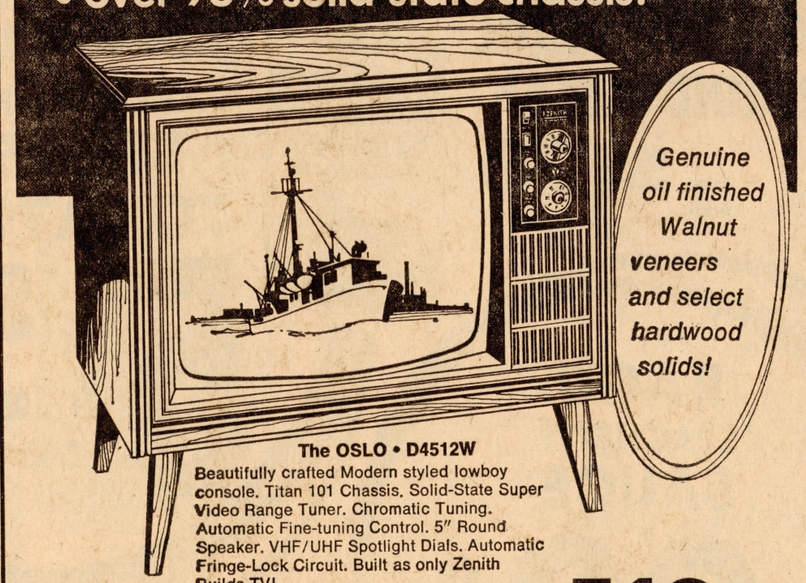
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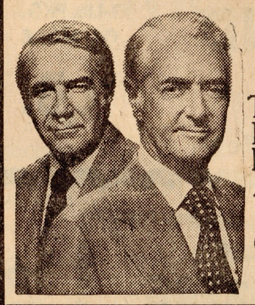
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Back Mountain

Dallas District Students Told Of Elementary School Transfers

Transfers of the elementary students attending the four elementary schools in grades one to four in the Dallas School District during the 1972-73 school term are as follows:

Shavertown Elementary: Any student who attended the Shavertown Elementary School during the last school term will return to the next class in that school with these exceptions:

Third Grade Students Assigned To The Westmoreland Elementary School:

Mrs. Flick: Norman Bordley, Jay Carey, Todd Enslen, William Rudick.

Miss McCarthy: Lisa Jean Appel, Lisa Ann Cebrick, Thomas English, Matthew Hoidra, Martin Moore, Jeanette Rife, Karen Sassaman, Karen Washicosky.

Mrs. Banks: Lance Gardner, Karen Konopki, Tania Metzgar, Margaret Vojkto.

Miss Bisher: Leigh Eyet, Holly Hinkle, Sheila Johnson, Paul Niedjaco, Linda Rogers, William Schulter, Joseph Zikor.

Dallas Elementary: Any student who attended the Dallas Elementary School during the last school term will return to the next class in that school.

Trucksville Elementary: Any student who attended the Trucksville Elementary School during the last school term will return to the next class in that school with these exceptions:

Fourth Grade Students Assigned To The Westmoreland Elementary School:

Mr. Shaver: William Allen, Sharon Baines, Peter Porter.

Teacher undecided: John Cybulski, Phillip Knepp, Ann Yakowski.

Miss Weidner: Glen Bynon, Peggy Cobleigh, Loretta Donnelly.

Miss Rood: Lisa Augustine, Douglas Burak, Thomas Carr, Scott Enslen, Glen Harvey, Wendy Hinkle, Pamela Krispin, Terrie Metz, Annet Mikolaichik, Walter Moore, Richard Morgan, Linda Rome, Charlene Rosencrans Ellen Rowe, Suzanne Santarelli, Daniel Sekara, John Shatrowskas, Nancy Shaw, Cathy Thomas.

First Grade, Dallas Elementary:

To Mrs. Ambrose: Christine Brown, Deborah Carol Davis, Edward Peter Fedrow, Kurt John Fetterman, John Sidney Fine, Linda Marlene Heffner, Stephen Hutnick, Kimberly Dawn Justus, Beth Karnofsky, Robin Karnofsky, Sharon Elaine Martini, Caroline McCarthy, Donna Lee McDermott, Judith Lynn Myak, John Mark Patterson, Gavin Michael Perry, Patricia Phillips, Gary Stephen Radzinski, Veva Shannon Rogers, Cynthia Silverman, Russell Harold Smith, Susan Marie Taylor, Maribeth Watchulonis.

To Mrs. Roeder: Shawnabel Baldwin, Gerald Sherman Dickson Jr., Catherine Joann Dunkelberger, Richard Ralph Eipper, Dale Edward Fitch, Deirdre Elizabeth Havey, Kelly Suzette Hislop, Susan Kaprowski, John Maniskas, Deborah Miliauskas, John Matthew Murray, Debbie Ann Newberry, Grace Pevear, Deborah Pretko, Veronica Repko, Eileen Kay Ridall, Scott William Saba, Brian Scott Schaffer, Kay Ellen St. Clair, Kirsten Hannelore Troch, Pamela Wassil, Stephen Mark Yocum Jr.

First Grade, Shavertown Elementary:

To Mrs. McGuiness: Lisa Ann Baer, Samuel Barbose, Barbara Ann Belton, Michael Francis Carr, Joseph Wayne Cicero 4th, Mark Allen Coolbaugh, Alan Cuba, Patricia Ann Davenport, Judith Lynn Farber, Kimberly June Greenley, Carol Ann Kugler, Paul Gary Lewis, Lisa Marie Lushefski, Susan Elizabeth MacAvoy, Amy Elaine Phillips, Jeffrey A. Pickens, Darlene Piro, Barbara Ann Powlus, William Edward Rinehimer, David Schroeders, Michael John Todd, Janine Marie Wertman, Lorrie Ann Williams.

To Mrs. Scott: Beth Ann Baker, Karen Banks, Valerie Jane Bucan, Michael John Burba, Leslie Susan Dymond, Dawn Gavigan, Richard Eugene Gdvin, Linda Marie Golden, Jill Ann Honeywell, Lisa Ann Kerpovich, Kevin James Kirk, Pamela Dawn Lundberg, Kimberly Ann Morgan, Joseph Rodney Phillips, Michael Phillips, Jo Ann Piro, Bernard Riley, Robert Lewis Sax, James Bryant Sondor, Michael L. Teague, Anthony DuJuan Tucker, Kristen Ann Voorhees, Thomas Watkins, Sandra Dee Wright.

First Grade, Trucksville Elementary:

To Mrs. Townsend: Walter Chester Adams, Frank Aaron Ritz, Charlene Leigh Baker, Cynthia A. Blair, Lori Marie Castellani, Michael D. Culver, Karen Arline Evans, Brian Kelly Franklin, Beth Anne Gallagher, Edmund John Gorey, Mikaleen Gresh, Ann Gunster, William Donald Haughwout, John Aloysius Hines III, James Frederick Jolley, Debra Lin Jones, Thomas Levi, Michael Anthony Lundy Jr., Gregory Manusky, Robert William Musto, Kimberly Nedrasz, Susan Jane Niskey, Joseph Frank Oatrowski, John Walter Payavis, Rodney Evan Price, Kimberly Ann Roberts, Rosalie Marie Roote, Kerry Lynne Roushey, Denise Sitkowski, David Robert Stokes, Christina Marie Turpak, Dawn Leslie Williamson.

To Mrs. Walker: Patricia Allen, Denise Marie Ash, Martin Behm, Ralph E. Bentley Jr., Kathleen C. Brown, Kim Bytheway, Gary Allen Culver, Sandra Fay Doknovich, Sharon Lee Kidd, Deborah Ann Lauth, Ferdinand Robert Liva, Karen Masaitis, Sharon Mitchell, Roger Daniel Morgan, Christine Suzanne Ondish, Shari Lynn Piatt, Marc Allen Polk, Carl Postupak Jr., Traci Lou Rogers, John James Roman, Audrey Lee Schneider, Terry Lee Smith, Cristi Anne Strauser, Carol Jean Wallace, Nancy Anne Wolensky.

To Miss Everard: Dana Austin, Brian Blessner, William R. Boston, Kristina Louise Boudreaux, Enrico Giovanni Cacciapuoti, Tracey Ann Ceol, Arthur Craig Coolbaugh, Gary Drue Daniels, Mark William Drasnin, Lisa Dawn Dymond, James Lawrence Gruver -III, Jacqueline Gula, Frank Hodle, Mark Edward Hoffman, Shawn Patrick Joyce, Kerry Lynn Kratz, Joseph F. Kubasti, Kimberly Lamoreaux, Maria Lesowski, Steven Scott McMichael, Jean Elizabeth Perry, David Wade Polachek, Christopher Polocko, Craig Douglas Rome, Robin Lee Rozelle, Anthony Donald Scott, Nancy Sharkness, Stephen Joseph Strazdus, Kimberly Jean Ward, Deborah Anne Zimmerman.

To Miss Smith: Russell Carl Baer, Darin Paul Breining, Bonnie Jo Brennan, Molly Brown, Roy John Carr, Marilyn Cohen, James Aubrey Cooper, Joseph Dixon, Sharon Eileen Eyet, David Nello Fiorini, John Gray, Deana Jacoby, Lisa Kapral, Peter Lamont, Spence Kelly, Polly Ann Kunkle, Thomas Levitsky, Victoria Olga Lingaas, Kelly Ann McHale, Joseph John Miller Jr., Paulette Niznik, Shawn Gerald Pearce, Matthew John Rowlands, Elizabeth Jill Ruggles, Heather Nadine Sheehan, Deborah Ann Simon, Lonne Dean Swetter, David Charles Thomas, Wendy Jane Van Horn, Donald Warakomski, Marilyn Ann Wisneiski.

Dallas Senior High Students Will Report

All students of Dallas Senior High School should report to the high school at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19. All sophomores and those juniors and seniors entering Dallas Senior High School for the first time should report to the auditorium.

Those juniors and seniors who attended Dallas last year should report to the following rooms:

Room 22, Adams to Corbett; Room 26, Cox to Gelsleichter; Room 27, George to Kennedy; Room 28, Kepp to Meister; Room 29; Meskers to Phillips; Room 30, Pliscott to Slagle; Room 34, Smith to Zaboski; Room 31, Albert to Chamberlain; Room 25, Chewey to Dwinchick; Room 24, Dymond to Gulla; Room 23, Haddle to Lavelle; Room 1, Leaf to Ockenhouse; Room 2, Olenick to Rosenberger; Room 4, Rowett to Thomas; Room 8, Thrasher to Zapoticky. Names of students in each room will be posted outside the door.

Complaints About Local Cafe Result in Ordinance Changes

There have been several complaints in recent weeks about conditions in the Fernbrook area. In August, over 30 residents signed a petition that was presented to the Dallas Township Supervisors protesting illegal parking practices, littering, profanity on the streets and other public nuisance charges against patrons of the Stone Ridge Cafe.

All camplaints were refuted at the time by Wiliam Isopi, owner of the establishment, who has since built a parking lot and installed air conditioning in an attempt to alleviate some of the problems.

Also as a result of the complaints, a new parking ordinance was drawn up by Dallas Township and duly advertised to be adopted at their September meeting. In its original form, the ordinance prohibited parking on either side of Shaver Avenue and on the easterly side of Main Street between Route 309 and Shaver Avenue.

This version was objected to by Atty. Robert Ronky, representing Isopi. He proposed instead that vehicular parking be prohibited on the westerly side of Main Street and presented a paper signed by residents favoring that change. This was strongly fought by Dallas Township Supervisor Fred Lamoreaux who cited as his main objection the probable blocking of the three fire hydrants on that side of the street.

Ultimately, the ordinance was amended and passed prohibiting parking on the westerly side of Main Street as well as on both sides of Shaver Avenue. The supervisors, apparently still in doubt that this will be the best solution to the problem, will be joining the police in keeping Fernbrook under close scrutiny this month. If the situation is not cleared up or further problems develop, it is expected that an additional ordinance, probably stronger, will be advertised and adopted at the board's October meeting.

At The Crossroads

The big complaint now that Labor Day has come and gone is that for most people the Summer never really started this year. Many of the enthusiasts attending the ever-popular Lehman Horse Show last weekend were wishing that it was really being held on the originally scheduled 4th of July, and that there were two months of warm weather ahead.

A popular spot over the holiday weekend was the outdoor Haymarket Antique Show on Route 309. Among the avid shoppers present was Mrs. Edward Boltz, hunting antiques for the Bolt's beautiful new home on Split Rail Lane, Dallas. Jane, and Ed, a vice president of United Penn Bank, and their two youngsters, Nancy and Eddie, moved early in the Summer.

The moving bug has really been biting in the Back Mountain area. Among those who will be sorely missed are Marge and Pete Kozachok and their five lovely children. The Kozachoks moved two weeks ago from Powderhorn Drive, Dallas, to Minnetonka, Minn., where it is reported the Winters are even colder than here. A farewell party was held at the Coffee House at Gate Of Heaven Church for Marge, who was the guiding force behind starting the teenage recreation center.

Off to a warmer climate are Dottie and Joe Beckham and their three youngsters, formerly of Marabee Avenue, Stone Hedge, who have moved to Charlotte, N.C. The Thursday Morning Bridge Club, a growing Back Mountain institution, held a farewell bridge party and luncheon recently for Dottie at the Newberry Estate.

Everyone, fortunately does not move quite so far away. Fran Rinehart, who recently sold her home on the Memorial Highway, Trucksville, has moved to a mobile home out on Route 29. Fran will find it easy commuting from there to her post at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Quite well settled in their beautiful colonial home on Gordon Avenue, Dallas, are Audrey and Jack Banks and their youngsters. The Banks Jack is president of American Asphalt Paving Co. formerly resided in Trucksville.

Wilson Garinger of Dallas and several other area dairy officials spent part of last week in Harrisburg over the continuing battle over milk prices. The price of milk is set by the Pa. Milk Board and both dairies who want higher and lower prices are unhappy with the present board's decisions.

On the main highway just east of the A and P, Alex Lipko will open his Olde Clock Shoppe on Oct. 1. The shoppe was formerly on Wyoming Avenue in Kingston and featured sales and repairs of rare time pieces.

Congratulations to Peggy and John Metz, Hilltop Acres, Shavertown, on the birth of a baby daughter, last week in Mercy Hospital. John, president of Custom Food Management Systems Inc., and Peggy, also are the parents of two sons, John Clark and Jeffrey.

Glad to hear that Bill Donachie is recovering from his recent operations, he is missed by his many Back Mountain friends. Hope that by the time this is published Bill will be home from Geisinger Medical Center and reading the Sunday paper in his own home on the Memorial Highway, Trucksville.

Returning to visit the area last week was Miss Kathy Munnell, daughter of Kay and Ralph Munnell, former residents of Druid Hills, Shavertown. Kathy, who was the second runner-up in this years Miss Pennsylvania contest, was the guest of Miss Beth Burke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burke, Gordon Avenue. Both girls were 1969 graduates of Dallas Senior High School; this year Kathy will be entering her senior year at Gettysburg College, while Beth Burke will be a senior at Lycoming College.

Congratulations to the winners at Gate of Heaven Church, on Labor Day. Ernest Schearer, White Birch Trailer Park, Dallas, was awaded a 1972 Plymouth Duster; Edward Szela, Pad 147, Frances Slocum Park, color TV, and Stan Mackuch, 1323 North Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, a stereo. The usual Summer Festival was cancelled because of the flood.

Sorry to hear that Charlie Hofecker, Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown, was a patient in Mercy Hospital last week. Hope that by now Charlie is home with Mary and the children and feeling much better.

Hard at work on flood reconstruction work in town is Willard Newberry, Main Street, Dallas. Willard, a Dallas Borough councilman, has long been noted as one of the hardest working contractors in the Back Mountain area.

Another dedicated Back Mountain flood worker, Dr. Donald Tappa, his wife Pat, and son Eric, New Goss Manor, Dallas, were able to take a few days off for a trip to Long Island over the Labor Day weekend. Dr. Tappa was appointed Dean at Wilkes College barely one week bfore the flood. Since then he's been hard at work with "Operation Snapback," the tremendous team effort that is rebuilding Wilkes.

Another active participant in the after-the-flood rebuilding activities has been Florence Weir, Huntsville Road, Dallas, who serves as fashion coordinator for Lazarus Department Store. Florence, who was a post-operative patient released from Nesbitt Memorial Hospital the day before the flood, did a large portion of her recuperating while back at work, cleaning up with the assistance of the Lazarue Teen Board.

Little by little there is progress on cleanup activities throughout the flooded area. Peggy Eaton, who has been a house guest of her niece Gloria Brennan and husband Joe, Main Street, Dallas, was able to return home last week. Mrs. Eaton's home on Yeager Avenue, Forty Fort, sustained quite a bit of mud and water damage and only a full Summer's hard work made it possible for her to return. In the meantime, "Aunt Peg" had become a part of the Back Mountain. Forty Fort's gain is our loss.

The flood has meant a lot of heartache and hard work, yet most people have managed to retain their sense of humor. Among the incidents laughed about recently were the series of superbly efficient dams constructed in Kunkle by beavers—without any government grants to political speeches. Then there was the Back Mountain resident who returned home after the flood and found a beautiful thick green carpet covering his garage floor, the result of rampaging creek waters spreading three bags of grass seed.

Fire Company Plans October Auction, Bazaar

The Shavertown Fire Company will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening at 8 at the Main Street fire headquarters. President Marvin Dymond will preside.

Main topic of discussion will be the forthcoming bazaar and auction scheduled for Oct. 5, 6 and 7. Auction will be held one night only, Thursday, Oct. 5, starting at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in donating items can notify any member of the fire company.

Also slated for this meeting is the committee appointments and stand assignments.

All members are urged to attend.

Discussion Slated About Home Rule

There will be a meeting on Wednesday night at 7:30 Dallas Junior High School Auditorium for all residents of Kingston Township to discuss the question of home rule.

John McGowan, Department of Community Affairs, and Andrew Shaw Municipal Institute at Wilkes College, will be principal speakers. John Hibbard will be the moderator.

The meeting will be sponsored by the three taxpayer organizations in Kingston Township.

Puget Sound pink-salmon runs occur only in odd-numbered years.

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Flood-Hit School Districts Are Still Trying to Locate Students

54 Valley West Pupils Now Living in Scranton To Be Bused Every Day

(Ed. note: The following story appeared in last Sunday's edition of the Philadelphia Bulletin. Written by Joseph L. Lincoln, it catalogues the problems facing Wyoming Valley's school districts as they prepare for another year.)

WILKES - BARRE — Public and parochial school students in the flood-stricken Wyoming Valley are getting an extra week to two weeks of Summer "vacation," if anyone wants to call it that.

The schools normally would have opened this week but officials are taking the extra time to put together school systems torn apart by last June's floods.

The Wilkes-Barre Area School District; the Wyoming Valley West School District, across the Susquehanna River; and the Diocese of Scranton estimate their schools suffered more than $14 million damage.

Where Are the Students?

The problems have not merely been cleaning out the muck left behind by the flood waters, obtaining supplies and textbooks and setting up temporary classrooms where buildings are no longer usable.

The school systems have had to find their students, many of whom are living miles from their washed-out homes in emergency trailer parks or public housing.

By mid-week, the Wilkes-Barre district, opening Sept. 14, was still looking for about 1,000 families with school-age children who had not responded to a mail questionnaire.

Many Need Transportation

Of the 2,100 who responded according to Superintendent Walter Wood, 80% said they were planning to return to their own schools. But 15% said they would need transportation to get there.

Wood pointed out that most parents don't want to send their children to new schools when they may be returning to their old ones later as their homes are rebuilt.

Wyoming Valley West, also opening Sept. 19, the hardest hit district with 24 of its facilities muddied by flood waters, has had a better response. About 6,000 of 8,300 students responded to a questionnaire with a force of 20 census takers now combing the trailer parks to find the rest.

Lauds State Policies

Dr. William J. Smodic, superintendent, said two decisions by the state are helping to keep the district together.

The district received permission to accept students who have been forced to relocate outside the district, he said, and the state is providing transportation for those students.

Busing never had such a good reputation.

The district, for instance, has already located a colony of Kingston residents living in public housing in Scranton. These families will have at least 54 of their children bused back to Wyoming Valley West, Dr. Smodic said.

Also Rebuilding

The parochial schools are rebuilding, too, with most schools opening Sept. 11 and the rest on Sept. 19. They are receiving full federal aid, as are the public schools, under recent disaster legislation.

"We were treated as first class citizens," said Msgr. William Donovan, diocesan school superintendent. "The federal aid gave us the morale, as well as the wherewithal, to get the job done."

Perhaps the saddest job for the diocese is putting together Bishop Hoban High School here.

Only the finishing touches were to be added to the spanking new three-story school when the flood crested.

'So Many Labor Pains'

The Rev. Gerald Burns, the principal, recalled watching from a hill as the flood waters rose through the first and into the school's second level. Students joined him and cried.

"I compared this school to a baby being born, and I never dreamt there would be so many labor pains. So it ought to be a perfect child."

Bishop Hoban Principal Recalls How Water Rose, Students Began to Cry

On the ground floor the muck is mostly gone, but caked mud still coats twisted blackboards. Door to classrooms stand alone where partition walls were swept away.

October Recovery

But the locker rooms are already in use for football practice, and Rev. Burns said prime concern is rebuilding the cafeteria. The school will reopen Sept. 11 and should be fully restored by late October, he said.

Football practice is also under way at Wyoming Valley West, with the first pep rally already held.

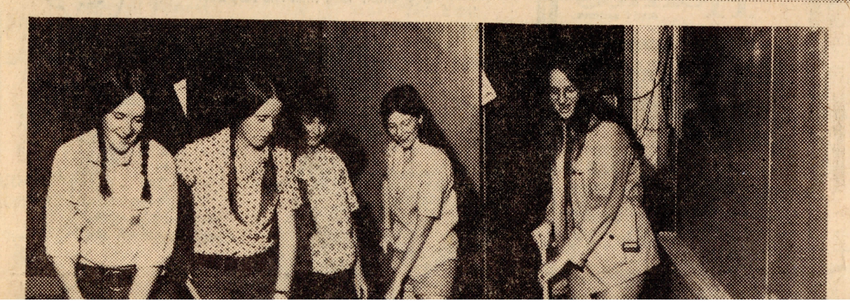
Dr. Smodic said he insisted on keeping the regular sports schedule to help ease the tensions created by the flood. This year, he noted, 109 candidates turned out for football, compared to 60 or 70 in the past.

"These kids are more than happy to get back to school," he said. They've worked hard. "They've had no Summer."

Students Worked Gratis

Nuns Donned Hard Hats and Boots To Help Get Bishop Hoban Ready





Wyoming Valley's newest high school, Bishop Hoban, will open its doors for the first time tomorrow. Located on South Pennsylvania Avenue, city, the school will serve the needs of East Side parishes, some of whom formerly had their own high schools.

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Need Noah-Hearted Men

Great 'Original' Flood Has Message for Today

By REV. HAROLD F. MANTE
Pastor, Forty Fort Presbyterian Church

My son was out shopping and came home with a sweat shirt having printed on the front these words which were written in characters clear: "Noah, Where Were You When We Needed You."

Now, with the end of the Summer of '72, the Flood of that Summer will long be remembered. It would, however, be well for us to think of the Great "Original" Flood and Noah to the end that as we keep company with Noah we may learn something about floods. It might do us some good!

Where was Noah? He was where he always has been in the First Book of the Old Testament Genesis 6:5 through 9:29. Try the following as a small Biblical exercise in order that we may build upon the facts:

Many years ago, the Lord looked upon the people of the earth and saw that they were very (adjective). So the Lord decided to send a great (noun) that would cover the entire (noun). Now Noah was a (adjective) man, and the Lord said to Noah, "Noah, go build yourself a (noun). Go out and gather up both male and female of every living (noun), and put them inside the (noun)." So Noah did as God instructed. And when he was through, the (liquid) began to fall from the heavens. (Number) days later, the storm stopped. Noah sent out a (bird) to see if the ground was dry. It flew back with a (noun) (noun) in its (part of body) and the Lord sent a (noun) to let Noah know that never again would the world be destroyed with (noun).

That makes a good story! It was the kind of story told by the Old Testament people told generation after generation at the camp fires, in the tents or at the market places. It was important to remember these stories because it told about what God did for the people. It was more important to get the "point" of the story! The point is the relation between God and Man.

Not a Science Book

Sometimes we miss the mark in the meaning of these stories. I noted some months ago about an outline upon a mountain which an aviator saw which might have been the outline of the ark of Noah. We remember from the Scriptural account that the ark did rest upon Mount Ararat. But such scientific insights contribute little to the enrichment of the story . . . they take little away and add less. The Bible is not a Book of Science; rather it concerns itself with the relationships between God and Man.

Certainly was a terrible havoc wrought upon the world by the flood of Noah's day! God looked upon the world and saw all the wrongs and ". . . it grieved God in His Heart." What was done to the world was a terrible experience when the Lord saw the wickedness of man which was so great upon the earth. Pick up your Bible and read those opening verses in Chapter 6 of the Book of Genesis! We rather not

In our Church Hymnal the title of a hymn is "God The Omnipotent." It is a Russian hymn and each stanza starts with . . . God the ALL merciful . . . God the ALL righteous One . . . God the ALL provident! Once there was a stanza of the hymn which started: "God the ALL terrible," but the collectors of the hymn decided to change and take out the "ALL Terrible." Maybe, they forgot the Story of Noah and His Conversations with God and what can happen in a flood. God met the great evil in the world in a punishing way. We do prefer, don't we, "The Good Shepherd," "Our Father Who Art In Heaven . . ."

God looks at evil . . . this story has stayed with us from the beginnings of time. We teach the story to our children as of old and as of today. The truth abideth still!

A Loving God

From the beginning to the end of the Bible, God is a loving God. But what a housecleaning job He did on the world. We in the "Valley With A Heart" know what floods do to housecleaning!

As the story of Noah continues we know that God brought on the flood to Noah to educate them, to prepare for a better future and a better world. He is still the ONE GOD—He destroys, He creates—He builds a better world. He sees what He does not approve; He cleans house; He improves the situation and makes it better. Did mankind improve because of the deluge of Noah? One sure attribute of Noah which we learn from the Story is that he listened to God. Not only listened but did as God commnded and it was for the saving of his household. I feel sure that if God had given a dress-rehearsal of the flood all would have built arks . . . but Noah had an ear for what God said!

I like the first act Noah performed when he got on dry land: he built an altar. Noah knew that unless mankind maintains the expression of worship and continues to relate to God the better world will not come. Noah knew God meant what He said and kept His promises.

Gave Mercy Sign

Noah also saw by the rainbow in the sky a mercy sign that God really is not to be feared but respected and to be seriously regarded. Did not God bring the sunshine after the destructive swelling waters?

And still the story of the original flood continues to show that Noah wore no halo, his sons showed misbehavior in the way the father, Noah, was treated. Still, God keeps His promises and in the years to come the Covenant continues in Abraham and his descendants and man is given a future, a renewed hope, a city whose builder and maker is God.

And what does this teach us? Listen to God more . . . trust the rainbow arch as His mercy sign . . . remember the Covenant of Peace that God makes with all the Faithful. Carry on! Keep the Faith!

We need Noah-hearted men and women—who listen to



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Some 40 members of both groups worked countless hours in readying the school which still needs landscaping and other frills.

Rev. Gerald Burns headed the cleanup activities, assisted by Sister Joan Turel and Sister Catherine who donned hard hats and boots instead of the traditional habits.

Students and faculty members labored in vain in the hours before the flood as they removed all books and science equipment from the basement portion of the building which is still in bad shape.

For the first two weeks, students worked on cleanup crews free of charge. After that they were sponsored by the Speed program which pays youngsters for working on cleanup.

Top photo shows group of male students at work preparing Bishop Hoban for classes. They are, left to right—John Molitoris, Steve Lock, Mark Marino, Bob Sapak, Ron Scavone and B. W. Gildea.

Bottom photo shows female students swabbing the decks. Included are, left to right—Maureen Majikes, Jeanmarie Majikes, Iris Kane, Ann Manganiello and Diane Hanusin. (Ace Hoffman).

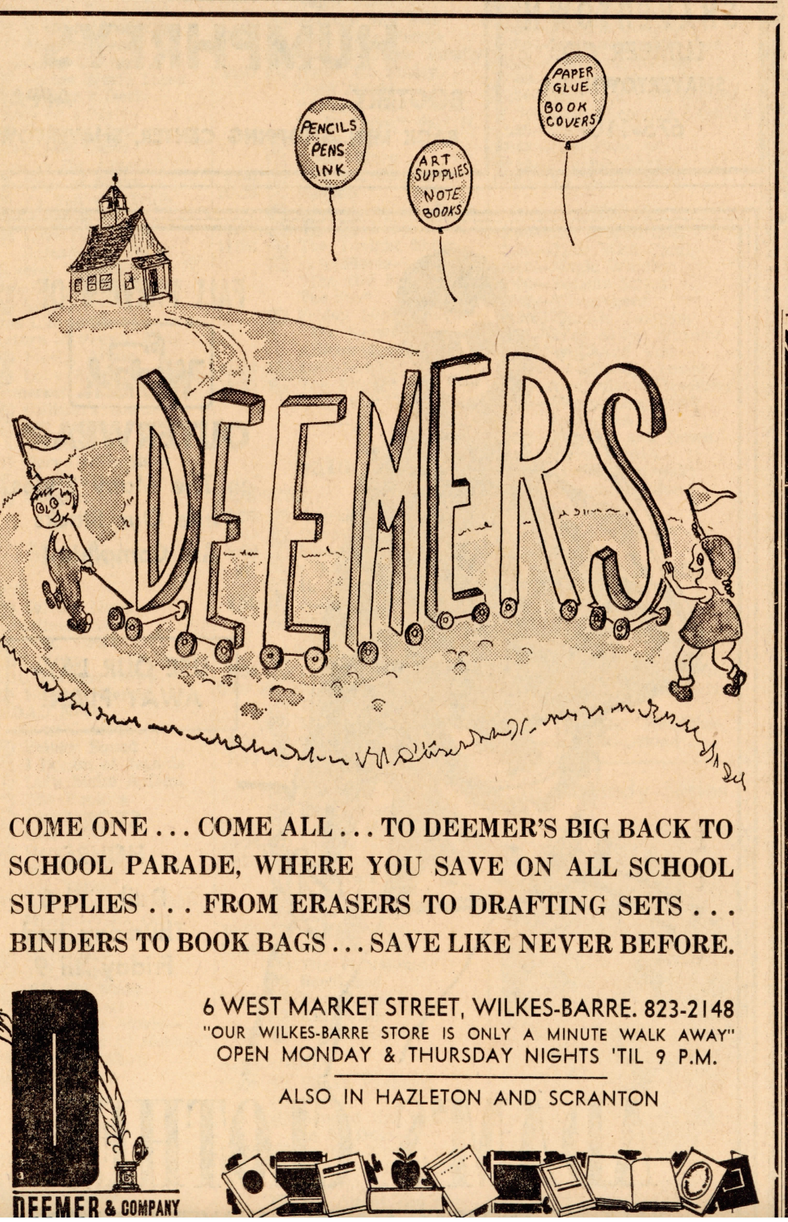
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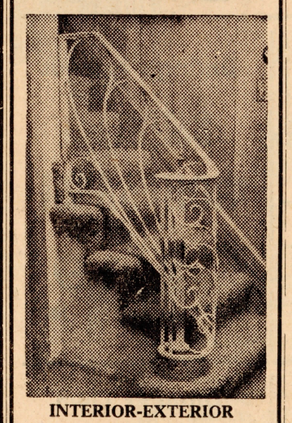
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of Plains of the decision, especially those who live alone.

Nardone also stated that ambulance service will be expanded in regard to out-of-town service. The ambulance does not transport to hospitals outside of a 60-mile radius. If anyone must be transported out of the 60-mile radius, the Plains Ambulance Association will help to obtain another ambulance to do so and will reimburse the person for up to $50 a trip with a maximum of $100 per year. The past policy was to reimburse $20-per trip.

Attendants Resign

Nardone also said that seven attendants have resigned during the past year because of moving or work out of town or for health reasons, and as a result the ambulance unit will sponsor a first aid course be-

Nardone said he would like to thank the men who showed up during the flood to drive the ambulance when three ambulances were in service; the radio operators who never left their posts, the message runners and those who stopped by to help for a couple of hours and stayed instead for a couple of days.

Mrs. Helen Moses is in charge of publicity.

GIRL SCOUTS REORGANIZE

A reorganization meeting of Junior Girl Scout Troop 823 was held and Girl Scout meetings will be held each Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Hilldale Community Center.

Mrs. Joseph Swelgin is troop leader, assisted by Mrs. Catherine Bensavage.

Installation Tuesday

Mothers Auxiliary to Fathers Club 100 will hold an installation dinner Tuesday at 6:30 at the home of Lillian Answini, Oakwood Park.

Reservations must be completed today with Mrs. Santina Berti or Mrs. Mary Darling.

RETREAT STARTS FRIDAY

A retreat for men of SS. Peter and Paul Parish will be held at St. Alphonsus Retreat House, Tobyhanna, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

This year's retreat is to be conducted for the intention of the flood victims of Wyoming Valley.

Henry Cierniakoski, Edmund Brisk, Stanley Slowik and Frank Falchek are taking reservations.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be held today at St. Mary Byzantine Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Open house will be held in honor of the couple this afternoon at 3 at their home.

BROWNIES SEEK MEMBERS

Registrations for Brownie Troop 825 will be taken Tuesday from 4:30 to 5:30 at Fathers Club 100, Stocker Street.

Girls seven to eight years are eligible and must be accompanied by a parent.

Troop leader is Arlene Kovalick. Meetings are held each Tuesday from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

TROOP 831 TO MEET

Registration for Girl Scout Troop 831 and Fly Ups will be held Tuesday 6 to 8 p.m. at Fathers Club 100, Stocker Street.

Julia Karavitch of 22 Clark Street, Hilldale.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crosby and family, Binghamton, N. Y., visited Mrs. Crosby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Beffer, 64 Hancock Street, over the holiday.

Thomas Opiel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Opiel, 6 West Merritt Street, has resumed studies at Notre Dame University. A senior he is majoring in business administration and has been an honor student three years. Upon graduation in May he will enter law school.

Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy of 54 Burke Street, announce the birth of a daughter Sept. 4 in Mercy Hospital.

Meetings

Plains Business and Professional Men's Association will hold an outdoor dinner meeting tomorrow at 6:30 at Laflin Grove. Thomas Corcoran will preside.

The general meeting of Plains Taxpayers Association, scheduled for tomorrow, has been postponed. A new date will be announced, Angelo Michelletti, president, said.

Holy Name Society of SS. Peter and Paul parish will meet this morning following the 8:45 Mass.

Wilson Reese, zoning officer, will sit at the Municipal Building tomorrow evening at 7:30 to issue permits and answer questions.

Plains Lions Club will hold a board meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the American Legion Home. William Moran will preside.

Flood Victim Action Council will meet Thursday.

Plains Township Planning Commission will meet Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Thomas Kovalick will preside.

Plains Rotary Club will hold a dinner meeting Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the American Legion Home. Louis Lesinski will preside.

Plains Township Board of Commissioners will meet Friday at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Joseph Parada, chairman.

speeding through town last Sunday evening enroute to Suscon where another collision took place at the one-lane underpass. Whatever happened to the PUC order for eliminating this hazardous bridge?

Garbage collections will be on a normal schedule this week with pickups slated for tomorrow and Tuesday.

Dupont Council will hold a monthly meeting on Tuesday night at 7:30 at the Municipal Building. Will the present majority still be intact when the meeting adjourns?

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will entertain the state VFW Auxiliary president, Martha Arendas, here on Sept. 30 at 8 p.m. Jennie Gaj is president of the local auxiliary.

The Dupont Lions Club is scheduled to conclude its fund-raising project today with the award of a trip for two to Las Vegas, Nev.

Dupont junior footballers sought contributions from motorists using the one-way highways through town last Sunday. They funeled traffic over one lane at each collection point.

One more week of Summer vacation remains for public school children. Classes will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 19, and continue until June 26.

Teenagers, chased from sitting on steps in front of business places along Main Street on warm evenings, have found a

As the new bowling season gets underway, bowlers returning to Dupont Lanes are complimenting proprietors Jackie West Jr. and William Elko on the renovations at the center.

The Holy Rosary Society, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, will hold a bus ride to the Bloomsburg Fair on Thursday, Sept. 28. Julia Draus and Ann Zygmunt are in charge of reservations.

A Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey Circus reportedly has been booked for a week at the new coliseum to be built on the Dupont Highway. The Ice Capades also have been booked. The last time the big circus was in the area was at the former Bone Stadium about 20 years ago.

The Dupont Athletic Association Women's Auxiliary will continue selling candy this week. Mrs. Madelyn Marino is president of the group.

United Mine Workers Local 9874 will meet tomorrow night at 7:30 at the Dupont Hose House.

Boy Scout Troop 361 is accepting new registrations at its Wednesday night meetings at the hose house. The charter for the new year of scouting will close on Oct. 25.

Robin Ameen, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Joseph Lokuta, Everhart Street, vacationed with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Zygmond Lokuta, Buffalo, N.Y.

Robert Pollard has transferred to Eugene O'Hop Jr., 207 Center Street, property there for $14,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rolek of 200 Stanton Street recently observed their 25th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Rolek is the former Louise Wolny. They have six children. A family dinner marked the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Puchalski and family of Dover, N.J., last week visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cebula, Center Street.

Silver Anniversary In Ameen Family

Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Namey of Farrell, Pa., observed their 25th wedding anniversary on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Namey's mother, Mrs. Margaret Ameen, 2 Bear Creek Road, Dupont.

Mrs. Namey is the former Victoria Ameen.

They have three children: Mrs. Rose Margaret Hartnett, RN; Marie, RN; and Michael Jr., a college student at Latrobe.

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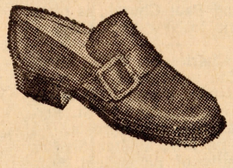
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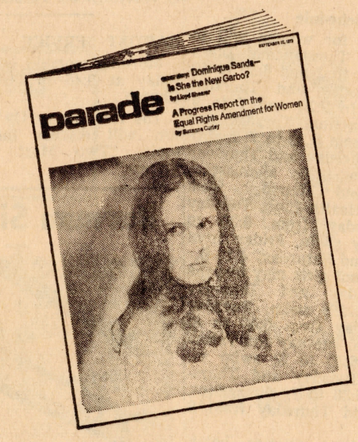
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DOMINIQUE SANDA: IS SHE THE NEW GARBO?

The Hollywood film industry has long been searching for a worthy replacement to romantic tragedienne Greta Garbo who retired from the screen in 1941. Could beautiful, sad, sensitive French actress Dominique Sanda, with seven European films behind her, be the answer? From Paris, PARADE's Lloyd Shearer reports an in-depth interview with Garbo-like Dominique who has packed a life-time of living into her brief 21 years, in September 17 issue



Valley Auto Notes

By TOM HEFFERNAN JR.

Maybe it's time to at least try to laugh a little about some of the many incidents that happened as the Susquehanna smashed us last June. There certainly wasn't anything funny about it, so please don't write letters saying we have a lousy sense of timing and humor.

But anyway, we have collected a couple little gems that may strike somebody as funny.

For instance there is a Back Mountain resident who is known for putting things off . . . especially like getting his wife's car fixed. Finally on that fateful Friday night in June, it quit. This time he would show her that he'd stop putting off things.

Act Now

So he called the garage, after dark, and had it hauled downtown to get fixed. He'd pick it up Saturday morning . . . real service for the wife.

Hasn't seen the car since.

Then there was a guy in Kingston who is known for his dislike of a certain type domestic animal. After the flood he got involved in a conversation about, what did you first do when you were told to evacuate your house?

His answer?

Lock the cat in the cellar. (Now look, that's not true so please no letters. I love cats. Always keep one around the house for the St. Bernard to play with).

Maybe, getting back to the flood waters ,the funniest story we heard came from our friend Tony Ward, North Washington Street businessman.

Tony figures he's been in so many floods he's starting to grow gills. Thus when the news came that even central city Wilkes-Barre was more than likely to be flooded, he wasn't overly concerned.

Especially after the early reports which had the river on the East side going down. So Tony figured, that's that and went upstairs to retire.

And So To Sleep

Next morning about 6 a.m. Mr. Ward hears this loud sound outside his second floor window. His remark is a classic.

"I knew the steam heat company spent a lot of time banging around Washington Street, but I'd never heard an air hammer so early in the morning" says Ward . . . who stuck his head out the window to see who was making all the racket.

"Doggone if an outboard didn't go by," says Tony. So he quick looked down the steps and there was the restaurant equipment quietly floating around.

Finally there's our composing room foreman here Ed Umphred who lost his one car garage over in Kingston but in its place inherited a three-car garage. "Think the old kids are trying to tell you something, Ed" was the general consensus of opinion around the composing room.

And so it went.

Energetic German

Engine Inventor Has Drive, But Never Learned To Steer

LINDAU, West Germany—Only the arrival of a visitor prevented Felix Wankel on a recent Sunday from taking his rowboat into the waters of Lake Constance to indulge in his favorite sport.

What was a little surprising was that the inventor of the rotary combustion automobile engine, who himself never had a driver's license, seemed to pay no attention to the foul weather that blocked the view of the nearby Alps.

What was more surprising, if not startling, was that a man approaching his 70th birthday, a non-swimmer. at that, had enough stamina left to go through the strenous exercise of rowing.

It would be a mistake, however, to assume that the German inventor spends all his energy having fun.

Despite the millions that his inventions have brought him, Wankel is a very busy man doing the thing he likes best—inventing, or, as he put it more modestly, "playing" with machines.

"I don't feel older than if I was 30," he said with a trace of the dialect spoken in southwestern Germany. "If I would tackle another 30 years, I would tackle a numebr of problems that these years will surely present."

At another point he said: "Uneasiness of death in old age doesn't bother me. Many people thinking of death feel old unnecessarily."

Developing New Boat

What preoccupies the inventor most of the time these days is the development of a combination automobile-boat that he feels will one day allow "drivers" to cross the Atlantic just as they cross continents today.

The other area of his work involves the development of a diesel engine built on the principle of his rotary system.

Although he could afford to pursue a life of lesiure Wankel is not cut out that way.

It is not unusual to find him in the technical development institute he heads here on the shores of Lake Constance as late as one or two o'clock in the morning.

His energy seems boundless. Recently, when an interviewer suggested well past midnight that it might be a good idea to quit, the inventor asked somewhat incredulously: "Why?"

Wankel, who never finished high shool and never attended a university, learned early to use what he calls his "one-sided gift."

That gift was to make technical drawings. "In school I was good in German, history and Latin, but very untalented in mathematics," he recalled. "The entire school business bored me to tears."

While going through an apprenticeship with a university book publisher in Heidelberg, Wankel made his first attempt, quickly abandoned, to draw a rotary engine.

Preferred Print Shop

"They (the publishers) wanted me to work in an office, but I preferred the print shop," he said. Since an earlier kidney rupture made it unwise for him to work with lead, he eventually ended up in the company's storeroom.

There he "invented" a method of storing books in a square pattern up to the ceiling without having them tumble to the floor.

It was in these surroundings (nobody could see me there," he said with a chuckle) that the future inventor started his drawing in 1924.

It took him exactly 30 years to develop the rotary engine.

Wankel, the only child of a forestry official, could have afforded to equip his own workshop to pursue his work. His father was killed in the early days of World War I, leaving the family with 1 million reichsmarks.

The inflation of the early 1920's in Germany made the fortune disappear. His mother, Wankel said, was "ungifted" in wordly matters. She demonstrated it by not using the money to buy goods such as jewelry or steel bars that would have lessened the im-



Thanks for letting me borrow the car, Dad—Now could I borrow the insurance!

regional party leader for his attempts, he said, to uncover Nazi corruption. Wankel recalled that his release came about through the intervention of friends.

His first company affiliation, with the Bavarian Motor Works, was in 1934. His assignment was to test engine seats and to work on the rotary engine. In 1936 Wankel moved his workshop from Lahar, in Baden, to Linmany.

At the end of World War 2 he was arrested by French occupation forces and all of his papers were confiscated and his workshop was dismantled.

Despite a ruling by the occupation powers that prohibited any type of research work in a part of his house that now shelters several boats.

He built the present facility, and airy, modernistic two-story structure with machine shops and offices for his draftsman, in 1951.

Turnpike Business Up Over Last Three Years

The Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike has shown a rise in business over the last three years.

The great bulk of the increase has come at the Pocono Interchange.

The apparent reason is the completion and opening of the Keystone Shortway (I-80) in August 1970. The Shortway has an interchange of its own at the Turnpike's Pocono Interchange.

Statistics from the Turnpike Commission show the trends. They are for vehicles entering only.

The Lehigh Valley Interchange has declined in business — solely due to a drop in car traffic entering.

The two interchanges south of Lehigh Valley have registered gains and so have the three immediately north of Lehigh Valley, particularly Pocono.

The turnpike operates on a fiscal year that ends on May 31. It has just prepared its annual report for 1971-72.

A commission spokesman comments:

"You will notice that Lehigh Valley, while having a decrease in passenger cars for both 1971 and 1972, had an increase in commercial trucks at the same time.

"Also, the only other interchanges that had a decrease in traffic — Wyoming Valley and Scranton — for 1970-71 compared to 1969-70 have started to show increased traffic again for 1971-72 over 1970-71.

"In any event, it is significant that overall traffic on the Northeast Extension has steadily increased and will continue to increase.

"The overall increase for 1970-71 over 1969-70 was only 96,050 vehicles.

"However, the increase of 247,302 vehicles in 1971-72 over 1970-71 is probably indicative of what the traffic future is for the Northeast Extension."

The accompanying chart pretty well speaks for itself.

The opening of the Shortway has taken some east-west traffic from Route 22 (I-78). This, in turn, has meant more business for the Pocono Interchange of the turnpike and less for the Lehigh Valley Interchange.

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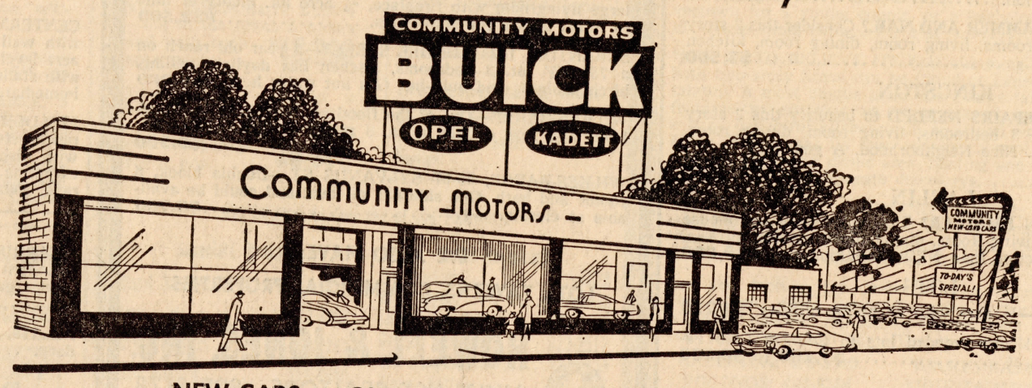
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Flood Had Little Effect On Mode of Living Here

As many communities and school districts throughout the flood area anticipate problems because of the mass exodus of residents, Wyoming and Pittston Areas are relatively free from such problems.

While Wyoming Area residents in West Pittston and West Wyoming experienced flood damage, no homes were declared unsafe to return to. Pittston Area was more than 90% free from the flood, with Port Blanchard the section hit the hardest.

No industries throughout Greater Pittston closed doors as a result of the flood and the Bureau of Employment Security stated that the claims for unemployment were no higher than before the flood, so few people are without their normal jobs.

This provides security for the communities and school districts in being able to follow their budgets with no revisions necessary due to a changed financial picture.

West Pittston Class of 1937 Has Fifth Reunion in 35 Years

Members of the Class of 1937 of West Pittston High School and guests gathered at the Flamenco Room of Goodwill Hose Company, Jenkins Street, to mark the fifth reunion of the class since graduation 35 years ago.

Class colors of blue and gold were carried out in the floral decorations donated by Anna Klemas Bannon.

Frank G. Keder, class president, served as toastmaster.

Committee members were Betty Heardon Hines, Julia Manganello Chorba, Betty McGarry Haas, Helen Lepore Pritchard, Isabel Argenio Bellanca, Ruth Ellis Boswell and Marjorie Melberger Moss.

Traveling the farthest distance were Betty Davis Lewis from Biloxi, Miss. and James Vigilante from Detroit, Mich. William Keller was cited for having made the first reservation.

Prizes also were awarded to Paul Deeter, Bill Richmond and Alice Delahunty.

Special Thanks

The chairman thanked Mrs. Betty Reardon Hines, Mrs. Ruth Ellis Boswell and Mrs. Bannon for special assistance in arrangements.

Attending were Paul Deeter, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Spiegel, Mr .and Mrs. William Byerly, Mrs. Betty Reardon Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bellanca, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Boswell, Mr. and Mrs. George Chorba, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Traher, Mrs. Betty McGarry Haas, Mr. and Mrs. Casimir Wierbowski, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wisnosky, Miss Alice Delahunty, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anthony, Charles Shacochis, Mr. and Mrs. William Ruck, Mr. and Mrs. William McDonald, Mrs. Betty Davis Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yuravich, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Girard, Mr. and Mrs. William Keller, Mr. and Mrs. William Richmond, Miss Mary Demark, Mrs. Marjorie Melberger Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gai, Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Deice, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wrightston, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bosses, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Manganello, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pugliese, Mr. and Mrs. James Vigilante, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keder.

Nisky Is Named To Moose Post

George A. Nisky of Philadelphia Avenue was elected executive vice president of Eastern Pennsylvania Moose Association at the 35th annual convention in Philadelphia over the Labor Day Weekend.

Nisky, a past governor of Pittston Lodge 1207, has taken a great interest in affairs of the fraternity over a period of years and merits the honor bestowed on him. He has been active in District 5 of the EPMA, holds an office in Susquehanna Legion 89 and is blood chairman of Moose lodges in Eastern Pennsylvania. He is a member of the 25 Club and holds the coveted Pilgrim Degree of the order which was conferred upon him in 1970 at Mooseheart, Ill.

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WSCS to Open 1972-73 Season Tuesday Night

Women's Society of Christian Service of First United Methodist Church will open its 1972-73 season with a covered dish supper Tuesday night at 6:15 in the assembly room of the church.

Members are asked to bring a dish of their own choosing and beverage and dessert will be provided by the hostess committee.

Mrs. Kenneth Hoover is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Vincent Carozza, Mrs. Griffith Davies, Mrs. Francis Delaney, Mrs. John Dwyer, Mrs. Harry Guilford, Mrs. Charles Manganello, Miss Louise Naugle, Mrs. William Players, Mrs. Harold Raker, Mrs. Roy Stein, and Miss Ethel Weaver.

Mrs. Raymond Ramage will conduct the opening devotions and Mrs. Edward L. Diehl will present the program.

Mrs. Joseph Gilroy will preside at the business session.

West Pittston Class of 1962 Holds Reunion



West Pittston High School Class of 1962 held its 10th anniversary reunion Sunday night at Convention Hall with 35 members attending the festivities.

Pictured, from left, are Kathleen Clarke Smith, Barbara Pursell Morrow, Sharon Todd Orlando, Cprinne Menchi Caparoni, Lynell Snyder Geisinger, Rita Mikolaichik Mangione, Mary Derrig Hovan, Grace Jones Kutzmas, Kathleen Bianco Forlenza, Mary Ann Dembowski, Grace Tomashefski Mruk, Mary Williams Yatsko.

Standing: Nancy Stout Peck, Norma Dymond Lamoreaux, Johanna Lucchino Pavlico, Carol Scatena Sabatini, Wayne F. Rickert, Joseph Orlando, William Robertson, Joseph Mikoliazyk, Joseph DeLucca, Charles Alfano, David Dembowski, Dr. Roger Nocerini, Alfred Manganiello, Philip Fogli, Dr. Neal Tobin, Carl Rosencrance Sr., Donald Jacobs, Donald Moss, Frances Stead Randazzo, Peggy Pasquariello Ley, Ann Traglia Jacobs, Janet Skerkoski Kakaty.—(Bill Gross)

An informal cocktail hour opened the reunion after which Frances Stead Randazzo gave the invocation and welcomed members and guests.

Wayne Rickert, toastmaster, introduced guests and paid tribute to Mrs. Esther LeGrand Clarke, a teacher of the class, who was the honored guest.

Group singing and dancing climaxed the affair.

Officers of the class were Wayne Rickert, president; John Bierly, vice president; John Bonita, secretary; and Robert O'Connell, treasurer.

Bus Schedules Listed for Wyoming Students

Gilbert V. Perry, superintendent of Wyoming Area School District, announced the bus schedule to be adopted for all students for the coming year.

Bus 15 (Mr. Coolbaugh driver), leaves Coolbaugh's garage at 7:20 for those elementary school students that live in the Lockville, Dymond Hollow and West Falls Area.

Bus 2 (Mrs. Kubick—Leaves the Falls Bridge at 7:30 for Grades 7, 8 and 9 to Wyoming Junior High School via Rt. 92.

Bus 3 (Mr. Youells)—Leaves Falls Bridge at 7:20 for Grades 10, 11, 12, via Rt. 92 and returns from Senior High School at 8 to the Harding Elementary School with students that live along Rt. 92 (as far north as Emma's) and Sutton Creek Road. This bus will also stop near the Trailer Court in the First Ward of Exeter for Senior High School students.

Bus 4 (Mr. Dymond)—Leaves Harding School at 7:10 for elementary and secondary students that live in the Campground and Schooley Avenue areas. The secondary students will transfer to Bus 5 at Lewis' Corners and the elementary students will continue to the Harding School. This bus will also service the Sutton Creek Road and Rt. 92 (from Emma's to the Falls School) for those students bound for the Falls Elementary School. It will then return from the Falls Elementary School to the Harding Elementary School.

Bus 5 (Mr. Compton)—Leaves Harding School at 7:20 for Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, that lives on Sutton Creek and Mt. Zion Roads. Grades 7, 8, and 9 will transfer to Bus 9 at the Senior High School. Bus 5 returns from the Senior High at 8 to the Harding Elementary School via the Obendoffers Road, Campground Road and Appletree Road.

Bus 6 (Mrs. Ellsworth)—Leaves West Wyoming at 7:15 and travels north on Rt. 92 to the Falls Bridge and then continues south on Rt. 92 to J.F.K., signed to Exeter Junior High. (7:20).

WYOMING

Pickups beginning at 7:25 a.m. for Grades 11 and 12.

Buses 7, 9 10 with stops at the following locations: Colonial Village, Bus 7, (Mr. Ellsworth); Colonial Acres, Bus 7; Wyoming Junior High at 10th Street, Bus 7; Eighth Street and Wyoming Avenue, Bus 10 (Mr. Verdine); Sixth Street and Wyoming Avenue, Bus 10; Fourth Street and Wyoming Avenue, Bus 10; Acme Store (Sullivan Park, Exeter), Bus 7. Pickups beginning at 8:10 a.m. for Grade 10.

Buses 2, 7, with stops at the following locations: Colonial Village, Bus 7; Colonial Acres, Bus 7; 10th Street at Wyoming Junior High School, 10th Grade students from Colonial Village and Colonial Acres will transfer from Bus 7 to Bus 2 at this stop, Buses 2 and 7.

Eighth Street and Wyoming Avenue, Bus 2 (Mrs. Kubick); Sixth Street and Wyoming Avenue, Bus 2; Fourth Street and Wyoming Avenue, Bus 2; Acme Store (Sullivan Park, Exeter), Bus 2.

Pickups beginning at 8:10 a.m. for Grades 7, 8, 9 and elementary grade students who go to Sixth Street and Butler Street Schools, Colonial Village and Colonial Acres, Bus 7.

WEST WYOMING AND WEST EXETER

Pickups beginning at 7:20 a.m. for Grades 11 and 12, Buses 7, 8, 9, 10; West Wyoming Elementary School, Bus 9, (Mr. Nerozzi); Moonlight Drive-In, Buses 7, 8; Atherton Park (Lincoln and Miscavage), Bus 8, (Mrs. Marchesini); Morgan Avenue and Eighth Street, Bus 9.

Upper Eighth Street (Hollow), Bus 10, (Vocational students will also board this bus and transfer to Bus 19 at West Eighth Street and Shoemaker Avenue).

West Third Street, Bus 8, (Grades 10, 11, 12); West Exeter Trail Coal Co., Ristagno's; First Ward Village, Bus 8.

Pickups beginning at 7:50 a.m. for elementary grades: Tunkhannock and Boston Avenues, Bus 10 (Mr. Babushko); Junction of Tunkhannock and Exeter Avenues, Bus 16; Bennett Street and Exeter Avenue, Buses 16, 19; First Ward Village, Buses 16, 19; Troback Drive, Bus 16; Schooley Avenue and Slocum, Bus 16; John Kennedy Building, Bus 16; Acme Store (Sullivan Park), Bus 16; Harding and Whitlock, Bus 16; Jackson and Wilson, Bus 16; Wilson and Lehigh, Bus 16.

Pickups beginning at 12:10 for Kindergarten, Bus 16; Barber and Park Lane, J.F.K.; Barber and Susquehanna, J.F.K.; Schooley and Wyoming Avenue, J.F.K.; Schooley Avenue School, Linden Street; Mt. Lookout Trailer Court (Slocum Avenue), Linden Street.

VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL STUDENTS

Vocational Technical bus will leave Falls at 7 a.m. and will continue through West Pittston, Exeter, Wyoming and West Wyoming to the Technical School in Pringle. Bus 19 (Mr. Strubeck).

The afternoon schedule in most cases will be a reversal of the morning schedule. Some changes of buses have been made where it was necessary for some students to take different buses home. However, these changes have been noted in the schedule listed below.

Falls Elementary, Bus 15, West Falls, Dymond Hollow, Lockville via Rt. 92, Emanon Road and Rt. 292; Bus 3, (Harding School Area via Rt. 92).

Harding Elementary, Bus 15, West Falls, Lockville, Dymond Hollow via Rt. 92, Emanon Road and Rt. 292.

Bus 3, Rt. 92 South (from Emma's to Obendoffers Road).

Bus 4, Sutton Creek Road, Schooley Avenue, Campground.

Bus 5 Mt. Zion Road, Obendoffers Road, Campground Road, Appletree Road.

Bus 6, Wyoming Ave; Bus 2, 11th, 12th Grades, Wyoming via Wyoming Avenue; Bus 9, 11th, 12th Grades, West Wyoming and West Exeter via Slocum Avenue, Atherton Park, Colonial Village, Colonial Acres; Bus 10, 11th, 12th Grades, Wyoming via Wyoming Avenue and West Wyoming (West Eighth Street and Hollow).

Schedule at 3:15: Bus 9, West Wyoming via Exeter Avenue and Slocum Avenue, sophomores; Bus 8, Wyoming via Wyoming Avennue, sophomores; Bus 18, Falls Bridge via Rt. 92, sophomores.

Council Gets $37,697 Check For Recovery

West Pittston Council last week received its first check for flood recovery work. Chairman William Miller stated the Department of the Army had forwarded a check in the amount of $37,697 as approved by the Office of Emergency Preparedness.

In line with the aftermath of Hurricane Agnes; Raymond F. Lowery Jr., a representative of Associated Planning and Development, has been working closely with borough fathers for the technical assistance grants. He informed Council that approval had been received to retain an administrator or secretary for Wyoming Area flood recovery and official notification should be forthcoming this week.

The urban renewal project for the borough, estimated at a cost of $5,097,000 has received local approval with five resolutions secured to date from Council ty Redevelopment Authority. These have been sent to the Economic Development Council,

Wyoming—West Wyoming

Mizin Presses Demands To Dredge Creek Here

West Wyoming Mayor John Mizin is pressing his demands for the Army Corps of Engineers to dredge Abraham's Creek from above Wheaton Street to the Wyoming Borough line.

Mayor Mizin voiced concern over the proposed trailer court on Eighth Street, saying that anybody living there "will be under the constant threat of flooding because of the situation in the creek above that point."

He said the only solution is the dreging of the creek, noting that the bed of the waterway could probably be dredged more than two feet. Mizin emphasized that even this is only a temporary solution, noting that the permanent solution would be implemented when the state finally decides to undertake the long-awaited creek project.

In other borough business, the top-ranking borough official commended the progress being made by the borough's SPEED program, which is currently employing about 25 persons in post-flood clean up work.

The mayor said the groups are working in the hard-hit Atherton Park, Holden and Tripp Street areas and are "accomplishing a great deal more than could ever have been done without them."

Trailer Park Problems

Eighth Street Traffic Is Given Top Priority

Traffic congestion problems, connected with the proposed Eighth Street Trailer Park, continues to plague the minds of borough officials who have been staying up late nights devising ways to reduce the potential troubles.

Councilmen John Basta and Joseph Soricelli report officials are eyeing other means of ingress and egress to the trailer park other than the existing one on Eighth Street.

The reason for this, officials say, is that Eighth Street will just not be capable of absorbing the traffic flow from the Frances Slocum Trailer Park, the Eighth Street Trailer Park, in addition to the normal traffic flow on the street.

One possible solution to the problem, according to sources, is the utilization of either Hicks or Perkins Lanes, both of which run from Wyoming Avenue into the Coal Storage land, where the trailer park will be located.

It is felt that these accessways would disperse the traffic more efficiently and thereby reduce the possibility of accidents and excessive traffic congestion.

Many years ago, it was learned, the lanes extended all the way from Wyoming Avenue, across the creek, to Shoemaker Street in West Wyoming.

To Place 300 Trailers

Some officials are examining the possibility of getting the Army Corps of Engineers to reconstruct the bridges across Abraham's Creek, which were removed several years ago.

The State Department of Community Affairs was contacted by Council and urged to approve installation of traffic lights on Wyoming Avenue where Perkins and Hicks Lanes intersect with it. However, no word has been received.

Eventually the federal government plans to place about 300 trailers on the land, which will house displaced flood victime.

One official, who has been observing the site preparation work going on at the proposed trailer park, relates that severe difficulties are being experienced while installing the water and sewage lines.

He said the construction workers are finding "solid water" down at little as four feet. "Unless they resolve that problem, there won't be any trailers going on that land," he said.

Towns' Talk

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cupani, 92 East Eighth Street, Wyoming, celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary with a party given in their honor. In attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Chapalonis of 90 East Eighth Street, who were also celebrating their wedding anniversary.

"Two Most Important Things," will be the sermon topic at the worship service this morning at the First Baptist Church of Wyoming at 11:15. The Rev. Harry G. Ford is pastor.

Regular meeting of Wyoming Hose Co. No. 1 will be held tomorrow night at 7:30. Joseph Cortegerone will preside.

Ambulance Drive Opens Tomorrow

Wyoming Community Ambulance Drive will open tomorrow and close Oct. 7.

Wyoming Ambulance is housed at No. 1 Fire Station and managed and operated by members of No. 1 company, who volunteer their service and are in no way compensated.

Members are asking for a contribution of at least $1 per family.

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a great interest in affairs of the fraternity over a period of years and merits the honor bestowed on him. He has been active in District 5 of the EPMA, holds an office in Susquehanna Legion 89 and is blood chairman of Moose lodges in Eastern Pennsylvania. He is a member of the 25 Club and holds the coveted Pilgrim Degree of the order which was conferred upon him in 1970 at Mooseheart, Ill.

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church.

Members are asked to bring a dish of their own choosing and beverage and dessert will be provided by the hostess committee.

Mrs. Kenneth Hoover is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Vincent Carozza, Mrs. Griffith Davies, Mrs. Francis Delaney, Mrs. John Dwyer, Mrs. Harry Guilford, Mrs. Charles Manganello, Miss Louise Naugle, Mrs. William Players, Mrs. Harold Raker, Mrs. Roy Stein, and Miss Ethel Weaver.

Mrs. Raymond Ramage will conduct the opening devotions and Mrs. Edward L. Diehl will present the program.

Mrs. Joseph Gilroy will preside at the business session.

Harding-Falls Area Parents Will Meet

Wyoming Area School parents from the Harding-Falls Area, who have children enrolled in the Harding Elementary School, are invited to a meeting at the Harding School on Thursday night at 7:30.

The adoption of non-graded philosophy in teaching in grades one through six will be explained.

Prof. George Siles of Wilkes College will be speaker.

More than 250 languages and dialects are spoken in Nigeria.

(from Emma's to the Falls School) for those students bound for the Falls Elementary School. It will then return from the Falls Elementary School to the Harding Elementary School.

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Bus 6 (Mrs. Ellsworth)—Leaves West Wyoming at 7:15 and travels north on Rt. 92 to the Falls Bridge and then continues south on Rt. 92 to J.F.K., Sixth Street, and Wyoming Junior High.

Bus 1 (Mrs. Ancas)—Starts near Campground Road, down the Appletree Road to Rt. 92 north to the Falls Bridge and then south on Rt. 92 to Luzerne Avenue, J.F.K. and Schooley Avenue, (7:20).

Bus 18 (Mr. Puga)—Will start near Lewis' Corners where some 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students will transfer from Bus 4. It will then continue down to the highway and proceed north on Rt. 92 to the Falls Bridge and then south on Rt. 92 to the Senior High and Exeter Junior High. This bus will transport those students assigned to Exeter Junior High and those 18 sophomores that were formerly assigned to Sixth Street and Butler Street Schools, Colonial Village and Colonial Acres, Bus 7.

WEST WYOMING AND WEST EXETER

Pickups beginning at 7:20 a.m. for Grades 11 and 12, Buses 7, 8, 9, 10; West Wyoming Elementary School, Bus 9, (Mr. Nerozzi); Moonlight Drive-In, Buses 7, 8; Atherton Park (Lincoln and Miscavage), Bus 8, (Mrs. Marchesini); Morgan Avenue and Eighth Street, Bus 9.

Upper Eighth Street (Hollow), Bus 10, (Vocational students will also board this bus and transfer to Bus 19 at West Eighth Street and Shoemaker Avenue).

West Third Street, Bus 8, (Grades 10, 11, 12); West Exeter, Bus 8, (Grades 10, 11, 12), (Roosevelt Street). Pickups beginning at 8:05 a.m. for Grade 10.

Watson and Lincoln, Bus 19 (Mr. Strubeck); Hose Co. No. 2 (Stites Street), Bus 19; West Wyoming Elementary School, Bus 19; West Eighth Street and Shoemaker Avenue, Bus 19; Morgan Avenue and West Eighth Street, Bus 19; Upper Eighth Street (Hollow), 10th Grade students will board Bus 10 and transfer to Bus 19 at West Eighth Street and Shoemaker Avenue.

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Pickups beginning at 8:05 a.m. for elementary grades: Moonlight Drive-In, Bus 8; Hose Co. No. 2 (Stites Street), Bus 8; Lincoln and Watson, Bus 9; Evergreen and Stites, Bus 9; Le Ann Street and Shoemaker Avenue, Bus 9; Mt. Lookout Trailer Court (Slocum Avenue), Bus 1; West Sixth Street Bus 7; West Third Street, Bus 1; West Fourth Street, Bus 1; Upper Eighth Street, Bus 10.

EXETER

Pickups beginning at 8 a.m. for Grades 7, 8 and 9: Sullivan

The afternoon schedule in most cases will be a reversal of the morning schedule. Some changes of buses have been made where it was necessary for some students to take different buses home. However, these changes have been noted in the schedule listed below.

Falls Elementary, Bus 15, West Falls, Dymond Hollow, Lockville via Rt. 92, Emanon Road and Rt. 292; Bus 3, (Harding School Area via Rt. 92).

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Bus 3, Rt. 92 South (from Emma's to Obendoffers Road).

Bus 4, Sutton Creek Road, Appletree Road, Schooley Avenue, Campground.

Bus 5, Mt. Zion Road, Obendoffer's Road, Rt. 92 North (past Emma's).

Luzerne Avenue, Elementary, Buses 16 and 1; J.F.K., Buses 16, 6 and 1, Harding and Falls and 1; Schooley Avenue, Buses 16 and 1; Sixth Street, Bus 8, Colonial Acres and Village; Bus 6, Harding; Butler Street, Bus 9, Colonial Acres and Village; West Wyoming Elementary, Bus 7, Atherton Park; Bus 8, Atherton Park; Bus 10, West Third Street, West Fourth Street, West Eighth Street Areas. (Hollow Section); Bus 7, West Sixth Street.

Wyoming Junior High, Buses 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 17, 6; Bus 2, Harding and Falls via Rt. 92; Bus 7, Colonial Village, Acres, Atherton Park Area, West Third Street, West Exeter (Roosevelt Street); Bus 8, Colonial Village Acres, Atherton Park Area, West Wyoming Elementary School; Bus 9, West Eighth Street Area (Maple Street) and West Wyoming Elementary School; Bus 10, West Eighth Street (Hollow Area); Bus 17, Harding. Those Harding students that were transported by Buses 5 and 18 will board Bus 17 for home. Also West Third Street and West Exeter students; Bus 6, Harding and Falls.

Exeter Junior High: Bus 8, Pagnotti's, Bennett Street and First Ward Village; Bus 18, Falls via Rt. 92, Harding.

SENIOR HIGH

Schedule at 2:30: Bus 3, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades, Harding and Falls via Route 92; Bus 5, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades, Harding via Mt. Zion Road; Bus 7, 11th, 12th Grades, Wyoming via Wy-

of $37,697 as approved by the Office of Emergency Preparedness.

In line with the aftermath of Hurricane Agnes; Raymond F. Lowery Jr., a representative of Associated Planning and Development, has been working closely with borough fathers for the technical assistance grants. He informed Council that approval had been received to retain an administrator or secretary for Wyoming Area flood recovery and official notification should be forthcoming this week.

The urban renewal project for the borough, estimated at a cost of $5,097,000 has received local approval with five resolutions secured to date from Council ty Redevelopment Authority. These have been sent to the Economic Development Council, the "umbrella" agency to coordinate all renewal work throughout the valley.

Police Receive Grant

Chief of Police Thomas Dale informed Council that a grant had been received from the Governor's Justice Commission for radio equipment in the amount of $4,931.

The monthly report submitted by Chief Dale for August activities noted 40 moving motor violations, 21 parking violations, three criminal violations, four conferences at department level with parents, three hearings with District Magistrate Maffei, one appearance in Luzerne County courts, 18 motor vehicle accidents, three cases of larceny, three acts of vandalism, assisted at 15 funerals and nine ambulance trips, administered oxygen two times, two fires, 45 general alarms and police alerts relayed and received from Luzerne County Communication Center.

Mayor Robert Campbell reported 18 parking violations at $2 each, $36; one pinball permit, $100; collections from District Magistrate Maffei, $120; three parking violations at $5 each, $15; 10 moving permits at 25c each, $4.50; and special police protection, $426, for a total collection of $731.50.

Mrs. Ida P. Rowe, secretary of the Board of Health, reported no reported communicable diseases in the town for June, July and August.

Paving To Begin

Councilman Raymond Crisci, chairman of the Public Safety Committee, authorized the secretary to contact the Bell Telephone Co. to conduct a survey for the police and fire alarm system in the borough. Councilman Ernest Pahl, chairman of Public Works committee, received approval for the beginning of paving of streets which include Spruce, Wisner, Foundry, Second Streets; and Boston and Atlantic Avenues.

Bids were opened for a one-ton dump truck from Carlton Chevrolet, $4,350; and Sterling Truck Sales Co., $4,341. These were referred to the Public Works committee for tabulation.

Garden Village Notes

Morning communion will be administered at 8 today in Trinity Episcopal Church. Morning prayer and sermon will be at 11.

Miss Donna Fuehrer has re-

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The house to house canvass will be conducted by the ambulance auxiliary.

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today after a month's vacation. The regular hour for service will return to 11 with Sunday School remaining at 10 for the Fall and Winter months.

Mrs. Anna Lecker of York Avenue left Tuesday to make her home in Texas.

West Pittston Community Ambulance Association will hold its first Fall meeting tomorrow night at 7:30 in the Little League fieldhouse. Mayor Robert Campbell, president, asked every director to attend.

The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Miller of Susquehanna Avenue are glad to welcome them back. They spent the past several weeks in New Jersey with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller and family after Hurricane Agnes damaged their home.

Joining the evening bicycle brigade are Mrs. George Miller, Susquehanna Avenue; Miss Jane Firestine, Warren Street; Mrs. Ted Miller, Race Street; and Mrs. Ralph Norris, Delaware Avenue.

"Bucky" Harris of Washington, D.C., nationally known baseball personality, is visiting his nephew, Emerson "Pee Wee" Harris, and niece, Mrs. Claude Smith, Linden Street. Mr. Harris is retired manager for the Washington Senators and previously was affiliated with the Yankees, Detroit and Boston.

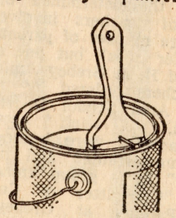
Clinton Hawk of Philadelphia Avenue, is a medical patient in Pittston Hospital.

Miss Mabel Lorah of Harding, formerly of 511 Delaware Avenue, is a patient in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital.

Miss Helen Laderer of Delaware Avenue is recuperating at home after being a patient in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

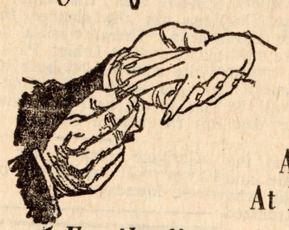
Robert J. Davis of Falls returned home after being a patient in Moses Taylor Hospital, Scranton.

Members of Dial Rock Chapter, Daughter of the American Revolution, planning to attend the joint Constitution Day luncheon with Wyoming Valley Chapter on Saturday at the Towne House, are to make reservations by Wednesday with Mrs.

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Hazleton

$185,850 Granted By FAA To Improve Airport Here

A $185,850 Federal Aviation Administration grant for construction of a parallel taxiway and expansion of the apron area at the Hazleton Municipal Airport has been accepted by Hazleton City Council.

The official accepance of the FAA money carries with it a $92,925 Appalachian Regional Commission grant. On June 22 of this year the city received a grant of the same amount from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Aviation Bureau.

The entire cost of the project will be covered by the three grants.

City Councilman Mrs. Clementine Yamona said that Al McDonough, FAA Chief Airport District Officer, informed her this is the first time he has encountered such a project being totally funded by grants.

Mrs. Yamona, who has been active in securing the state and Appalachian grants, said work can begin any time on the project and pointed out that Oct. 15 is the deadline for laying amesite. The project is targeted for completion in November.

William Moran, a former member of city Council, played a major role in securing the FAA grant.

The entire airport project is to include construction, paving, marking and lighting of a taxiwell parallel to the main paved runway . The taxiway will be 40 feet wide and 3,314 feet long. The present apron area would be expanded 300 feet by 80 feet eastward and 400 feet by 75 feet westward.

Kimball Associates is the project engineer and J. A. and W. A. Hess, Inc., Hazleton, was previously awarded the contract for the work on its bids of $322,227.70.

Daily inspection of the work will be conducted by Thomas Price, formerly employed by the Harrisburg engineering firm of Gannett, Fleming, Corddry and Carpenter. Price has been approved by the FAA to perform the inspections.

Attending a pre-construction conference at the airport were McDonough and his associate, Robert Mendez, Chief Engineer Bill Reeves and Jim Jones of Kimball Associates, Ted Gans and Joseph Pachence of the Hazleton Airport Commission, John Yamulla, vice president of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, and Greg Bielawski, director of governmental affairs for the Chamber.

City Council to Fight Post Office Transfers

Hazleton City Council has decided to oppose the transfer of 30 postal workers from the Hazleton Post Office to Wilkes-Barre Post Office.

City Councilman James Palermo said council should press for a 90-day delay. He said the transfers create a hardship for affected individuals and their families.

Mayor Joseph B. Conahan is personally affected. He is one of several star route mail carriers whose services have been reduced under the new plan. Under the new setup, intracity mail will be procssed in Hazleton, but intercity mail will be processed in Wilkes-Barre.

In a letter to Postmaster John T. Jones of Wilkes-Barre, Council members expressed concern about delays if all Hazleton mail is brought from Wilkes-Barre. They are further concerned about Hazleton air mail being trucked to Wilkes-Barre to be processed.

Dispute Savings

In the letter, council said it felt the cost of government trucks, government employees and government maintenance would offset the proposed savings. In addition, the council contended, the cutback on star route contractors will bring a great economic loss to the Hazleton area.

Council empowered the mayor to confer with congressman Daniel J. Flood and Leo Lamonica, president of the local postal workers' union, to determine what effective steps, if any, can be taken by council.

In other action at a council work session, Palermo, who heads the fire department, suggested council forward a letter to the Federal Pay Board suggesting if they approved the Hazleton Police pact for 1972 currently before them, that they also approve the same salary for the city's firemen, plus a $300 parity.

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HAZLETON...WHAT'S NEWS

The decision of the West Hazleton Borough Council to authorize the Hazleton Housing Authority to construct public housing in the borough is one that deserves to be lauded.

There are many residents of West Hazleton who qualify for low-income public housing or public housing for the elderly and they will benefit in the long run.

It is not a question of the borough council giving up some of its power in the borough, because the council will have to give final approval to suggested projects, but merely a method of borrowing the expertise of an existing organization.

Additionally, it is an example of co-operation between the city and the borough with politics, for a change, in a secondary role.

Hazleton already has three public housing units for the elderly and one low-income housing project in operation.

There have been some problems at the low-income housing project, but there inevitably will be. The criterion is if the program is doing more good than being abused and, in this case, the answer is that it is.

Some housing projects in the inner cities of the nation have been failures because of damage by residents and crime. These two factors have not resulted in major problems here.

Mrs. Rosebud Drolles, a member of Weatherly Borough Council, has had more than her share of problems lately. A late model sedan owned by Mrs. Drolles was spattered with paint, and the left door, windshield and front seat were damaged.

Mrs. Drolles swore out a complaint against John Davis, 21, of Weatherly, charging him with disorderly conduct and also took action against a 13-year-old borough youth who allegedly insulted her by directing profane language at her. Mrs. Drolles has charged Davis with insulting her with profane language as she drove past his home.

Whatever happened to those lazy Summers that they once had in Weatherly? In an area which seems to specialize in bickering, Weatherly is rapidly moving to the top of the list. Borough and school district officials spend many hours discussing differences of opinion.

The United Labor Council of Lower Luzerne and Carbon Counties presented a check in the amount of $1,827 to the Greater Hazleton United Fund to be used for flood relief work.

City police, who have been underpaid for years, are now at a point where they are receiving salaries which compare favorably.

If the Federal Pay Board approves a $900 pay raise mandated for 1972 by arbitration, the base pay for policemen in 1973 will rise to $8,400. If the Pay Board doesn't approve the $900 hike, the base pay will increase to $7,845 as a result of a recent $600 increase granted the policemen for 1973.

The name of E. C. Wideman Jr., popped up in the court hearing of three Conyngham and Sugarloaf Township assessments. Atty. Philip Hudock, counsel for the property owners, said the county assessor has refused to budge from his 35% ratio figure despite evidence introduced showing the use of much lower ratios in certain properties throughout the county.

A witness said he had used assessments on comparable properties to determine the market value of a tract owned by Wideman. He said he had used $125 an acre as an average value per acre.

City officials have made a bid to have the 1975 convention of the Pennsylvania League of Cities held in Hazleton. A resolution on the matter will go before the PLC's credentials committee and the 1975 site will be announced at the 1973 sessions in Lancaster.

The 1974 convention will be held in Pittsburgh. Nine Hazleton officials attended the 1972 convention in Philadelphia last week. By 1975, the number of motels in the Hazleton area is expected to be increased to the point that sufficient rooms will be available to handle the convention.

Caeser Chavez, national president of the United Farmworkers of America, will be one of the speakers at Lattimer Memorial ceremonies today.

A monument in memory of miners killed in the Lattimer Massacre has been constructed at the site.

Officials of CAN DO, Hazleton's industrial development corporation, are confident that the slowdown in industrial expansion is over and that a number of plants will locate at the region's newest industrial park at Humbolt during 1973.

CAN DO was able to announce several new plants every year over a decade while Valmont Industrial Park was filling up, but activity then slowed down considerably because of inflation and other economic factors.

Even with the tremendous advantage afforded by Interstate Routes 80 and 81, the area would be in much worse shape economically than it is now had it now been for CAN DO. Actually, the economy of the Hazleton area is better than it has been for years.

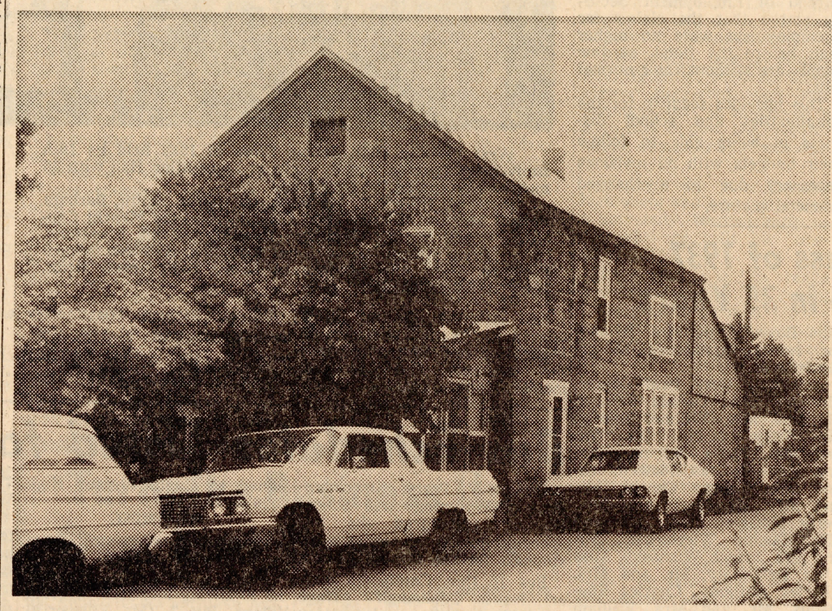
Although the average hourly rate is still low in comparison with other sections of the state, the gap is being closed. It will take more industries and another 10 years to catch up.

This area will probably never reach parity with the highly-industrialized Pittsburgh and Philadelphia areas, but there are some obvious advantages to living in the Hazleton area rather than in metropolitan areas.

One minority member of the school board is convinced that the most important task that faces the minority faction is to prevent the construction of a

Berwick

'Birth's Folly' Outlived Critics To Become Modern Building Method



When J. Frank Birth of Nescopeck constructed the concrete building shown, 80 years ago, it was branded "Birth's folly." Critics said it would collapse of it's own weight. Both Birth and the critics are dead. The building stands and is in regular use as a dwelling.

In these days of the widespread use of concrete in building work it doesn't seem possible that— back in 1892—the late J. Frank Birth was ridiculed because he built a two-story building of concrete, in Nescopeck.

That, however, was the case and even Birth's close friends wondered, it is said, "if he might not have been out in the hot sun too long."

Eighty years have passed and Birth and most of the "doubting Thomas" friends have long since died. The building stands, as strong as ever.

The structure was originally built as a barn. After about 50 years of good service as a barn and a garage, it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Johnson. They remodeled the interior somewhat, "principally just building partitions and installing plumbing and wiring, plus a new roof to replace the 50-year-old one."

The result is an attractive 10-room house on which maintenance is at a minimum and security and durability is at a maximum.

"It'll collapse of its own weight," was the warning given Birth by both friends and outright critics. He merely smiled and said the structure would be there "long after we're gone." He was right.

No Steel

An interesting angle is that Birth used no steel reenforcing in the walls, although he did in the floor—a variety of scrap metal that even included old saw blades.

Securing cement, sand and stone in those days was not a matter of phoning a building supply firm. The cement ordered by Birth from Philadelphia was brought in by train and hauled, from the P.R.R. station, in Birth's own wagon. A neighbor, J. R. Hoyt, recalls that Birth also hauled in his own sand and stone in that wagon.

Birth had designed special forms, which he had hoped to patent, for concrete building work. He was denied a patent because — in the course of the usual red tape—it was discovered the roofing nail he had used was already patented. He never "got around" to a second application with a different type nail.

In any event, an amazing amount of back-breaking work went into the project. There were no concrete mixing machines then. The mix had to be done by hand and wheeled up planks, in wheelbarrows, to be dumped into the forms. Ten-inch-thick walls required an amazing number of wheel barrow loads of mix.

But, it was accomplished and Birth, who died about 23 years ago, lived to see his brain-child proved successful by time. He enjoyed reminding early day critics that they had branded the project "Birth's folly."

J. Frank Birth was obviously far ahead of his time in regard to building work.

Much Work Is Required To Restore Scout Camp

Scout officials of the Columbia-Montour Council state much work must be done before next Summer's camping season in order to restore Camp Lavigne to its usual top condition.

The early Summer flood did even more damage there than had at first been realized. Damage to both concrete abutments of the bridge leading into the camp is among major problems. Loss of many of the big trees also occurred as a raging Fishing Creek swept through the camp, located above Benton.

Officials are convinced that an even better camp will result. Only time will replace the lost trees but action will be taken on some other projects that had been in the "consideration" stage. One is work on the lake at the camp.

That lake, in a fairly isloated part of the camp, had been constructed many years ago but had—as time passed—become a victim of silt. Now it is to be dredged out and will again be used for boating and fishing. In recent years the boating and canoeing activity had all been

of the camp, is fairly sure of one thing. There can hardly be a more difficult season than the past one. Much of the camp was underwater when the creek was at its crest. The Trading Post, where the tents and much other equipment was located, became flooded at about the time the camp staff was to remove the equipment and set it up.

As a result, a re-shuffling of the schedule of the various troops signed up for camping was necessary. Despite all the problems, the season proved to be a successful one. Attendance by parents and friends at the weekly water-carnivals, at the camp pool, and at the campfire programs was large.

people here, were incorrect. He learned the train had been "marooned" due to washouts of track at various places, at Honesdale but it had not been in the flood. It had been slated for exhibit at this time at Lock Haven but routes that would have had to have been taken, including both Pennsylvania and New York states, would have required nine days, due to washouts. As a result, it will first go to State College and later to Lock Haven.

A couple that is popular here will take up training at the new Salvation Army training center in New York State, preparatory to becoming SA officers. They are Mr. and Mrs. William Augustine, who were married last October. Both have been exceedingly active in SA work here, according to Capt. Joseph Bassett, local commander.

"Aw gee!" was a standard comment among pupils in the Central Columbia District, between the Berwick and Bloomsburg districts, when announce-

Mountaintop

St. Jude's School To Open Sept. 19

St. Jude's School will open Tuesday, Sept. 19, with many students attending from flooded areas of the valley, it was announced by Rev. Edward Nolan, pastor.

Attending the new Bishop Hoban High School in Wilkes-Barre will be 140 students from St. Jude's Mountaintop area.

Report cards will be issued Nov. 21, Feb. 6, April 12 and June 18.

Teacher in-service days will be held Sept. 15, March 12, and June 27 and June 28.

Crestwood Elementary Open House Tuesday

Fairview Elementary PTA will

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The site for any housing project in the borough will not be final without concurrence of Council.

In this respect, Council said its advice and recommendations must be obtained by the HHA and considered "as much as reasonably possible" by the HHA relative to selection of tenants and employees, and the administration policies for the projects constructed within West Hazleton.

No Representation

Prior to a roll call vote on the resolution, Councilman John Bobey asked if West Hazleton would have representation on the HHA, and was informed by Atty. Richard Bernstein, borough solicitor, that it would not.

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Council President Carl Warg revealed that representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who visited the borough last month, have authorized funds for restoration of portions of three thoroughfares and other construction damaged during Tropical Storm Agnes.

The projects are:

Repair Rotary Drive in Valmont Industrial Park from Kiwanis Drive to where the street stops at a dead-end, by returning the roadbed to its original elevation; build an outlet headwall, and clean an outlet pipe. Money allocated to this project amounts to $3,942.

Restore the roadbed of Park Avenue, between Susquehanna Boulevard and where the street terminates in a dead-end, by returning the roadbed to its original elevation; rebuild a masonry wall, and build "wings" on a headwall. Cost: $1,801.

Restore Hagelgans Street by returning the roadway to its original elevation. Cost $590.40.

Contested Teacher Transfers To Stand With One Exception

Despite the determined opposition of teachers involved and a large number of parents, the transfer of all but one of a group of H. F. Grebey Junior High teachers ordered by the Hazleton Area School District will stand.

The transfers were branded "unfair, unwarranted and unnecessary" by a group known as the "Committee of Concerned Parents at Grebey." The teachers and the parents held several meetings with the school board, but to no avail.

One teacher who was included in the original transfer order has been retained at Grebey because she is near retirement age .

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Board members said the transfers were made because there was a "morale problem" at Grebey. Some of the teachers did not contest the transfers.

Three who did are Thomas Pugliese Jr., who was transferred from physical education teacher at Grebey to itinerant physical education teacher; Mrs. Margaret Tarone, who was transferred from music teacher at Grebey to music teacher at Locust Street and T. L. Hinkle elementary schools, and John city's two junior high schools and they have been rivals for many years. Ironically, Pugliese and Kokinda were head basketball coaches at the two schools.

The committee, while agreeing that involuntary transfers are sometimes necessary, objected to the manner in which the transfers were made. According to the committee, the school principal, the supervisor or educational division, and the director of secondary education did not recommend the transfers and the teachers were not consulted before being transferred from one school to another.

The committee feels that the situation should have been thoroughly studied and sincerely doubts if the transfers will solve the problems. They (the members of the committee) believe Pugliese and Mrs. Tarone are teachers of superior quality and that Kokinda is a victim of circumstances.

The committee asked the board to take into consideration the morale of hundreds of students and consider the signatures of approximately 1,000 people who signed petitions opposing the transfers .

Details of the morale problem were never divulged by the school board. The case, at the moment, appears to be closed.

Counties presented a check in the amount of $1,827 to the Greater Hazleton United Fund to be used for flood relief work.

City police, who have been underpaid for years, are now at a point where they are receiving salaries which compare favorably.

If the Federal Pay Board approves a $900 pay raise mandated for 1972 by arbitration, the base pay for policemen in 1973 will rise to $8,400. If the Pay Board doesn't approve the $900 hike, the base pay will increase to $7,845 as a result of a recent $600 increase granted the policemen for 1973.

Even though Mayor Joseph B. Conahan has a personal interest in the changes in mail processing (his trucks carry mail under contract), most area residents support the mayor's stand against switching some of the work from the Hazleton Post Office to Wilkes-Barre, and transferring 30 employees from the Hazleton Post Office to Wilkes-Barre.

than it has been for years.

Although the average hourly rate is still low in comparison with other sections of the state, the gap is being closed. It will take more industries and another 10 years to catch up.

This area will probably never reach parity with the highly-industrialized Pittsburgh and Philadelphia areas, but there are some obvious advantages to living in the Hazleton area rather than in metropolitan areas.

One minority member of the school board is convinced that the most important task that faces the minority faction is to prevent the construction of a new high school in Freeland.

He believes the plan to be economically unsound and sees no reason why two new high schools should be constructed when the problem can be solved by building one large one.

One or more members of the majority faction of the board have to be convinced. The building program passed by only a 5-4 vote.

White Haven

Local Equestrienne Travels Show Circuit

"Well, I just grew up with horses," commented Cindy Weaver, RD 1, White Haven. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weaver, Cindy is a champion horsewoman who has won numerous trophies and ribbons in equestrian competition.

This is the second Summer that Cindy and her trainer, Bob Bechtal of Jim Thorpe, have participated in regular weekend horse shows throughout the state, New Jersey and New York.

She has belonged to the Penn-Jersey Horse Club for the past two years and through them receives flyers and regulations for coming shows.

A regular competitor in the Weatherly 4-H Club shows, she has won first and second places in the most recent.

The 4-H Clubs eliminate contestants until the finals in Harrisburg, where the state champions are named. The National Agricultural Show will be held this year in Harrisburg in November.

Owner of two horses, one a pony jumper of nine years called "Coppertone Tan" and a former thoroughbred racer which is registered with the Jockey Club, about seven years old, named "All Things Equal." Their home in the outskirts of White Haven enables her family to raise enough hay to feed both horses and the large acreage allows Cindy plenty of room to work out with the show horses. She has trophies on display in her home and in her father's nearby restaurant on the Tunnel Road.

It took her two years to train the pony who at nine years is still considered a

regularly. But the great goal of all the horse lovers is the Fall International Horse Show in November at the Madison Square Garden in the ASPCA Maclay Class. Each entrant must qualify in first place three times to be eligible. It was initiated by Alfred B. Maclay, a famous horseman.

Cindy considers herself an English Hunter rider and expertly guides her horses over the hurdles. Her family always encouraged her in her love of horses and make it possible for her to compete in the many shows. She is a sophomore student at Crestwood High School in Mountaintop. Her "future will be wherever horses are" was her parting comment.

Town News

St. Patrick's Church Women met on Tuesday and finalized plans for a Pancake Supper on Oct. 7, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Church Hall. Chef and caterers will be the Joseph brothers, who own a Pancake House. The dinner will include all the pancakes you can eat. There also will be sausages, butter, syrup and a beverage. In conjunction with the dinner, there will be a home-made apple pie sale. Tickets are now on sale.

A report was given on the very successful bake sale and thanks are extended to all who donated, baked and patronized the sale.

Today is the deadline for those who wish to attend the covered dish supper for the Women of St. Paul's Church, White Haven, to make reservations. Call Dorothy Herbener or Archilla Henning. The sup-

of the bridge leading into the camp is among major problems. Loss of many of the big trees also occurred as a raging Fishing Creek swept through the camp, located above Benton.

Officials are convinced that an even better camp will result. Only time will replace the lost trees but action will be taken on some other projects that had been in the "consideration" stage. One is work on the lake at the camp.

That lake, in a fairly isloated part of the camp, had been constructed many years ago but had—as time passed—become a victim of silt. Now it is to be dredged out and will again be used for boating and fishing. In recent years the boating and canoeing activity had all been in Fishing Creek.

A Difficult Season

Larry Patterson, Susquehanna District executive and director of the camp, is fairly sure of one thing. There can hardly be a more difficult season than the past one. Much of the camp was underwater when the creek was at its crest. The Trading Post, where the tents and much other equipment was located, became flooded at about the time the camp staff was to remove the equipment and set it up.

As a result, a re-shuffling of the schedule of the various troops signed up for camping was necessary. Despite all the problems, the season proved to be a successful one. Attendance by parents and friends at the weekly water-carnivals, at the camp pool, and at the campfire programs was large.

Camp Lavigne has repeatedly, over the years, won the highest ratings given Scout camps. Indications are that the successes will continue.

Berwick Bits

Berwick's Civil Defense unit needs an overhauling, according to its leaders, and action is being taken in that direction. The recent emergency, when completely unfounded rumors were circulated that the Berwick Reservoir was about to collapse, is said to have proved that the CD organization had been allowed to lapse into a state of inaction. All communication lines are to be improved.

Both management and workers at Berwick Forge and Fabricating plant are convinced the local display at the Railway Supply Association Out-Track Exhibit, in Chicago, will attract attention and—hopefully—many more orders. The display includes four cars of types built here, the most unusual of which is a depressed center flat car with 16 wheels. That is for special cargoes. At the show, from Saturday through Sept. 24, it will hold the word "Berwick" in letters seven feet high. The theme of the entire display is "Here Comes Berwick."

Berwick, of course, has a tradition of railroad car building and a great many in town are proud of that tradition. This was brought out when employees autographed the white walls of the inside of one of the box cars sent to the show. Workers' autographs were accompanied by the number of years they had spent in railroad car-building in Berwick. Many were above 40 years and at least two were 46 years. . . . A few decades ago the plant here was the biggest railroad car-building plant in the world. It's capacity was more than 50 freight cars per day plus passenger and subway cars. Most New York subway cars are still ones made in Berwick.

When word spread here that the PP&L exhibit train, called "The Energy of Man" had been damaged by floods, many voiced regret. A check with Clark Patterson, district manager of PP&L, proved the rumors concerning the train, which had been visited by thousands of

Saturday is the Annual Peach Social sponsored by the White Haven Lutheran Church Women in the Parish Hall from 4 to 8 p.m. The public is invited.

Today is the annual Hickory Run Old Timers' picnic all day at Hickory Run Park.

The seepage of sewage and spring water and general renewal of sewage lines west of Church Street is the reason for the repairs. More homes can be built if additional sewage lines can be installed.

With the defeat of Hilldale Baseball team, the White Haven Aces are the champs for the season. There was a lot of excitement at Lehigh Park when White Haven Aces beat Hilldale for the second and final time. This is the first time the Aces are the season champs.

Garbage pickup for White Haven will revert to once a week, Mondays.

LUCKY 16

Hand Dipped Ice Cream
Cold Cuts - Ice Cubes
"Hoagies"
Jewish Rye - Hard Rolls - Bagels

required nine days, due to washouts. As a result, it will first go to State College and later to Lock Haven.

A couple that is popular here will take up training at the new Salvation Army training center in New York State, preparatory to becoming SA officers. They are Mr. and Mrs. William Augustine, who were married last October. Both have been exceedingly active in SA work here, according to Capt. Joseph Bassett, local commander.

"Aw gee!" was a standard comment among pupils in the Central Columbia District, between the Berwick and Bloomsburg districts, when announcement was made that the teachers and school board had reached an agreement. Pupils had been hoping (in at least some cases) that there would be a strike as threatened. The new agreement is reported to include a $700 across the board pay hike this year and one of $600 next year. The new starting salary this year is reported to be $6,300 this year and $6,600 the next year.

"Nixon vs. McGovern" won't be the only big attraction for Berwick voters in November. The matter of deciding on how to elect councilmen in the future will also be on the ballot, as a result of a ruling by Judge Jay W. Myers. Council had last year urged a change to voting at large instead of by wards, for councilmen. There was a change in Council members Jan. 1 and the new Council wanted to avoid being elected at large. They asked the court to deny the previous request. In the interval, a three-man commission held a public hearing, studied the matter and stated they favored voting at large. Exceptions were filed by an attorney elected by some of the councilmen. Judge Myers decided to have the subject put on the ballot in November.

Three communities were represented as the awards following the Nescopeck Community Days parade were made. Winners were: Ruthann Brosius, Nescopeck; Paul Johnson and William Watts, Berwick, and Steven Roberts, Orangeville.

Tuesday, Sept. 19, with many students attending from flooded areas of the valley, it was announced by Rev. Edward Nolan, pastor.

Attending the new Bishop Hoban High School in Wilkes-Barre will be 140 students from St. Jude's Mountaintop area.

Report cards will be issued Nov. 21, Feb. 6, April 12 and June 18.

Teacher in-service days will be held Sept. 15, March 12, and June 27 and June 28.

Crestwood Elementary Open House Tuesday

Fairview Elementary PTA will sponsor an open house at Crestwood Elementary School on Tuesday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

All new students are invited to attend the open house with their parents.

The open house will help to orientate Fairview students as well as new students in their new school environment.

The reception committee, comprised of representatives of the PTA, will guide parents and students on a tour of the school.

171-Day School Year For Crestwood Area

Students at Crestwood School District will go back to school on Tuesday, Sept. 19.

Crestwood Supt. Eugene Sanguiliano announced that a 171-day school year has been approved by order of Deputy Commissioner of Education Donald Carroll. The school year will end July 13.

Slocum Methodist Board to Meet Today

Administrative board of Slocum United Methodist Church, Slocum Township, will meet this morning at 11:30 immediately after morning worship. Carl Peters will preside.

Rev. Irvin C. Wise, pastor, will preach at 10:30 on "Conquering Things Present."

Sunday School will be at 9:30 with Elsie Ogin in charge.

St. Jude's to Have Thrift Sale



St. Jude's Altar and Rosary Society thrift sale will begin tomorrow

Standing are Mrs. George Neilson, coun-

Cub Pack 49 Members and Parents Visit New York



Under the direction of Cubmaster Manuel Menendez, Cub Scouts of Pack 49 and their families and friends enjoyed a bus trip to New York City.

Each year the pack chooses a different trip for this highlight of the Cub's Summer activities. The leaders choose places which are both recreational and educational for the cub scouts whose ages range from eight to 11.

This year's trip took them to the Bronx Zoo, Museum of Natural History and to Staten Island via the ferry. They also noted the World Trade Center, which will exceed the Empire State Building in height, and the Statue of Liberty.

In charge of arrangements were Jerry Gazinski and Myron Konnick, assisted by Ted Kross.

The following families participated in the event:

William Barber, Stanley Benczkowski, Edward Bonetski, John Domanski, Mrs. Robert Georgetti, John Kachmarsky, John Keil, Myron Konnick, Ted Kross, John Lynch, Manuel Menendez, George Paddick, Thomas Sobocinski, Charles Thomas, Mrs. Al Wejkszner, John Yanko, Alex Yankowski.

Cub Scout Pack 49 is sponsored by Hudson Servicemen's Association.

Plains

Ambulance Subscriptions Extended To Sept., 1973

The Plains Volunteer Ambulance Association has announced it will extend the 1972 subscription until September of 1973. President Victor Nardone said that because of the numerous families in Plains that have flood families living with them and temporary houses of flood families from all flood areas, it would be very difficult to maintain proper records of those who subscribed.

In fairness to all subscribers of Plains it was decided to forego the regular door-to-door canvass. However, Nardone stated that those who feel they would like to contribute to the Ambulance Association can do by dropping off their donations or mailing them to the Plains Municipal Building. He is asking the public to inform the elderly of Plains of the decision, especially those who live alone.

Nardone also stated that ambulance service will be expanded in regard to out-of-town service. The ambulance does not transport to hospitals outside of a 60-mile radius. If anyone must be transported out of the 60-mile radius, the Plains Ambulance Association will help to

ginning Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Albert DeAngelis will be the instructor.

Men and women between 18 and 59 years of age are urgently needed. In addition, anyone who is available to drive the ambulance should also attend the first night of the first aid course so that a training course in driving the ambulance can be scheduled.

Nardone said he would like to thank the men who showed up during the flood to drive the ambulance when three ambulances were in service; the radio operators who never left their posts, the message runners and those who stopped by to help for a couple of hours and stayed instead for a couple of days.

Yankees Open Junior Grid Season Today

Plains Football Junior Yankees open the season against Northeast this afternoon at 2 at Plains Athletic Stadium.

This is the teams second season with the Wyoming Valley Junior Football League. They finished the season last year with five wins and three losses.

The team has been working hard for a month in preparation for the new season. Head Coach Joe Zawatski is being assisted by Jack Robinson.

This is the only team representing Plains and a large turnout is anticipated.

Club 100 Auxiliary Installation Tuesday

Mothers Auxiliary to Fathers Club 100 will hold an installation dinner Tuesday at 6:30 at the home of Lillian Answini, Oakwood Park.

Reservations must be completed today with Mrs. Santina Berti or Mrs. Mary Darling.

RETREAT STARTS FRIDAY

Wegrzynowiczs Married 25 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wegrzynowicz, 147 Chamberlain Street, Hilldale, observed their 25th wedding anniversary.

The couple was married in SS. Peter and Paul Greek Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre, by the late Rev. Michael Oleskiw on Sept. 6, 1947.

They have two children, Marie, at home, a key punch operator at the Department of Health and Welfare, Wilkes-Barre; and Gary, a senior at Scranton Preparatory School.

Mrs. Wegrzynowicz is the former Tillie Yankowski, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Yankowski, Hilldale. Wegrzynowicz is the son of Mrs. Jennie Yankowski and the late Ben Yankowski of Ashley. He is self-employed as a general contractor.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be held today at St. Mary Byzantine Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Open house will be held in honor of the couple this afternoon at 3 at their home.

BROWNIES SEEK MEMBERS

Registrations for Brownie Troop 825 will be taken Tuesday from 4:30 to 5:30 at Fathers Club 100, Stocker Street.

Around the Brick

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pobukiewicz, Newark, N. J., have returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Kozerski Sr., 35 Hilldale Avenue, Hilldale.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Turley, Niagara Falls, N. Y., returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Logan, 104 Abbott Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordan Miller, Baltimore, Md., visited Mrs. Leola Eustice and daughter, Leola, 128 Gouge Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kulmaczeski, 40 Hill Street, Hudson, observed their 37th wedding anniversary. They were married in St. John's Church, Wyoming, by Rev. Joseph Losieniecki The couple has two children, Frank of Newark, Del., and Mrs. Mary Ann Belchunes, Bethlehem. They also have six grandchildren.

Class No. 3 of Plains United Methodist Church, headed by Mrs. Marion Lindsey, will sponsor a spaghetti supper on Tuesday, Oct. 3, in the social rooms of the church.

Fred Halsey and grandson Douglas Halsey of Jackson Heights, N. Y., visited Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson, 139 East Carey Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Senesky and son Paul of Forrestville, Md., visited Mr. Senesky's sistere, Mrs. Julie Tyburski, 353 South River Street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holby, 136 Chamberlain Street, Hilldale, observed their 35th wedding anniversary. The couple has two sons, Andrew and Daniel, and one granddaughter.

Mrs. Martha Zabriski, president of the auxiliary of Joseph E. Conlon American Legion Post 558, and retiring president of the Bi-County Council, announced the next Bi-County Council meeting will be held Sept. 20 at Swoyersville American Legion Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Zabriski, 10 North Main Street, have returned from Chicago, Ill., where they attended the American Legion National Convention.

Auxiliary to LANZ Post 6325, VFW, held a "Going-to-Market" party at the post home. Mrs. Janet Mudzik, president, was honorary chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Metro Stuko and family, Bayport, N. Y., visited Mrs. Stuko's mother, Mrs. Julia Karavitch of 22 Clark Street, Hilldale.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crosby and family, Binghamton, N. Y., visited Mrs. Crosby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Beffer, 64 Hancock Street, over the holiday.

Thomas Opiel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Opiel, 6 West Merritt Street, has resumed studies at

Dupont

Decision Expected

Cable-TV Among Issues Before Council Tuesday

A decision on cable television will be among the several sticky issues facing Dupont Council at its monthly meeting on Tuesday night at 7:30 at the municipal building.

The awarding of a cable-TV franchise was deadlocked last month by a 4 to 4 vote with Councilman Bernard Zielinski not voting on the minority's choice of a firm. Zielinski previously voted against awarding the franchise to a firm proposed by the majority.

With a month passing, Councilman Zielinski may have reached a decision on which firm he favors. This could break the deadlock, and if he goes with the minority's choice, this also could break the present majority on council.

Audit Vote

Council also must decide on whether to accept the 1971 borough audit as compiled by a CPA engaged for that purpose. The audit is overdue and must be filed in Harrisburg. The present majority is uncertain on what to do because the audit covers expenditures of the last administration whose members are now in the minority.

Also expected to be on the agenda is a report on wage taxes collected by the H. A. Berkheimer, agent for the school district. The agency has received 1% from local taxpayers employed out-of-town, but the borough's share of the revenue has not been forwarded in months.

The recommendation of Mayor Al Costello for an EDA project is expected to be aired. The Mayor last month proposed sewer work. It also is claimed the borough should look into an annex project to the municipal building to provide garages for the packer and fire trucks, as well as a jail.

Another item left hanging from last month is whether council can change a zoning law by merely passing a motion. Solicitor Robert Kunec was instructed to provide a ruling on this. It is generally observed that if council "can change" zoning classifications of neighborhoods so easily, then the zoning code for the borough is not worth the paper it is written on.

Although it is late in the season, there may be some discussion on street improvements. Only repair work has been authorized so far this Summer. Council may decide to save the state money for new construction and add it to next year's grant and do paving work next Summer in a year when council offices will be on the ballot.

Cruiser Mishap

The police department also will be a topic for some action. Council will air the recent collision of the police cruiser with a bus and probably will seek to determine the extent of the borough's liability, if any, as well as discuss the condition of the local vehicle.

Council Chairman Edward Zurek, who is losing sleep worrying about the sewer project bill facing local taxpayers, will probably ask for a progress report from the local Sewer Authority. Of concern is whether the federal government will award an 80% grant and who picks up the tab for any of the remaining 20%.

If the borough fathers can wade through these issues successfully on Tuesday night, then they can turn their attention to drawing up a 1973 budget which is due for first reading in about 60 days at the November meeting.

DOINGS IN DUPONT

Dupont residents heard the sirens of emergency vehicles—police cars and ambulances—speeding through town last Sunday evening enroute to Suscon where another collision took place at the one-lane underpass. Whatever happened to the PUC order for eliminating this hazardous bridge?

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new haven, the steps of the hose house.

As the new bowling season gets underway, bowlers returning to Dupont Lanes are complimenting proprietors Jackie West Jr. and William Elko on the renovations at the center.

The Holy Rosary Society, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, will hold a bus ride to the Bloomsburg Fair on Thursday, Sept. 28. Julia Draus and Ann Zygmunt are in charge of res-

Mrs. Robert Ameen, Midwest City, Okla., has enrolled as a freshman at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. His father is formerly of Dupont. Robin, who was featured in Sports Illustrated as a track and football star, should make the Middies gridiron team in a year hence.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Miceli and children, Louis and Rose Ann, of Gill Street returned after spending a weekend visit in New York City and Brooklyn.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Cocco and daughter, Karen, of Chestnut Street and Mrs. Margaret Cocco, Ziegler Street, returned after spending a vacation in Somers Point, N.J., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Chester Chmiel. Mrs. Chmiel is the former Claire Cocco.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Bellomo of Ziegler Street returned after spending a visit in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kuna and Richard Novobilski, all of Bloomfield, N.J., returned after spending a weekend visit at the home of Mrs. Mary Dudek of Penn Avenue.

Anthony Musloski and Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Novobilski of Suscon returned from Philadelphia where they attended a wedding.

Miss Maryann Ruda of Philadelphia returned after spending the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ruda, Smith Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ameen and family, Clark, N.J., returned after spending last weekend at the home of Mrs. Ameen's mother, Mrs. Margaret Ameen, 2 Bear Creek Road. Mr. Ameen attended the 40th anniversary reunion of his Pittston High School class. They also have twin sons, Thomas and Joseph, both employed as research chemists by IBM in Endwell, N.Y.

A marriage license has been obtained by Frank J. Boyer Jr. of 330 Wyoming Avenue, Dupont, and Linda Lou Juba of 305 Union Street, Taylor.

Nicholas M. Occhipinti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas J. Occhipinti, Dupont Highway, married Miss Mary L. Burke of Pittston last weekend. The bridegroom is associated with his father in operation of the Skyliner Diner and Motel and he holds a BS degree in management from Pratt University New York.

Mrs. Mary Lukasik, 203 Center Street, visited her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Silvanage, Summerville, N.J.

Mrs. Joseph Lokuta, Everhart Street, vacationed with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Zygmond Lokuta, Buffalo, N.Y.

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Attendants Resign

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GIRL SCOUTS REORGANIZE

A reorganization meeting of Junior Girl Scout Troop 823 was held and Girl Scout meetings will be held each Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Hilldale Community Center.

Mrs. Joseph Swelgin is troop leader, assisted by Mrs. Catherine Bensavage.

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TROOP 831 TO MEET

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Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy of 54 Burke Street, announce the birth of a daughter Sept. 4 in Mercy Hospital.

Meetings

Plains Business and Professional Men's Association will hold an outdoor dinner meeting tomorrow at 6:30 at Laflin Grove. Thomas Corcoran will preside.

The general meeting of Plains Taxpayers Association, scheduled for tomorrow, has been postponed. A new date will be announced, Angelo Michelletti, president, said.

Holy Name Society of SS. Peter and Paul parish will meet this morning following the 8:45 Mass.

Wilson Reese, zoning officer, will sit at the Municipal Building tomorrow evening at 7:30 to issue permits and answer questions.

Plains Lions Club will hold a board meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the American Legion Home. William Moran will preside.

Flood Victim Action Council will meet Thursday.

Plains Township Planning Commission will meet Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Thomas Kovalick will preside.

Plains Rotary Club will hold a dinner meeting Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the American Legion Home. Louis Lesinski will preside.

Plains Township Board of Commissioners will meet Friday at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Joseph Parada, chairman.

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The Dupont Lions Club is scheduled to conclude its fund-raising project today with the award of a trip for two to Las Vegas, Nev.

Dupont junior footballers sought contributions from motorists using the one-way highways through town last Sunday. They funeled traffic over one lane at each collection point.

One more week of Summer vacation remains for public school children. Classes will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 19, and continue until June 26.

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The Holy Rosary Society, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, will hold a bus ride to the Bloomsburg Fair on Thursday, Sept. 28. Julia Draus and Ann Zygmunt are in charge of reservations.

A Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey Circus reportedly has been booked for a week at the new coliseum to be built on the Dupont Highway. The Ice Capades also have been booked. The last time the big circus was in the area was at the former Bone Stadium about 20 years ago.

The Dupont Athletic Association Women's Auxiliary will continue selling candy this week. Mrs. Madelyn Marino is president of the group.

United Mine Workers Local 9874 will meet tomorrow night at 7:30 at the Dupont Hose House.

Boy Scout Troop 361 is accepting new registrations at its Wednesday night meetings at the hose house. The charter for the new year of scouting will close on Oct. 25.

Robin Ameen, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Joseph Lokuta, Everhart Street, vacationed with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Zygmond Lokuta, Buffalo, N.Y.

Robert Pollard has transferred to Eugene O'Hop Jr., 207 Center Street, property there for $14,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rolek of 200 Stanton Street recently observed their 25th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Rolek is the former Louise Wolny. They have six children. A family dinner marked the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Puchalski and family of Dover, N.J., last week visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cebula, Center Street.

Silver Anniversary In Ameen Family

Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Namey of Farrell, Pa., observed their 25th wedding anniversary on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Namey's mother, Mrs. Margaret Ameen, 2 Bear Creek Road, Dupont.

Mrs. Namey is the former Victoria Ameen.

They have three children: Mrs. Rose Margaret Hartnett, RN; Marie, RN; and Michael Jr., a college student at Latrobe.

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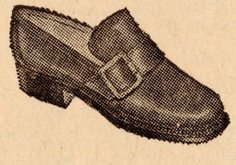
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DOMINIQUE SANDA: IS SHE THE NEW GARBO?

The Hollywood film industry has long been searching for a worthy replacement to romantic tragedienne Greta Garbo who retired from the screen in 1941. Could beautiful, sad, sensitive French actress Dominique Sanda, with seven European films behind her, be the answer? From Paris, PARADE's Lloyd Shearer reports an in-depth interview with Garbo-like Dominique who has packed a life-time of living into her brief 21 years. in September 17 issue

Pittston

'Y' Announces Awards For Summer Swim Skill

As the Summer program officially closed at the Pittston YMCA, Rick Novack, Summer aquatic director, cited boys and girls who received badges for swimming skills during the month of August.

Members of the Adventure Club receiving tadpole badges were Ernest King, Eric Freed, Joe Leonardi, Lynn Cadora, Michael Bonczek, Christopher Pierce, John Faulent, Louis Faulent, Andrew Shean, Tom Lentz, Tami Lentz, Elaine Kovaleski, Michelle Moore, Penny Love, Brian McKeon, Joe Keska, Mary Ellen Maciejaszek, Dave Kovaleski, Susan Snyder, Susie Hungarter, Wayne Luton and Nancy Fenstermacher; minnow and fish badges to Denise Miano; minnow to Mary Jo Soltis; tadpole and minnow to Anthony Gitkos; fish to Biagio Falzone, Ted Grigalunas, Robert Zawacki, and Greg Pierce.

In the first and second grades, Deborah Gustitus and Earl Campbell won polliwog badges; David Gavigan, Tammy Homschek and Ronald Musto, polliwog and tadpole badges.

In kindergarten, Elizabeth Bagnato and David Ragantesi received polliwog badges.

Other Awards

In the semi-private classes, tadpole badges were given to Paul Binczek Eric Speece, Theresa Harpersberger, Billy Dunstone, Chris Fiestil, Denise McFadden; tadpole and minnow to Jeffrey Burns; minnow and fish to Michele Gregory; minnow to Maureen Gregory and Jean Ann Haduck; and polliwog to Elayne LaFratte, David Rada, Michael LaFratte, Jerome Coffee, David Coffee and Martina Jacobs.

In other classes, those receiving badges were tadpole, Kim Biscotto, Joan Harding, Debra Drozginski, Joe Murphy, Mario Dellasandro, Mary Claire Lavelle; fish to Beth Wyworski, Donna Starinski; minnow to Mark James, Darlene Kazmerski, Tom Maciorowski; and polliwog to Patty Fritz, Mary Straub, Charles Musto, Charles Musto, Michael Cumbo and Jacki Earley.

Fall Schedule Announced by Pittston YMCA

James VnaScoten, executive secretary of Pittston YMCA, announces the Fall schedule will go into effect tomorrow for men, boys, women and high school girls.

Track gym for men will be open tomorrow, Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 4 and 8 to 10; Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 1 and 8 to 10; and Saturday from 3 to 5. The new gym will be open Monday and Wednesday from 10 to 4 and 9 to 10; Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 1; and Friday from 10 to 4. Game court will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 5; Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 1 and 3:30 to 5.

Other classes opening are advanced paddleball Monday through Friday from 5 to 6:30 and Saturday from 3 to 5; novice paddleball Monday, Wendesday and Friday from 8 to 10 and Saturday, 3 to 5; handball Monday, Wendesday and Friday from 6:30 to 8; swim, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12 to 1 and 6:30 to 8 and Saturday from 3 to 5; basketball, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:30 to 9 and Saturday, 2:30 to 5; weight room, Monday through Friday, 10 to 10 and Saturday, 10 to 5; volleyball, Tuesday and Thursday, 5 to 6:30.

Family Swims

Family swims will be Friday, 7:30 to 9 and Saturday, 4 to 5. Weight room will be open Monday through Friday from 10 to 10 and Saturday, 10 to 5. Slow

City Treasury Has $245,960 Cash Balance

Pittston City continues in good financial condition, according to a report by City Treasurer James G. Cosgrove for August.

A detailed report of receipts shows a balance on hand July 31 of $239,312.89. Receipts were licenses and permits, $2,739; parking meter fees, $2,342; parking violations, $1,799.50; police court fines, $677.50; property transfer tax for August from recorder of deeds Frank Castellino, $464.06; rental fee for August for District Magistrate Casalo's office, $200; Magistrate Casalo return on motor vehicle fine, $10; Commonwealth of Pa., return on Public Utility Reality Tax, $3,508; Department of Army Corps of Engineers, reimbursement for flood recovery work, $8,644; Pittston Area School District, reimbursed share of city treasurer's office, $2,313.62.

Bell Telephone Co., commission on pay station phone, $15; payments for use of copying machine, $13; H. A. Berkheimer Associates, earned income tax, $10,423.06; 1972 city taxes, $1,426.34; 1972 occupational privilege tax, $1,706.20; delinquent taxes, Luzerne County Tax Claims Bureau, $782.76; garbage disposal fees, $11,699.68; receipts, $48.753.72; total receipts, $288.066.61.

Disbursements and warrants paid, $42,106.02.

Summary of cash on hand in city funds as of Aug. 31: general fund, $206,638.86; liquid

Pittston Class of 1942 Holds 30th Reunion



The 30th anniversary reunion of Pittston High Class of 1942 was held during the week at the Elks Home, Yatesville. Pictured are class members. First row from left, they are: Joseph McGuinness, Louis R. Scarantino, James J. Faillace, Sam Guarnieri, Mike Butera, Leonard Sudek, Ralph J. Marsola, Robert Casterlin, Jasper Rizzi, Joseph E. Turant, Eugene Litzi, Andrew M. Bolack.

Second row: Aloysius Kridlo, Esther Hopkins McGuiness, Marjorie Graves Waitkevich, Marguerite McGinnis, Mullins, Irene Gardner Volvonas, Ann Brown Daive, Mary Labaty Moscatel, Laura Puma Butera, Lucy Montione Murtha, Mary Estock Petroziello, Eleanor Maria Garzella, Anna DeGrose Hrycyna, Mary Vomero Ciotola, Helen Macium Hudak, Thomas Osieski.

Third row: J. Paul Gardner, John Kavetsky, Sheldon Burkel, Mary Pradel Humphrey, Irene Ruane Williams, Annabelle Ruane Prudel, Margaret Yonki, Ann DeRollo, Eleanor Christian McCausland, Blanche Talipan Kaporch, Dorothy Clarke Turant, Nancy Berto Giunta, Florence Arnone, Sally McLane Finn, Alberta Waseleski Blauch, Jean Neff Barton, Thelma McDonald Curand, Rose DeForte Falzone, Lucille Leonardi Maziarz, H. Nelson Evans, Leonard Peters, Raymond Falcone.

Fourth row: Charles Naples, Samuel Caprari, Eugene W. Pierelli, Sam Alu, Sam Alfano, James Costanzo, Bill Lynn, John M. DeSanti, Eugene Greeley, Leonard McHale, William O'Boyle, Paul Dorsage, Dominick Littzi, John J. Lucas. (Lukasik)

Robert Casterlin was chairman of the reunion, assisted by Lucy Mantione Murtha Eleanor Maria Garzella, Mary Estock Petroziello, Irene Gardner Valvonis, Marjorie Groves Waitkevich, Laura Puma Butera, Marguerite McGinnis Mullins, Lucille Leonard Maziarz, Blanche Talipan Kaporch.

Al Kridlo, Pittston councilman, was toastmaster. James Faillace, a sergeant with the Pennsylvania State Police at Langhorne, was principal speaker.

Sheldon Burkel offered the invocation and pronounced benediction. Joe "Dump" McGinnis was humorist for the occasion.

The Eversharps provided music for dancing with several vocal selections by class members Mary Vomero Ciotola and Ann DeGrose Hrycyna.

Kiwanis Conducts Program On Drugs

Members of Pittston Kiwanis Club, dedicated to promote a program to make young people more aware of the dangers of drugs, have launched an all out effort to meet that goal. To better understand the pitfalls of drug use, the past two weekly meetings have stressed the tape, "Changing Patterns In Drug Abuse," made by Art Linkletter.

The program opened with remarks about children, in whom Linkletter is well versed, as the author of the book and TV show, "Kids Say the Darndest Things."

Linkletter, in discussing his work with drug abuse, remarked that he has addressed all types of audiences, even prisoners in jail who made him an honorary member of their "gang."

He cited his reasons for traveling up and down the country, speaking on drug abuse, since his daughter lost her life from excessive drugs.

Linkletter told of chiding the American Medical Association for advocating the legal use of a drug-marijuana, a deadly drug when taken certain ways. Where it has been in use for years in some countries, their backwardness attests to its harmful effects, he said.

Linkletter stated there are some 60 kinds of drugs in use today, and in his estimation, the worst is alcohol.

He elaborated on its ill effects, death on the highways,

Lutheran Women Will Conduct Meeting Monday

Lutheran Women of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Hughestown, will meet tomorrow night in the social rooms. A covered dish supper will be held at 6 with Mrs. Robert Sauers, hostess chairman, assisted by Mrs. Edna Cadman, Mrs. Agnes McDonald.

Miss Gladys Ramage will preside at the business session, at which time plans will be made for the 10th anniversary reunion to be held Tuesday, Oct. 9. Miss Ramage will serve as chairman of the committee in charge.

She will be assisted by Mrs. Grier Cadman and Mrs. Robert Sauers, program; Mrs. Caroline Barbera, reviewing the highlights of the past 10 years; assisted by Mrs. Paul Laird and Mrs. Vinvent Mammarella; Mrs. Howard Renferd an Mrs. Cornelia Lucas, honoring officers who have guided the society; and Mrs. Roy Stauffer, Mrs. John Sigafoos, Mrs. Helen Craig and Mrs. Patrick Patte, decorations and refreshments.

A special meeting of the anniversary committee will be held Sept. 21 at 7:30 in the church.

Hospital Group To Plan Events

Pittston Hospital Auxiliary will open its

Avoca

Women's Club Has 81 Members

The recently formed Women's Club of Avoca now has 81 members. There were 22 members welcomed at the club's recent monthly meeting. Mrs. Donald Justick is president.

The first undertaking for the club in a civic role is the creation of a Student Scholarship-Youth Activities Fund. All moneys raied by the club will go into this fund.

One or more scholarships will be presented to a boy or girl of the community. Various community organizations at the end of the club year will share what additional funds are left.

The first fund-raising project will be a creative talent auction in the Fall with club members putting their creative skills to work to make an auction item in such categories as painting, knitting, baked specialties.

Plans will be furthered at the club's next meeting on Monday, Sept. 25, at 8 p.m. at the Avoca VFW Home.

Pleasant Valley

Ladies Auxiliary, Pleasant Valley VFW Post 8335, will meet tomorrow night at 8 at the post home. Mrs. Mary

special meeting will be held today for all members of the church.

Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Edward Abel will reside in Brooklyn, N.Y., after a wedding trip to the Poconos. Mrs. Abel is the former Jean Dluhos of Avoca.

Joseph Wanielista of 1000 William Street has left for Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gilroy and family of Allentown spent the holiday weekend with Mr. Gilroy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gilroy, 939 William Street.

Mrs. Thomas Powell of 1009 William Street is home from Wilkes-Barre Mercy Hospital.

Rev. Frances Powell of Bloomville, N.Y., and her sister, Mrs. Viola Barbett of Waterbury, Conn , visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Powell of 1109 William Street.

A daughter was born last weekend at Nesbitt Hospital, Kingston, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Harned of 229 Gedding Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bartlett of 1051 Water Street; Moosic, spent two weeks in Atlantic City, N.J.

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Exeter

After 27 Years

Exeter Still Talking About Municipal Pool

It was back in 1945 that a group of interested citizens first suggested a swimming pool as a memorial to the war dead.

Appealing to residents through the newspapers, they admitted some might feel a pool was not a fitting memorial, but since the town needed a recreational facility, the pool might prove a great asset to the town.

A few years ago the Exeter Recreational Association discussed construction of a pool near St. Cecelia's School on Wyoming Avenue. Blueprints were drawn, but to date nothing constructive has come of it.

Now 27 years later, Exeter still does not have a pool and another season is closing with no further plans.

It has been suggested the association get busy during the Winter months so a pool may become a reality next Summer.

Exeter Scouts Hold Meeting To Reorganize

The Borough of Exeter boasts two things which are virtually unopposed by any neighboring towns or, perhaps, even throughout the state.

The community has its own Boy Scout home while most troops meet in churches in their respective communities.

Exeter also has a dedicated Boy Scout leader, William Daileda of Susquehanna Avenue, who has been the troop's guiding light for 43 continuous years. A deep respect for young boys coupled with a desire to channel their interests to worthwhile activities has kept him interested in scout affairs.

The troop held a reorganizational meeting Tuesday night in the form of an outdoor meeting at Camp Perry in Orange. The military police, headed by Lt. Shannon, escorted the boys and made the trip more enjoyable by using jeeps from the scout home to the camp and back.

Boys who enjoyed the outing were Alexander Gubbiotti, Joseph Coyne, James Fialko, David Levandoski, James Chiampi, Edward Esposito, Joseph Fanti, Michael Terlesky, Donald Culver and John Zikosky.

Weekly meetings will begin tomorrow night at 7:30 in the scout home and in invitation is extended to all borough boys 10 years and older to join the scout movement and participate in the projects, fellowship and fun.

An important scout meeting has also been slated for tomorrow night at 9 in the scout home.

Nick Esposito is the assistant scout leader. Senior patrol leader will be elected at the opening meeting.

Lions Will Sponsor Bloodmobile Visit

President Joseph Selinski announces Exeter Lions Club will sponsor a Red Cross Bloodmobile visit on Monday, Sept. 25,

FCC Ruling Delays Cable

Pat Bangor, a representative of Northeast Cable Television Co., informed taxpayers attending the meeting of Exeter Township supervisors, that a delay in the laying of cable lines was necessitated in order to comply with rulings of the Federal Communications Commission.

The first phase of the work, laying of cable from the township lines to the Power Plant, has been completed. The second phase, to include Hex Acres, is expected to be completed in November, while the third phase, up to the township line near Ken Mur Nursing Home, should be done within six to eight months.

A discussion was held concerning the cost of permits for sewer lines and repairs. Previously each permit was $25, but Alex Sherinsky, chairman of the supervisors, reduced the cost for repair permit to $5. Residents are asked to note this for future use.

Zoning Panel Criticized for Issuing Permit

Editor — Neighbors in the vicinity of Penn Avenue and Wyoming Avenue are wondering why a permit was issued for a dog pound that is presently located in the former Antonio Mauriello building on the avenue.

The odor that will come from this pound —or should we use the name of the company "Exeter's Dog World—Grooming and Clipping." That is, if we don't know already that Exeter is going to the dogs and we are getting clipped without the benefit of clippers. Now, it's printed on one of our town windows.

This area is filled with fine homes which cost the owners a piece of change to maintain. There is a funeral home across the street—heavens, what a location for a dog pound.

But the question is: who

from 6:30 to 8; swim, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12 to 1 and 6:30 to 8 and Saturday from 3 to 5; basketball, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:30 to 9 and Saturday, 2:30 to 5; weight room, Monday through Friday, 10 to 10 and Saturday, 10 to 5; volleyball, Tuesday and Thursday, 5 to 6:30.

Family Swims

Family swims will be Friday, 7:30 to 9 and Saturday, 4 to 5. Weight room will be open Monday through Friday from 10 to 10 and Saturday, 10 to 5. Slow break basketball for men with a greater degree of teamwork will be held Monday and Wednesday 7 to 8. Exercise including 30 minutes of body conditioning, muscle toning and jogging for men will be held Monday and Wednesday 12 to 12:30 and 6:30 to 7. Swim instruction will be Monday and Wednesday from 8 to 8:30.

High school boys must use the gym Monday and Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 and Saturday from 12:30 to 2:30; the pool on Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 and Saturday from 2:30 to 4; and the weight room Monday through Friday from 10 to 10 and Saturday from 12:30 to 4.

Women's Schedule

Schedule for women will include gym, Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 2 and 6:30 to 10; swim, Tuesday and Thursday from 1:45 to 2:30 and 7 to 9; swim instruction, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 7; hydro-exercise, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 9:30; slimnastics, Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 to 8; Health Club, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 9:30; family swim, Friday from 7:30 to 9 and Saturday, 4 to 5.

High school girls may use the gym Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 10; swim, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8; Health Club, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8; swim instruction, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 7; slimnastics, Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 8:30.

Leisure time courses being offered will include swimming for beginners, knitting and crocheting, yoga, tennis, oil painting, bridge, powder puff mechanics and trampoline. Information may be secured at the Y office.

Mexico Modernizing Railroad Equipment

MEXICO CITY — The World Bank has lent $75 million to Ferrocarriles Nacionales de Mexico to help finance a project to moderninze railway equipment and improve operations. The state-owned agency operates 70% of the country's route-miles and carries 80% of the rail traffic.

Tobacco Smuggling Costly to New York

NEW YORK — At least 400 million packs of cigarettes are sold annually in New York State without the 15-cent state tax being paid. Cigarette bootlegging from lower-tax states cost New York City and State an estimated $70 million in lost excise and sales taxes in 1971.

sion on pay station phone, $15; payments for use of copying machine, $13; H. A. Berkheimer Associates, earned income tax, $10,423.06; 1972 city taxes, $1,426.34; 1972 occupational privilege tax, $1,706.20; delinquent taxes, Luzerne County Tax Claims Bureau, $782.76; garbage disposal fees, $11,-699.68; receipts, $48.753.72; total receipts, $288.066.61.

Disbursements and warrants paid, $42,106.02.

Summary of cash on hand in city funds as of Aug. 31: general fund, $206,638.86; liquid fuels tax fund, $30,677.73; disaster recovery fund, $8,644; total, $2[illegible],960.59.

Serve-Your-Y Club Will Sell Rummage

Serve-Your-Y Club will conduct a rummage sale Tuesday and Wednesday in the old Gazette Building, Broad Street, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Mrs. Elsie Ellis, president, announced used clothing, household items, novelties and books will be available.

The club will resume monthly meetings on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

BAPTIST SERVICE

Morning worship will be held today at 9:45 in First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Harry G. Ford, pastor, will discuss the sermon topic, "Two Most Important Things."

since his daughter lost her life from excessive drugs.

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Will Loan Tape

The club will loan the tape to any interested clubs or organizations.

Lt. Gov. Paul Riffle, a trustee for the flood relief fund, reported on money received to date.

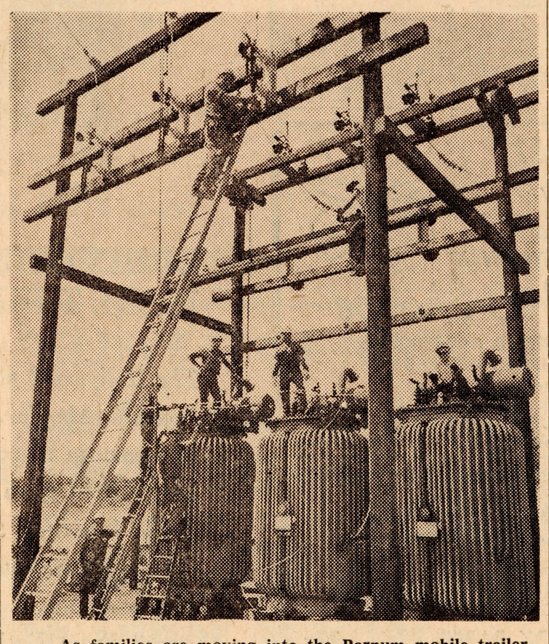
Vice President Robert Anderson presided at the meeting at which time the nominating committee submitted the name of Donald Humphrey for a vacancy on the staff. One week's notice is given and at this week's meeting, a vote will be taken, with an opportunity for nominations from the floor.

The meeting is slated for Tuesday at 6 at Fox Hill Country Club with a program on fire protection.

RUSSIAN TELESCOPE LARGE

LENINGRAD — Leningrad optical engineers have built Europe's largest dioptric telescope. It has a mirror more than 19 feet in diameter.

Barnum Site to Get Electricity



As families are moving into the Barnum mobile trailer community, electricians are working round the clock to hook up their homes.

Pictured are the three huge generators that will supply the 1,000 homes. The 23,000-volt base substation will feed distribution parts around the Barnum Park.

Walter Drummond, P.P. & L. representative, said the first two phases of the work are completed and the third is nearing completion. Pictured at work are, from left, Joe Doherty, William Graff, Remi Course, Edward McNevin, Joe Gillette, Jim Breznay, Bob Kozich and Byron Moore.

The electric wires began on Main Street, Pittston, and were run up Union Street and then across Thistle Street to the site. They will eventually be continued down Foote

who have guided the society; and Mrs. Roy Stauffer, Mrs. John Sigafoos, Mrs. Helen Craig and Mrs. Patrick Patte, decorations and refreshments.

A special meeting of the anniversary committee will be held Sept. 21 at 7:30 in the church.

Hospital Group To Plan Events

Pittston Hospital Auxiliary will open its 1972-73 year of service to the hospital with a meeting slated for Thursday afternoon at 2 in Tinsley Hall.

Mrs. Edward Dommermuth, president, will introduce her committees for the year and plans will be discussed for future activities. High on the list of services performed by the auxiliary are the making of surgical dressings, visitation to patients on a monthly basis, the hospitality shop which offers light lunches and snacks and gift items, Pink Ladies who lighten the load of staff nurses, and the Charity Ball which provides funds for the purchase of modern equipment.

An invitation is extended to all women of Greater Pittston to join the auxiliary, attend the meetings held the second Thursday of every month, and become active in the committee or project of their choice.

Following the meeting a social hour will be held with Mrs. Joseph Saporito serving as hostess chairman.

The executive board will meet at 1 in the nurses library.

Paving Project Progress Noted

Pittston City Council is continuing its project of repaving all streets within city limits.

Among those who have received a "face lifting" this Summer are Market Street from Main Street to Pittston Township line; John Street from Tedrick to LaGrange Street; LaGrange Street from Pine to Market Street; Vine Street from Pine to Market Street; Tedrick Street from Pine to Market Street.

O'Connell Street from James to John Street; Cleveland Street from Elizabeth to Johnson Street; Foundry Street from Broad to Wiliam Street; Fear Street from Tunnell to William Street; Butler Alley from Broad to William Street; Hunter Street from Center Street to Butler Street.

Depew Street, Webster Street from Washington Terrace to the township line; Hill Park Avenue from Mill to Church Street; Drummond Street from Lambert Street to township line; Wards Alley from Drummond to Parsonage Street; Haston's Alley from Drummond to Parsonage Street; Thistle Street from Union to Chapel Street.

Coffee Expansion Planned in Brazil

BRASILIA — Brazil has a three-year plan for planting 600 million coffee trees, at the rate of 200 million a year, starting with the 1972-73 crop year. The aim is to raise the annual average coffee production potential

will be a creative talent auction in the Fall with club members putting their creative skills to work to make an auction item in such categories as painting, knitting, baked specialties.

Plans will be furthered at the club's next meeting on Monday, Sept. 25, at 8 p.m. at the Avoca VFW Home.

Pleasant Valley

Ladies Auxiliary, Pleasant Valley VFW Post 8335, will meet tomorrow night at 8 at the post home. Mrs. Mary Hobbs will preside.

Avoca Council will hold a monthly meeting on Tuesday night at 7:30 at the Town Hall.

Moosic Youth Center yesterday began its 28th year. It seems just like yesterday the neighboring residents were selling cinder blocks for $15 to raise funds to erect the center.

The Laurel Line Bus Co., which operates out of offices here, plans to eliminate its Scranton-Pittston run through Avoca if the firm losses rights to serve Old Forge, South Scranton and West Scranton. This would end public transportation for Avoca which once was served by the Laurel Line Railroad, too.

Police Chief Robert George had two robberies under investigation last week. One occurred at the Brown's Sportsmen's Club, Brown's Section, and the other at Craft Machine Shop, Cherry Street.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be installed tomorrow from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary's auditorium. The town's quota is 110 pints. Thomas Gallagher is chairman.

First aid class will be held Wednesday night at 7 at the hose house with Ellsworth Atwell in charge.

The Grove Street Elementary School will open for the new school year on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 8:55 a.m. The kindergarten schedule will be 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Altar and Rosary Society, SS. Peter and Paul Church, is planing a trip to New York City.

Rev. Charles M. Wilk, Riverdale, Md., vacationed last week at the family home, 1222 South Street. He is pastor of St. Bernard's Church in Riverdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shattes and family of Bloomfield, N.J., recently visited with Mrs. Shattes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sanders, 169 South Main Street.

A marriage license has been obtained by William J. Clarke Jr. of Avoca and Cheryl A. Devers of West Pittston.

Gerald Philbin of 135 Factory Street has resumed his studies at St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md., after spending the Summer at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Odell of Dearborne, Mich., are visiting relatives here. Mrs. Odell is the former Christine Bonk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bonk of Dearborne, formerly of Avoca.

Miss Dianne Dessoye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dessoye, 416 Bennett Street, will be entertained at a variety show this afternoon at 2 at the West Pittston American Legion Home.

Rev. William R. Lawrence

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bartlett of 1051 Water Street; Moosic, spent two weeks in Atlantic City, N.J.

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row night at 9 in the scout home.

Nick Esposito is the assistant scout leader. Senior patrol leader will be elected at the opening meeting.

Lions Will Sponsor Bloodmobile Visit

President Joseph Selinski announces Exeter Lions Club will sponsor a Red Cross Bloodmobile visit on Monday, Sept. 25, at St. Cecelia's Church Hall, Wyoming Avenue.

Dr. James Walsh, chairman, named the following to the telephone recruiting committee: Bertha Cicacci, Ruth Oliveri, Louise Castellani, Laverne Grico, Angella Naples, Nancy Daileda, Settimia Clark and Fedora Rigle.

SITES OFFERED

Exeter Township is listed among the communities offering a site for mobile homes for flood victims. Dick Holmes has 80 acres off the Mt. Zion Road being prepared for a trailer site.

Sir Winston Churchill was 5 ft. 7 in. tall.

Exeter's Dog World—Grooming and Clipping." That is, if we don't know already that Exeter is going to the dogs and we are getting clipped without the benefit of clippers. Now, it's printed on one of our town windows.

This area is filled with fine homes which cost the owners a piece of change to maintain. There is a funeral home across the street—heavens, what a location for a dog pound.

But the question is: who granted this permit? We are told none other than Jerry Clapps, town boss, and his friend, Dan Ripa, former mayor, now in the Court House registration department, who is on the zoning board.

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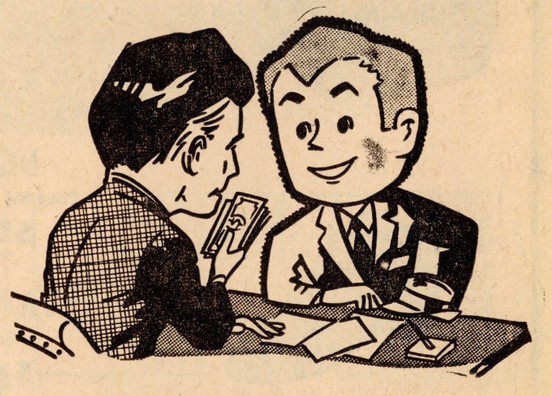
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—ROB KERN

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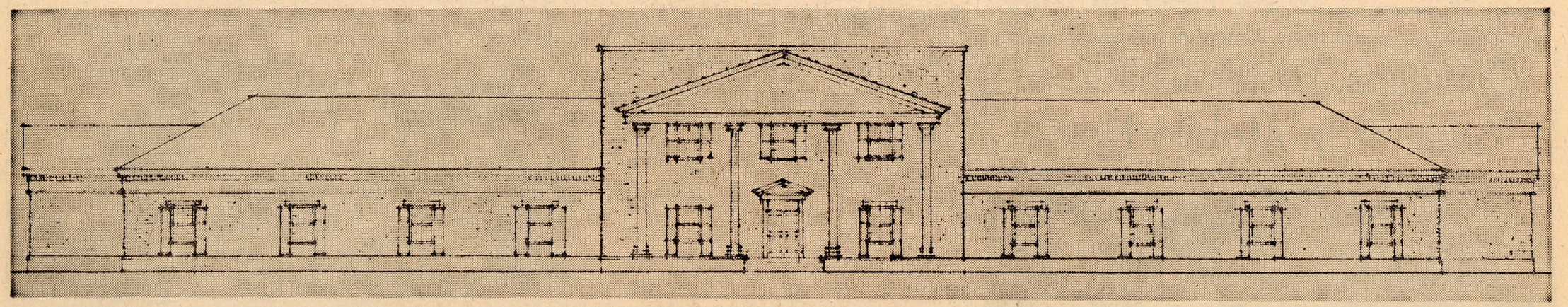
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Drawing of Proposed $600,000 Community Building for Forty Fort



This is an architect's drawing of the proposed $600,000 Forty Fort Community Building which, town officials believe, will be paid for by the federal government in line with the flood recovery effort.

Building will be erected in the borough park, which faces on Wyoming Avenue, across from Yeager Avenue.

The structure will be a one-story affair on each side, with a center-core reading room. On one side will be a scout room, recreation room and social dining area, office, cloakroom and kitchen. On the other side will be a storage room, community meeting room, cloakroom and lavatories. It also will include a garage for an ambulance and a stage for theatrical performances.

The plans were drawn by the architectural firm of Ettore J. Lippi.

Officials are hopeful that realization of the community building will enable the existing community room in the borough building on Wyoming Avenue to be turned into additional office space for borough officials.

The park site on which the building will be constructed is also the site of the borough's community swimming pool.

Kingston

Municipal Building Due For Facelift Tomorrow

Bright and early tomorrow morning, construction experts including mason, carpenters, electricians and plumbers will begin a facelifting job on the Kingston Municipal Building on Wyoming

During the week, Joe Shard, architect with Lacy, Atherton and Davis was firming up the final arrangements for the project with Councilman Ralph Brown.

Brown told the Sunday Independent that he was pleased to see that work on Kingston's town hall was imminent. He noted that the building is supposed to be a showplace since, to a great extent, it reflects on each and every citizen of the borough.

The senior borough official also remarked that he was "not very pleased with the attitude of the federal Office of Emergency Preparedness" in regard to its slashing the estimated renewal costs for the structure. Kingston submitted a damage estimate to the OEP for $55,000, which was promptly chipped nearly in half to a slim $29,000.

It was learned that OEP would not consider any funds for outside repair work, including shrubbery or painting. Brown said council intends to take the matter further and press for approval of the original estimate.

The borough's police department stands to receive a little more elbowroom in the project. Plans call for construction of a new "interrogation room" where the cops can "exchange communication" with criminal suspects.

Additional office space is being planned in the second level of the building in what is now the Kingston Borough Authority's office, currently being used as a temporary police headquarters.

It is felt this office space could be used for borough officials as well as any administrative staff, which might be appointed in the near future to help with the flood recovery work.

There was also considerable talk of expanding the building on the upper side, adjacent to the Stegmaier Playground.

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Part of Ann-Will Building Razed



Half of the existing Ann-Will Garment Co. complex, located on the northeasterly corner of Market Street and Wyoming Avenue fell victim to the bulldozers during the week. Pictured above is the remains of the building as heavy equipment workers labored to load the debris into trucks for removal.

William Cherkes, owner of the building, announced his company will continue operations in the remaining structure while remodeling is in progress.

In place of the building which was located at the site above, will be a new manufacturing building with 8,000 square feet of floor space. In addition, about 3,000 square feet of commercial space will be available for rental.

Grosek and Sons are the architects for the new building.—(Joe Walsh)

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Forty Fort

As Flood Pace Slackens

42 Borough Structures Destined For Demolition

According to reports on file at the Borough Building, the demolition ball is slated to fall on a total of 42 structures in the borough, incuding homes, garages, sheds and commercial structures.

Borough officials, who note that the report was some time in the making, observed during the week that the razed buildings will considerably alter the appearance of the town.

A list of locations where structures have fallen, or will fall in the near future include: 116, 147, 149 and 151 River; 905, 992, 998, 1012, 1015, 1205, 1424, 1837 and 1839 Wyoming Avenue; 11 Pearl Street; 52-54, 1248, 1428, 1450, 1456-1458, 1652, 1653 Murray Street; 68-70 Bidlack; 50-52 Wesley; 55, 67 79, 135 Slocum Street; 56 Dilley; 94 West Pettebone; 49 Center; 78, 95-97 Butler; 21, 63 Walnut; 36 Culvert; 1012 Ruteer Avenue; rear 57 Tripp Street; and a shed on Elizabeth Street, belonging to Matheson Warehouse.

Aside from this activity, borough officials report a slowdown from the somewhat more hectic pace that prevailed after the flood. More and more councilmen and other officials report they are starting to take more time off from their municipal jobs in order to get "rested up."

Even the flood agencies, which are operating out of the Borough Building, are obviously less busy than they used to be. The office was observed for several minutes during the week and it was noted that flood victims seeking referral or other aid were merely trickling in. For residents were pouring into the office and there was standing room only in the expansive corridors and waiting areas of the building.

While these agencies did provide valuable aid to the citizenry of the borough, they were responsible for some damage to borough property. Mayor Ernest Balcomb reported that he made a personal assessment of the situation and turned in a damage report to the federal officials in excess of $2,000.

About the only other area of concern for borough fathers during the week was the erosion problem being experienced by homeowners on Mohawk Street. Shortly after the flood, it was noticed that a large part of the earth bank which stands between the river and the properties on the street, was washed away.

Jack Miller, a councilman who resides on that street, has reportedly been working with Lee Sweinberg, borough engineer, in efforts to erect a dike at the spot.

There is considerable concern that more property along the street will fall into the river in the next few months if something is not done now to guard

Former Pastor To Preach Today

Rev. Edgar F. Singer, superintendent of Wilkes-Barre District, will be guest preacher at Forty Fort United Methodist Church this morning.

Rev. Mr. Singer is the first of several ministers returning to the local church to preach as a part of the 100th Anniversary celebration. He served the church as pastor from 1945 to 1961.

His sermon topic will be "A Church For All The People."

Rev. James A. Baker, present minister of the church, will conduct the service, assisted by Rev. Dr. Norman Clemens, associate pastor. Special music will be provided by the Senior Choir.

Mr. and Mrs. Marc Ruch will be greeters, George Taylor will be group leader for the ushers and Mrs. Ted Thomas will preside at the guest book.

After leaving the Forty Fort pastorate, Rev. Mr. Singer served five years as pastor of First United Methodist Church, Endicott, N.Y., and for the last six years at Endwell, N.Y. During this time he was elected first ministerial delegate to the General Conference of the church in 1968 and again in 1972 at Atlanta, Ga.

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Kingston Borough, in another attempt to save Scandlon Field from becoming a concrete ribbon, has written to PennDOT headquarters in Scranton urging the state's immediate reconsideraiton of taking the former recreation area as part of the right of way for the proposed North Cross Valley Expressway.

A reliable source reported that council, in the letter, argued that the field was one of the least flooded areas of the entire borough during the recent flood and that this fact alone merits reconsideration by the state on the subject.

Another point made by the borough is that Kingston simply has no other suitable land in which to develop recreational areas.

The former Scandlon Field is presently being used as a temporary housing site for over 50 families who were displaced by the flood. Officials anticipate that these people will continue to occupy the park site for at least the next year, after which other decisions will have to be made.

CHILEANS DRINK TOO MUCH

SANTIAGO—More than a million of Chile's 9 million population drink to excess and nearly 300,000 are chronic alcoholics.

Baseball Unit Seeks Return Of Equipment

A meeting of the Kingston Baseball for Boys will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 in Council Chambers at the Kingston Municipal Building. A meeting of the board of directors will precede the regular meeting.

Main topic of business will be the appointment of a nominating committee for 1973. Election of officers will be conducted at the October meeting.

All equipment and uniforms are to be returned to Herb Oliver immediately. Managers are asked to cooperate in assisting to determine the nature and extent of the financial loss suffered by the organization as a result of the recent flood. Failure to comply could lead to dismissal from the organization.

Hoyt Library Opens Children's Section

Children's Department of Hoyt Library, Kingston, has reopened with hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 19, both the adult and children's departments will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and evening hours will be announced later.

Books can be returned to the Children's Department on the second floor.

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The borough has applied for the communications apparatus before the flood on the basis that it would bring about increasing efficiency. Since the flood, the street dpartment has been busier than ever and the need for the equipment became even more acute.

It was learned that the borough received two telegrams from FCC, both denying approval for the equipment. However, through the intervention of the offices of Frank Carlucci, President Nixon's personal representative, the request was approved.

Officials note that installation of the equipment will mean that workmen can be radio dispatched from any point in the town without first checking into headquarters. It was also stated that the radio will enable street department management to maintain closer supervision over department personnel.

Rambling Around KINGSTON KORNERS

Mrs. Mary Ellen Adams of 81 North Thomas Avenue was pleased during the week to receive a personal reply to a letter written to President Richard M. Nixon. She says she will have the memento framed.

Councilman Ralph Brown is beginning to take a hard look at the debris cleanup situation around the borough. The councilman said that according to a Corps of Engineers work schedule, debris pickup will cease three months from the start. Brown said he figured that should be by the end of the month and went on to urge residents to set their own deadlines accordingly.

Tom Morris, former Kingstonian and Wilkes wrestler, has enrolled at Marywood for social work study. Tom is going after his masters degree, which will take two years.

Joe Shields, Korn Street, will visit his alma mater, Delaware Valley, where he received his degree last year.

Bruce Shiner, a well known Kingstonian, is presently serving with the U. S. Army and is stationed at West Point. Bruce soon will finish his tour of duty and return to the University of Pennsylvania.

Larry Ansilio, Thomas Lane, is preparing for an Autumn full of exercise. Larry has ordered a 10-speed bike and intends to do a lot of 6 a.m. riding.

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Friends of Ira Hartman, North Sprague Avenue, report they are becoming envious of their pal who is spending more time relaxing under his new beach umbrella.

Another trailer court has appeared—this time on Penn Street. There are six trailers on the site of the old Penn Street School. The venture is working out well. The lot has been abandoned for over a year.

Helen Williams, former Frederick Street resident, has moved to Forty Fort. Helen likes her new apartment but says she misses her former neighborhood.

Atty. Lewis Wetzel has a new home on Gibson Avenue. His friends will miss him on East Walnut Street, but report they are glad he didn't move to the Back Mountain as originally planned.

Another Kingstonian, Atty. John Boyle, is busy restoring his home and is spreading encouragement that the town will return "more prosperous than ever."

Kingston Police Chief Joseph Walter warns residents to start observing traffic rules. Members of the force have been instructed to start ticketing offenders. He also stated that residents should put flood debris on tree lawns and not on borough streets.

Firm Removes Debris Near River



Employees of the Delecrest Construction Company are seen removing mountains of debris from the banks of the Susquehanna River on the Kingston side.

The construction firm is under contract from the Army Corps of Engineers and have

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Edwardsville

Sept. 30 Deadline Set For Demolition Requests

Frank Carlucci, personal representative of President Nixon, has announced that no demolition work by the Army Corps of Engineers will be approved in Edwardsville after Sept. 30.

All applications for the razing of homes, businesses or garages must be in by that time, Carlucci said.

More than 25 dwellings have been razed in the borough and each day finds new applications being filed.

Russell Street School also has been demolished.

It is expected that extensive demolition will take place in the borough after Sept. 30 when plans for redevelopment along Main Street are finalized.

The area from Hillside Avenue, east on Main Street to the old Grand Theater, has been slated for redevelopment.

Included in the plans is a new borough building, which will house fire apparatus and the borough ambulance.

Columbia Firemen Won't Rest Until Rest Room Is Reclaimed

Columbia Hose Company No. 3 on Jackson Street has a reminder of the busy weeks following the flood when the building was used as an evacuee shelter. A portable 10-door outdoor toilet sits unclaimed at the rear of the spacious hose company parking area.

No one seems to know who owns the unit, which was delivered at the peak of the shelter's operation when trouble developed in the hose company sewage system.

Stenciled on the side of the blue wooden structure is "Johnny on the Spot" and what appears to be a Washington, D. C., telephone number.

One member of the hose company said that an attempt to locate the owner was made by calling the telephone number but no one answered.

Chief Declares War on Owners Of Mini Bikes

In defiance of a state law banning them from the roadway, an increasing number of mini bikes are being operated on Main Street an other busy borough thoroughfares.

"If this continues, the mini bikes will be confiscated," Police Chie. Louis Bryski said.

Termed a safety hazard to motorists, pedestrians and the mini bike operators themselves, the increasing illegal use of the vehicles has caused some borough officials to speculate on the possibility of staking out a "mini bike trail."

One borough official has suggested that council look into the possibility of asking Luzerne County to set up such an area on county-owned land.

Borough Notes

John Tencza of Arch Street has returned after service with

traffic light will be installed at the intersection of Main Street, Zerbey and Hillside Avenues. They are waiting for approval from PennDOT.

Workmen had to make a cut across Church Street in order to install sewage lines to a mobile home there. Some detouring of traffic took place while the work was in process.

The Luzerne County Association of Police Chiefs has elected of treasurer.

Edwardsville Auxiliary Police will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 at St. Joseph's CWV Post Home on Main Street, with Neil Morrison presiding.

Council Opens Housing Study For Displaced

Council studied long-range plans for permanent housing for displaced borough residents at its meeting at Town Hall. High on the list for new housing will be those constructed for the aged or infirm, Councilman Peter Stusnick said.

"After the mobile homes are hauled away, we must have housing for those who will not return to their flood-damaged homes," Stusnick said.

Under study is a plan where some of the county-wide multi-housing units will be erected in Edwardsville, with adjoining communities hit by the flood having similar units erected there.

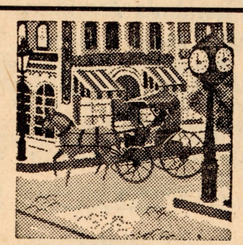
Two housing construction projects are now underway in the borough. Both of the multi-hounsing type projects were planned long before the flood. Under construction are projects on Williams Street and Lawrence Street.

Ambulance Calls Are Announced

The borough ambulance made the following mercy calls during an eight-day period:

Shadrack Doughton, 79 Washington Street, to the VA Hospital; Gladys Watkins, 161 Green Street, to Nesbitt Hospital; Anthony Kutzer, 133 Meyers Street, to General Hospital and return; Patrick Kilhanney, resident of Pringle Borough, to Nesbitt Hospital; Joseph Suda, 556 Main Street, to VA Hospital and return; Thomas Kovaleseki, 52 Arch Street, to VA Hospital; Mrs. J. Huntzinger, 1 Wright Street, to Nesbitt Hospital and return.

Manning the ambulance on these runs were Lee Reichert, Bob Edwards, Ray Ostrowski, Gene Valanski, Ron Leonard, Joe Stargis, Vincent Mooney, Ron Lucas and Joe Woloscz.



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Swoyersville

Lost House, Possessions

Coniglios, Foster Children, Together In Mobile Home



The Coniglios are together in their three-bedroom mobile home which is an unique experience for the group, including two foster girls, Connie, left, and Marsha. Between them is Daniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Coniglio at right. Another son, Vincent Jr., was fishing when the mobile home arrived at the Swoyersville site not too far from the Coniglio rancher which was damaged by the June flood.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Coniglio, 50 Filbert Street are among the foster parents assisting the Child Welfare Services of Luzerne County who endured the flood of June 1972, and who managed to keep their family together despite the loss of their rancher home and possessions.

They also have two of their own children, Vincent Jr., 21, and Daniel, 19, in addition to the foster girls, Marsha seven, and Connie, two.

While the normal pattern of family living was altered by the flood, the Coniglios continued their togetherness and now are intact thanks to a mobile home assigned to them at the direction of OEP through HUD and which is located in the back yard of their property in Swoyersville.

The Coniglios have had seven foster children and find them "delightful and a welcome addition to the family."

Marsha attends the Andrew Lawrence School of Wyoming Valley West School District and Connie is company during the day for Mrs. Coniglio.

Vincent Jr., a one-year veteran of Vietnam, was with the 109th Field Artillery for a month during the flood emergeny in Wyoming Valley. He attends Columbia College, Mo. Daniel attends Point Park College, near Pittsburg.

Mrs. Coniglio is the former Frances Nardozzo of Dunmore. Coniglio is associated with the Joyce Western Pipeline.

5 Mountain Area

Area Family Under Fire For Abusing Flood Aid

The Hunlock Township Board of Supervisors heard complaints from residents of Hunlock Gardens about conditions in that area. They stated that a family with two HUD trailers is discharging sewage into a ditch and that the teenagers from SPEED were being exploited by this family, as they were told while cleaning out the family home on Tuesday that they should return Wednesday to clean out the cellar which was filled with used parts for junked automobiles.

The supervisors notifed the township facilities enforcement officer to notify HUD, if there is no septic stystem for the trailers, that they just be moved to a mobile home park. SPEED was notified that the supervisors did not want the teenagers to clean out the cellars as there are men in the family who put the auto parts there and are able to remove the parts.

The supervisors will notify HUD to remove another trailer in the Gardens which is set up on the right-of-way of the township road and the steps end on the road itself.

Complaints about junked cars being dragged along the township road and being parked on the properties of other residents were heard.

Chairman Stephen Morgan said there is a complaint filed by the Luzerne County Zoning Commission against the George family, which allegedly owns the junkyard. Morgan stated that he wanted the township solicitor and residents to attend the hearing. The date for that hearing has not yet been set.

Road Problem

Atty. William A. Valentine stated that he talked to a lawyer who represents a family which apparently objects to the road on which they own property being declared a township road several years ago.

The lawyer told Valentine that the family is considering a lawsuit against the township. Valentine said that notice was given prior to the 1969 ordinance declaring the road a township road was passed. No porperty owner objected to the action at that time.

Several residents asked the supervisors when action would be taken to clean up the creeks in the Township.

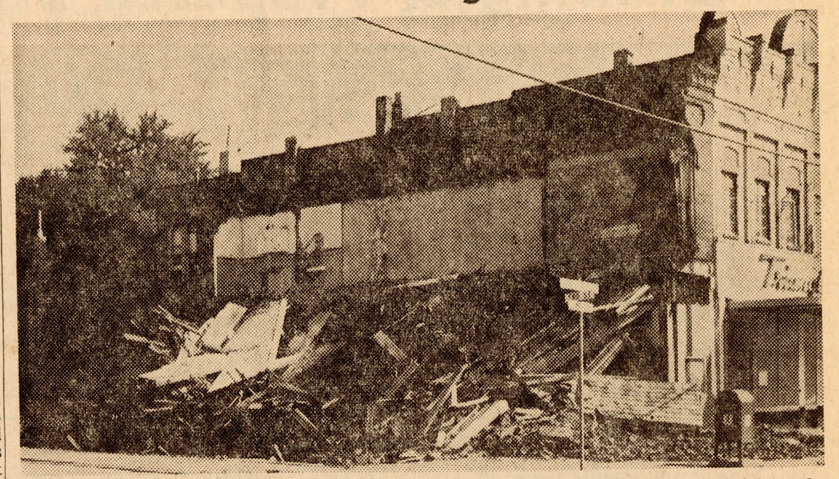
A letter from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stated that they would remove debris from the creek, starting at Route 11 and proceeding one and two tenths miles.

The creeks cover many miles with the township. The supervisors stated that they would contact all government agencies involved to ask what steps must be taken to have the creek cleaned of rocks, stones, and debris.

The Erie-Lackawanna Railroad will be contacted concerning changing the status of a Railroad crossing in Hunlock Gardens. The Supervisors want to know if it is possible to make a now private crossing a public crossing.

The Township received $153 from the Pennsylvania Utilities Realty Tax.

Main Street Buildings To Be Razed



The demolition of two buildings on East Main Street near the intersection of Eno Street has revealed a weakness in the adjoining building, according to borough officials.

Shown above is the rubble remaining after crews razed the two structures adjacent to the Triangle Shoe Store building. The exposed outer wall of the Triangle building appears to have buckled and workmen report that it could cave in if the pile of bricks and wood were removed from the lot.

Until the necessary releases are obtained, the debris will stay where it is, the borough officials said.

The structures razed housed a dress factory and an empty store which was to have been renovated to open as a restaurant.—(Paramount)

Schools Set For Opening On Sept. 19

Northwest Area Schools will open Tuesday, Sept. 19 with the following revised calendar in effect for the 1972-73 school year: Sept. 19, first day of school; Sept. 29, Bloomsburg Fair, no school; Oct. 23, Veterans Day, no school; Nov. 23, 24, 27, Thanksgiving recess, no school; Dec. 25 to Jan. 1, Christmas recess, no school; Feb. 23-26, mid-term recess, no school; March 30, West Side in-Service Program, no school for students; April 19 to 23, Easter recess, no school; May 28, Memorial Day, no school; June 1, Class Night, no school; June 3 Baccalaureate; June 5 Commencement; June 12, Teachers' Day, no school for students; June 13, last day of school.

Snow days will be made up after June 13.

All teachers will report to Northwest Area High School at 9 tomorrow morning.

Bus schedules will remain the same as last year with the exception that high school students will board buses on Union Street, near the Shickshinny Fire House instead of the Garrison Building at 7:35 a.m.

West Side Vocational School will also open on Tuesday, Sept. 19. Bus schedule for Northwest

Plymouth

Betty Kraszewski Named National VFW Historian

Past Department President Betty Kraszewski of the Auxiliary to Shawnee VFW Post 1425 has been elected National Historian. She was named to the post while attending the national convention held in Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Kraszewski reported on the highlights of the national convention to auxiliary members at the meeting held at the VFW post home.

Donations were made and approved for Scotland School Christmas party, the national president's visit and the parade of residents. Chairman Dorothy Bish read the cheer and sympathy report and announced that donations are now being accepted for the VA Hospital party to be held Oct. 11.

Membership chairman Mary Bernatovich introduced new member, Flodena Wolfe, and reminded members that 1973 dues are payable.

A VFW Auxiliary district meeting will be held Oct. 1 in Duryea beginning at 3 p.m. A department president's reception will be held Sept. 30 at 8 p.m. in Dupont. A department conference will take place Sept. 23 and 24 in Harrisburg. The banquet will be on Sept. 23.

Volunteers Feted For Flood Duty

Volunteers who worked at the Goodwill Hose Company No. 2 feeding station from the onset of the flood until it was closed just 10 days ago were feted at a party on the grounds of the hose company.

Music by the Stylist Orchestra was furnished for dancing and was followed by group singing and solos by members of the orchestra.

Honored were James Moses, who coordinated the feeding station, and the following persons: Andrekaitis, John Puterbaugh, Thomas Eaton, Pauline Ann Godek, Cindy Lackubowski, Frank Vnuk, Danny Ruffley, John Dennis, Fay Broody, Mary Ann Roditus, Joseph Boback, Albert Katchik.

Others feted were: Frank Andrukaitis, James Mahon, Ross DeNisco, Alex Rozanski, Ken Jordan, Chet Ryczyski, Frank Kuscavage, Jim Hurley, Kenney Kiaco, Len Lewis, Dr. Baden Roberts, Charles Berber, Ken Jones, Ann Marie Spock, James Sipsky, John Gavenonis, Irene Donahue, Karen Lampman, Mr. and Mrs. James Coates, Bill O'

Trailer Site Nearly Ready At Bull Run

A mobile home site for approximately 18 of the emergency housing units will be readied on land near Bull Run to be known as the Martz Trailer Court. Mayor's Assistant Tom McTague announced that the land is being donated by Frank Henry, president of the Frank Martz Co. Inc.

Eight-inch sewer lines have been installed and workmen are preparing the site for the first of the huge trailers which are expected to arrive this week.

Hooking up of the mobile homes, which has remained a problem throughout the flooded area, is expected to be speeded up in order to have the site livable for families before cold weather arrives.

The borough now has about 120 mobile homes and 30 campers housing Plymouth residents whose homes were invaded by flood waters. While half of these on personal sites are not yet hooked up, the problem is expected to be solved with the signing last week of a contract by HUD with a large contractor from Idaho.

Also housing some Plymouth residents is the Coates Farm on the Larksville Mountain. Known as the Valley View Site, it has 289 of the HUD units on it.

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Consolidation Favored By Many Local Residents

A walking survey along various streets in town by the Sunday Independent disclosed that an overwhelming number of residents, principally those affected by the flood, feel that their local council is inadequate to handle the diverse needs of the people and ... a consolidated, larger gov...nt, or a borough admin...

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Junior Football

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Tax Collector Reviews Homeowners' Situation

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All told, over 40 residents who make their homes on Scott, Shoemaker, Lawrence, Hughes, Main, Watkins, Perrin and Sullivan Streets were queried and asked to comment on whether they were satisfied with the efforts of local leaders to help them return to a normal way of life.

Varying Reasons

Of this number, 32 gave varying reasons as to why they were not satisfied with the recovery effort locally. Of the remainder, four were satisfied and the rest honestly admitted they were not familiar enough with the local government scene to give an honest appraisal.

Persons who found fault listed as their chief complaint an inability to contact local officials when they wanted to.

"I went to our Town Hall on Main Street four times to get help and each time I went there, no one was around to talk to," lamented one resident. Others cited numerous phone calls to officials who were "out" at the time of the call.

Others complained that even when they were able to reach their councilmen or the mayor, tangible results to their problems were slow in coming.

"It appeared to me right from the start of the disaster, local officials were just not able to cope with the sheer size and numbers of problems we encountered," said another resident.

Piazza Agrees

It is interesting to note that even Swoyersville Council Chairman Joseph Piazza made the exact same observation to the Sunday Independent at one of the eary sessions of the West Side Council of Governments meetings. At that time, Piazza urged a movement for consolidation or a borough administrator because he said, "We're just not able to cope with these things." He cited the fact that all of Swoyerville's officials are part-time local leaders, who must devote the bulk of their energies to their own full-time jobs to support their own families.

Piazza spoke of the need for someone to be working for the borough "full-time and with a thorough knowledge of municipal procedures so the taxpayers of Swoyersville can get their money's worth."

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Junior Football Schedule Listed

Jack Chismar, coach of the Swoyersville Sailors Junior Football team has announced the following schedule for the coming season.

Today, Parsons at Swoyersville; Sept. 16, Pittston at Swoyersville; Sept. 23, Swoyersville at Forty Fort; Sept. 30, Swoyersvile at Pymouth; Oct. 7, Luzerne at Swoyersville; Oct. 14, Swoyersville at Larksville; Oct. 21, Edwardsville at Swoyersville and Oct. 29, Swoyersville at North East.

ABOARD DESTROYER

Seaman Luke T. Malonis, husband of the former Miss Diane M. Bulkus of 35 Broderick Street, is aboard the Destroyer Basilone which is sailing to the Midddle East after taking part in the assault on Quang Tri City.

Larksville

Lions Club to Hold Lawn Party Today

Larksville Lions Club wil hold its annual lawn party this afternoon at 1 at Kackinko's Park, Boston Hill.

President John Solovey is chairman assisted by Edward Geist, food; Joseph Yeager and Bernie Kachinko, beverages; Chester Stasyszyn, program; Edward Oblick, Michael Fugak, George Kotch and Bernie Budrewicz, music.

Secretary Edward Geist reports the club has purchased three new hospital beds for use by residents of Larksville.

An inventory of all types of hospital - related equipment is now being undertaken by the Lions Club. Included are, in addition to beds, wheel chairs, walkers and crutches which have been loaned out to borough residents. All such equipment now not in use should be returned.

Repairs or replacement of items will be done by the Lions once the survey has been completed.

Firemen's Auxiliary Will Meet Tuesday

Larksville Firemen's Auxiliary will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 at the recreation center at State and Nesbitt Streets.

Hostesses will be Elizabeth Gimble, Helen Gimble and Florence Grigas.

Peg Miller will preside.

Notes

Larksville Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 will meet tomorrow night at 7:30 at firemen's headquarters, State and Nesbitt Streets. William Danilieczyk will preside.

Auxiliary to Boy Scout Troop 245 will meet Thursday night at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Guida Menko, Luzerne Avenue. Mrs. Josephine Royer will preside.

Luzerne Borough Tax Collector Nevin Gorki last night reviewed the property tax situation for Luzerne homeowners who were affected by the recent flood.

Gorki said he has not yet received the Wyoming Valley West School tax duplicates which eventually must be forwarded to all homeowners in the district.

Gorki was asked what the position of the local tax collection office will be if flooded homeowners balk at paying their bills, which will be based on pre-flood property tax assessments.

"It's been indicated to me not to take a position on the matter at all. I'm not going to tell property owners not to pay their bills and I'm not going to tell them to pay them. I'll just be sending them out. If any bills are returned to me unpaid, I'll just forward them to the district office where some decision will be made at that time," Gorki commented.

Flood Victims

The local tax official related that the county is planning to give area flood victims a break the next time county taxes are due. He said it was disclosed at a recent meeting at the Court House that tax millage on buildings will be dropped for possibly three or four years. However taxes on the land itself, will remain unchanged.

As far as the borough property taxes, Gorki said that situation remains uncertain. However, it is known that the federal government will reimburse a total of 80% of property tax loss to municipalities so they can continue to operate.

Gorki said he thought any remaining loss to the munnicipality woud be offset by other miscellaneous governmental assistance.

Condemnation Of Heating Units Is Denied By Utility Spokesman

A spokesman for the Pennsylvania Gas and Water Co. last night denied that his company is responsible for "wholesale condemnation" of gas fired heating systems that were inundated by the flood.

The spokesman admitted there are a number of rumors going around in Luzerne that PG&W personnel are telling homeowners the units must be replaced and that they cannot be repaired.

"The truth of the matter is that some cheaper types of gas-fired hot air furnaces are constructed with a light gauge metal combustion chamber which is highly susceptible to rust as time goes on. In these cases, we're warning residents that if the combustion chambers rust out, there is a danger of harmful gases escaping and entering the home. In these cases, we're putting red warning tags on the systems, but's that's all we're doing," the spokesman said.

He added that other types of hot air gas-fired furnaces and most steam or hot water units are constructed with cast iron and will not be affected by the flood, except for relatively minor repairs.

"In the case of furnaces which may possibly rust out, we will not accept responsibility," he said, adding that the PG&W never sold these types.

WINDOW COATING THIN

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West Side Vocational School will also open on Tuesday, Sept. 19. Bus schedule for Northwest Area students attending the Vo-Tech school will be:

Bus 4: Game Farm, 7 a.m.; Red Rock Corners, 7:05; Fairmount Springs, 7:13; Volanski Corners, 7:19; Marshall Hollow and Harveyville Road, 7:23; Harveyville, 7:24; Taylors, 7:29; Muhlenburg Corners, 7:34; Village Tavern, 7:37; Gregory's Corners, 7:40; Sunset Lake Road, 7:50; Swamp Road, 7:53; Route 11, 7:55.

Bus 7: Huntington Mills, 7:25 a.m.; Blue Door 7:35; Koonsville, 7:40; Bartoli's, 7:43; Sinclair Gas Station, 7:45; Route 11, 7:55.

Lunch will be served in Northwest Area High School, Huntington Mills and Hunlock Creek Elementary Schools. Pupils who attend the Garrison Building are asked to carry lunches until repairs to the cafeteria are completed.

Lunch prices are 35c per day for high school pupils. Pupils in the elementary schools are asked to purchase lunches on a weekly basis.

All seventh grade students will report to the gymnasium at Northwest immediately upon arriving at the school. All other high school students will report to the auditorium.

Ice Cream Social Set for Saturday

An ice cream social will be held Saturday at the McKendree Grange Hall, starting at 4:30 p.m.

The menu will feature home made vegetable soup, home made bean soup, sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburger, barbeque. Home made cake and several flavors, featuring peach, of home made ice cream will be available.

The public is invited to attend this ice cream social.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Northwest Area School Board is scheduled to meet tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in the high school building.

station, and the following persons:

Dorothy Thomas, Helen Harnen, Geraldine Sobieski, Noreen Sobieski, Laura Roditus, Stefie Salmon, Rose Lacek, Cecelia Sipsky, John Gavenonis, Irene Donahue, Karen Lampman, Mr. and Mrs. James Coates, Bill O' Boyle, Mrs. Baden Roberts, James Hunlele, Danny Paula, David MacDonald, Ruth Luckaji.

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A person immersed to the neck in water experiences an apparent loss of nine-tenths of his weight.

Duryea

Five Patrolmen Named As Town Anticipates 5,000 Added Residents

Anticipating an influx of some 5,000 people into Duryea as a result of the Department of Housing and Urban Development establishing a center for temporary housing of flood victims at the Barnum Site, Duryea Council has passed a resolution appointing five temporary police officers to patrol the site for a period not to extend beyond June 30, 1973. Special patrolmen named were Al Echalk, Joseph Bender, Arnold Dommes, Robert Ryzner and Leonard Nawrocki.

Pennsylvania Department of Justice, working through the Governor's Justice Commission, notified the borough of a grant to the borough to finance the cost of a new police cruiser and the employment of five police officers.

The resolution also authorized the borough secretary, Donald Major, to file an application with the U.S. Economic Development Administration for a grant to defray the cost of a new municipal building. The grant has been stipulated at $430,000, of which $5,000 will be paid to the Pittston Area School District for purchase of the Lincoln School on Main Street.

The borough presently has an option on the school and since the governing body had already filed an application for a recreational park at the school site, the EDA has notified the borough it will be one of 25 communities to receive the grant as soon as possible.

Council also pased a resolution paving the way for the start of work by Duryea Sewer Authority to construct new sewer lines. The resolution authorizes the sewer authority and Albert Peters Associates to make test borings in the streets, to have free access to all parts of the present sewer system in order to inspect, test, repair, or perform any other acts deemed necessary to prepare a plan of final design for the sewage system to be constructed.

Preparing for the opening of school, three additional school guards were hired. Marie Hornick will be at Foote Avenue Grade School; Irene Bryk in Fifth Ward and Shirley Webb at Coxton.

Council adopted an ordinance for a no-parking-loading zone at a plant at 218-220 Main Street to provide for the safety of residents. Council has entered into an agreement with the Commonwealth for the modernization and standardization of the traffic signal at Main and Stephenson Streets.

The average adult muskrat weighs about 2½ lbs.

Connell's Patch Site Prepared



Connell's Patch on the West Side of the river is one of the newest of the mobile trailer home sites being prepared for displaced persons of Hurricane Agnes.

When ready, 99 mobile homes will be hooked up for service. This is in addition to the Barnum site where 1,000 homes are ready for occupancy.

Pictured working at Connell's Patch site are, from left, Joseph Zverblis of Scranton; Rudy Leal, Leo Caballero, Julio Soliz, John Longoria, Ray Mayorga, Joseph Rivera and Fred Flores, all of Corpus Christy, Tex. The Charles Miller firm of Virginia and Easy Motors of Texas are working on the site.—(Bill Gross)

Duryea Lions Hold Barbecue

One of the most successful Summer affairs held in Duryea was the chicken barbecue hosted by the Duryea Lions Club.

Stanley Kunigiel Jr., president of the club; Gerald Guarilia, chairman of the barbecue, and members of the service club publicly thank all residents of the town and the people from other communities who supported the affair.

Kunigiel stated through the years the Lions Club has counted on the citizenry of Duryea and it has responded with overwhelming support.

The support of the public has enabled the club to make progress throughout the town through varied projects such as Christmas street lighting, street signs, eye bank work, bloodmobiles, etc.

Women's Club Lists Wednesday Session

Duryea Women's Club will resume activities after the Summer recess on Wednesday night at 8:30 in the VFW Home, Stephenson Street.

Mrs. Bernard Domzalski, president, invites all women of the community to join the club which will meet the second Wednesday of every month.

Mrs. Bernard Nitowski is membership chairman.

Holy Rosary CCM Plans Memorial Mass

Confraternity of Christian Mothers of Holy Rosary Church will hold its annual Mass for living and deceased members next Sunday at 8.

An executive meeting will be held that afternoon at 2, followed by a Confraternity meeting at 2:30.

Mrs. Sophie David will serve as hostess chairman, assisted by Mrs. Alice Berkoski, Mrs. Mary Celusniak and Mrs. Adelaide Piorkowski.

Taiwan eports to Canada totaled $80.7 million in 1971.

Sunday Independent Classified Advertising Bring Results From All Corners Of The County

Plymouth

Borough Native Donates $2 To Help Save School

Alumni of Plymouth High School, residents of the borough and Wyoming Valley West School Board member Clem Rogers have received support for their efforts to prevent condemnation of the former high school building on West Main Street.

A former Plymouth resident now residing in Philadelphia, in a letter addressed to Rogers at his Main Street automobile showroom, urged a continuation of the fight to save the building and enclosed a donation of $2 to "help champion the cause... and continue the fight."

Rogers said that the sentiments expressed by the letter writer echo those of the many people in Plymouth and are in agreement with many of his own views.

"Razing the old Plymouth High School to build a costly new structure is being pushed by Chairman Edward Yarmey of the Wyoming Valley West School Board," Rogers said.

The building is sound and the flood damage was not so excessive that it needs to be torn down, he added. The building used for the ninth and 10th grade students of the school district could be renovated for $2 million and used as a middle school, Rogers said.

"A new school would cost between $5- and $2-million—and this is the burden that our board chairman wants to saddle the people with," Rogers said.

New Wiring Being Installed

The school district had extensive new wiring put in the building some 18 months ago at a cost of approximately $60,000. A sum of $770,000 in federal funds is expected to be made available for renovating the building at no cost to the school district.

"While the Philadelphia letter writer is not up on our local school district facts and figures, his support of our efforts is encouraging," Rogers said in commenting on the letter.

Text of the letter follows:

"While visiting in Plymouth (my home town) last weekend, I read your article in the paper and was pleased to know that someone is truly interested in keeping something of the past 'Glory of Plymouth' still alive!

"When we joined with Kingston school, we lost almost all of our identity—no more will we hear or read about the talented and great men and women of Plymouth High School as in the past.

"It was a sad day for me when I read of the end of the old cry: 'Shawnee Will Shine Tonight' and 'Shawnee Against the World.'

A National Issue

"I will never understand why we had to join when we were getting educated and respectful youth from our schools. Also, sending pupils who live next to a school miles away for no truly honest reason is wrong. As a matter of fact, this is now a national issue.

"Mr. Rogers, you will need a lot of publicity and protesting to champion your cause. Therefore, I am enclosing a donation towards your fight. Perhaps having a form letter made and sent to all graduates and residents will help.

"I believe in change which is inevitable. But I also believe we must retain some of the past which can never be replaced. Now with the flood disaster and redevelopment, the school and churches will be the only things left of the Plymouth we all know and loved."

—A PLYMOUTHITE.

Community Park May Get Lights

Community Park, the primary outdoor recreation site in the borough, will be equipped with lights for night baseball if a dedicated group of Shawneeites has its way.

A spokesman for the group said that with Teeners League, American Legion Baseball and Plymouth's entry in the Central League using the field the addition of lights would enable more Plymouth residents to see the teams in action, the group contends.

Funds are to be raised by public donation and the whole project completed in time for the opening of the 1973 baseball season, the spokesman said.

Working on the project are the following persons: Joe Braja, Alfie Wasley, Stanley Grontkowski, Joe Suscavage, Chester Chellock, Edward Saroscek, Mrs. Marge Mazur, Sam Lewis, Tony Gayson and Mayor Edward Burns.

Moses Lauded For Efforts During Crisis

Editor, Words will not be sufficient to express thanks to James Moses and his assistants who provided for the feeding in Plymouth of thousands of flood victims and volunteer workers following the visit of Hurricane Agnes.

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We cannot thank you enough and feel that borough residents will not forget the effort put forth by our fellow townspeople.

On Limited Basis

Reopening of Library Scheduled in 2 Weeks

Plymouth Public Libarry is acting head, Mrs. Barbara Reidlinger, attended a special meeting in Harrisburg in which the problems and solutions of rebuilding flood-damaged library collections were aired.

Discussion at the meeting included a planned book drive to replace lost books, Federal assistance, the principals of weeding out old, unused material and replacing essential books.

The session was sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Library.

The library is expected to open on a limited basis for borrowing books within the next two weeks, according to Clem Rogers, president of the library board of directors.

On order are hundreds of books to begin the replacement of the 21,912 volumes ruined by flood waters. On hand now are a number of new books, and many reference volumes not damaged in the flood. Patrons may read the books in the library, but no book will be loaned at this time until members have received new registration cards.

The library will shortly begin the refurnishing of the main floor to replace cabinets, floor covering, draperies, office equipment and the "U"-shaped circulation desk lost in the June flood.



Plymouth's entry in the reactivated American Legion Baseball League is still smarting over treatment received after the flood held up play for the Shawneeites. Sponsored by one of the borough's most ardent baseball enthusiasts, Stanley Grontkowski, the Plymouth Legion team was eliminated from the playoffs without so much as an apology.

The Plymouth boys were on top of their division when the flood interrupted play and that just might be the reason why they were given the brushoff by league officials when they tried to get back into competition.

With Mike Mahlik and Dan Veshinski, Grontkowski tried in vain to get his team approved for the season-end playoffs. He offered to play doubleheaders, or a night game if possible. Efforts to reach American Legion Baseball League officials in Harrisburg were met with frustration. In addition, Stanley contacted Chief Umpire John Sinko of Nanticoke. The results were a dead end.

The sad part of the whole affair is that it is the boys who are the losers. Another point that was apparently ignored by league officials is that most of the members of the team were in the flood area and were willing to play baseball after toiling for hours cleaning up their homes.

Plymouth had another disappointment this baseball season when the new entry in the Central Baseball League could not field a team this year due to flood conditions. Joe Price, who spearheaded efforts last year to get a team in the league for Plymouth, just could not round up the team and get it in shape for the grueling season. on if they are going to play ball.

Last year the brand new entry started slow in Central League play but picked up momentum in mid-season and put together a fine over-all record. In addition, they made the playoffs and had many members of the squad honored for their outstanding play.

Wait until next year, Price said.

Residents Give Books to Library

The Plymouth Public Library has received books donated by the following persons:

Michelle Wichorek, Ellsworth Thomas, Mrs. Cebrick, Mrs. Reeves of Nanticoke, David Arthur, Bertha Sobolewski, Mrs. Romanick, Margaret Jaikes, and Miss Phyllis Perlice.

SAUERKRAUT CHINESE

ELMHURST, Ill. — Sauerkraut was discovered by the Chinese in the 3rd century B.C., the National Kraut Packers Association reports.

Time Is Right For New Pool, Residents Say

Borough residents who contributed to a public subscription for funds to construct a new swimming pool at Community Park are beginning to ask what is to be done with the money that was raised in the drive held several years ago.

"More than $10,000 was raised and what have they done with it?" One contributor from Shawnee Avenue asked.

Others who have expressed interst in getting an Olympic-size pool for Plymouth have pointed out that now may be the ideal time for Plymouth officials and residents to get started with the project.

The feeling of many people is that with much flood disaster renewal and pre-flood planned redevelopment to take place, no better time than now could be found to push for the erection of the pool.

A group known as the Plymouth Borough Swimming Pool Association was formed after the funds were collected and the money was deposited in the Plymouth National Bank. The Association at the time was headed by Atty. Blythe Evans Jr., and sought a four-acre site at Community Park.

Answered Needs

Being "developed" at the time as the answer to Plymouth's recreational needs, Community Park was to have tennis and basketball courts and many other areas for games and recreation in addition to the proposed pool.

Coupled with the death of one of the leaders of the drive for the new pool was a new drive at the time to erect the Plymouth Public Library. These two factors served to end the swimming pool project.

Borough residents who are interested in seeing the Plymouth Borough Swimming Pool Association reactivated point out that it is not practical to link the project with the defunct Community Park project which died from lack of funding.

Needed now, residents feel, is a group which will revive the Swimming Pool Association and make the idea a reality.

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Heard On Main Street

John Bialek, Shawnee Avenue barber, is going to team up with "Macie" Cragle to beat "Chippy" Urban's record of collecting 68 ramshead mushrooms in one season.

Joe Ryncavage of 176 Orchard Street saw his son, Joe Jr., off to Philadelphia, where he will enter the freshmen class at the University of Pennsylvania. An outstanding football player at Wyoming Valley West High School, the former Spartan will be a candidate for the Penn frosh squad this Fall.

Shawnee VFW Post 1425 will meet Tuesday night at 8 at the post home with Durwood Smith presiding. Commander Smith urged members to pay their 1973 dues before the dues increase goes into effect.

A good sign that Plymouth is returning to normal is the appearance down on Main Street of Al Legius. Al is beginning to check out the progress of his friends and associates and reports that all is going well along Plymouth's main stem. He has been busy getting his home on Nottingham Street livable after the flood did its damage.

DAV Commander Charles Pugh announced that the organization has found a new meeting place. The DAV will meet the first Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at the Shawnee VFW on Main Street.

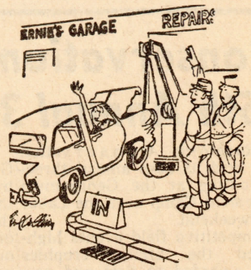
Retired after a 34-year career on the Larksville Police force, Ben Barsh still manages to get to Plymouth to see his many friends.

Councilman and Mrs. Joseph Lukavitch are considering a trip to Brazil to relax after much flood-related work.

An uncle of head coach John Mazur of the New England Patriots, Frank Koprowski, is high on the Patriot's chances for this year and keeps his eye on TV in order to catch the team in action.

Mr. and Mrs. "Ginger" Juba will visit friends in Connecticut in the near future.

Making plans to send for their Yankee World Series tickets are Ray Burke and Mal Todd. They have been Yankee fans from way back in the glory days of the Bronx Bombers.



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St. Mary's Classes To Open Tomorrow

Students of St. Mary's Elementary School on Willow Street will begin the 1972-73 school term tomorrow morning.

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—DR. AND MRS. BADEN ROBERTS

England Once Joined?

LONDON — Geologists believe that England was once joined to Europe by a land bridge and that the sea cut through it, probably some 10,000 years ago, to form the Strait of Dover.

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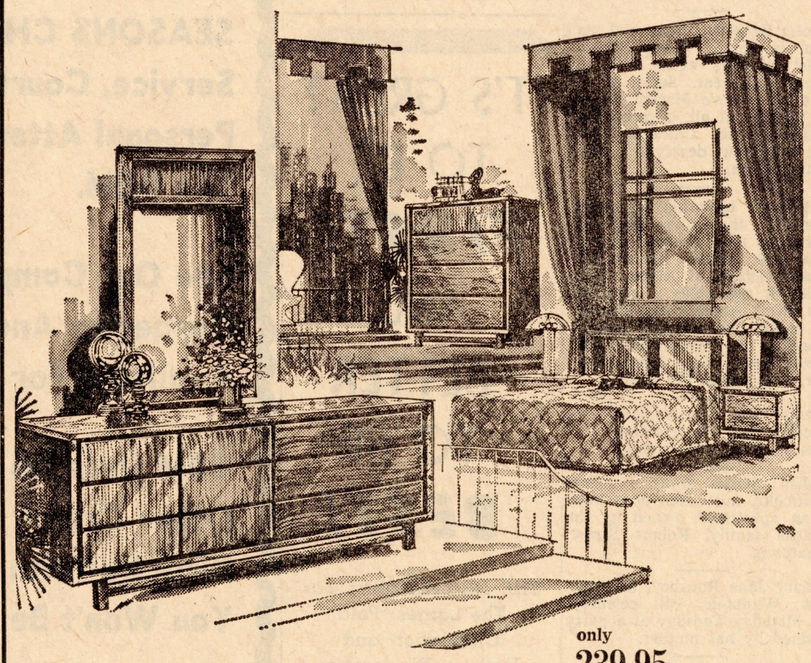
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Nanticoke Class of 1932 Holds 40th Reunion



Nanticoke High School's Class of 1932 held its 40th reunion at the American Legion Home last Sunday with approximately 100 classmates and guests in attendance. A dinner-dance followed the cocktail hour. Silvia Valen entertained with a piano recital.

Pictured, first row, left to right, are Leo Mayewski, David Goodman, Peter Petrochko, Chester Jones, William MacNeal, Dr. Jack Weiss, Irving Valen.

Second row: Angela Condu Bavitz, Victoria Kopko Shanahan, Perina Rotati Dzikoski, Naomi Lentz Thomas, Mary Ann Garlinski Webb, Eleanor Putkowski Re, Julia Ringawa Salack, Florence Noveral, Sarah Martuza Columbo, Marian Baluta Smigelski, Lilyan Everett Zakowski, Pauline Talarski.

Third row: Teofil Buchkowski, Ralph Gommer, Leo Plocicki, Mildred Turley Kilpatrick, Marie Knapich Sakoaski, Alice Benscoter, Dorothy Williams Freas, Ruth Henson Fox, Annetta Smith, Elsie Turley Elmy, Clara Ushinski Sneddon, Frances Gabel Kempski, Sophie Rokosz, Irene Lewski Pluto, Stella Konecko Albanese, Bertha Diksa Twarkowski, Nettei Grick Kalweit, Louise Mills Coppin.

Fourth row: Stanley Perry, William Saye, Charles Wallace, Louis Spevack, Frederick Schmidt, Stanley Stawicki, Leonard Stigora, Edward Jones, Louis Paluzzi, Joseph Collins, Louis Albanese, Stanley Mills, Simon Ozoga.

Leo L. Mayewski, chairman, gave the address of welcome. Irving Valen was toastmaster. Prizes were awarded various classmates. Also on the committee were Neta Grick Kalweit, Angela Condu Bavitz, Marie Knapich Sakowski, Alice Benscoter, Ed Jones, Louis Paluzzi, David Goodman and Irving Valen.

Ex-City Man Dies in Mishap In Harrisburg

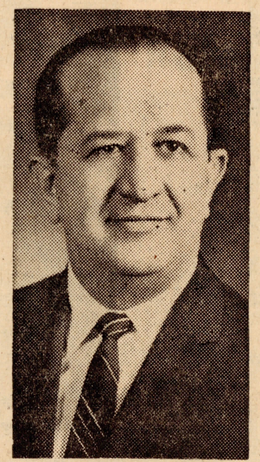
A former Nanticoke resident died in a traffic accident in Harrisburg, according to word received here by city police.

The victim was Julius Francis Mateyu, who left here about seven years ago. A pedestrian, he was fatally injured by a motor vehicle operated by a Harrisburg policeman.

Identity was established through a small piece of paper found among his belongings. It listed his address as 622 Prospect Street, Nanticoke.

Police said Mateyu, 60, was crossing Cameron Street at 10:40 p.m. Sunday when he was struck by a car driven by Eldon E. Beachley, 28, of 40 Park Drive, Middletown. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. No charges were lodged against the driver.

Heads Rotary



E. A. GRUDKOWSKI

E. A. Grudkowski, Hanover Street lawyer, will be installed as Rotary Club president at a dinner meeting for members and their wives Tuesday at Madey's Restaurant.

He succeeds Charles Pendlyshok, business manager at Retreat State Hospital, who led the organization during the past year.

DEADLINE SET

Helen Galli, city tax collector, has announced that Sept. 20 is the last date for the 2% rebate on 1972 school taxes.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Mrs. Emily Robaczewski, 63 Honey Pot Street, will cut a birthday cake on Tuesday.

Nanticoke News Nuggets

Members of the First Federated Democratic Women's Club are making plans for a go-to-market party at the Falcons Hall on Nov. 5.

Mrs. Lillian Tilletski, Nanticoke Towers, enjoyed a vacation in the Bahama Islands.

Mrs. Mary Keiser, Park Towers, is a patient at Nanticoke State Hospital.

Thomas Bedosky and sons, Enterprise Street, has returned from a Lake Oneida, N.Y., vacation.

Mowery Hose Co. members and friends are spending the weekend in New York City. Some planned to spend some time time at the track, while others attended the games. The group left Friday and plans to return tonight.

Mary Kresge has resumed her duties as sales clerk at Rea & Derrick Store following a vacation at Jacksonville, Fla.

Holy Name Society of St. Mary's Church, Hanover Street, will meet at 1:30 this afternoon in the school auditorium.

Parishoners of St. Mary's Church, Hanover Street, welcomed back Rev. John J. Piontek, pastor, following recent hospitalization.

The Mill Library resumes its Winter schedule tomorrow. The library will open daily at 9 a.m. and remain open until 9 p.m. three evenings per week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It will close at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday Thursday and at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Rudolph Vici Patriarch of the Park Towers will observe his 86th birthday on Tuesday. He has become known to all for his habit of sitting near the entrance door in the lobby or on the bench in front of the building and giving a cherry wave to those who come and go. He is fully alert and cautions boys and girls whether visiting their grandparents or not against damaging or injuring the lawns, shrubbery or building facilities. He is always willing to extend a helping hand.

Benny Gonshor, 335 West Main Street, will celebrate his birthday on Thursday. A party is planned at Fairchild's Pond.

Fred Borowski, deputy city treasurer, is enjoying his annual vacation. He's in the contracting business temporarily, helping his daughter build a new house on East Washington Street.

Sgt. Thomas Thomas has returned from a year's service with the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam and is presently visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thomas Sr., 16 West Green Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brudowicz, Honey Pot Street, will leave by jet plane tomorrow for a two-week vacation in Arizona.

Miss Helen Zabiegalski is a surgical patient at Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bedeski are observing their wedding anniversary. Ditto daughter Arlene, and son-in-law, Winfred Bell.

The ladies auxiliary of St. Stanislaus Church is conducting a card and prize party at 7 tonight in the parish hall. Proceeds will revert to the parish building fund.

Did you know that ferry service between Nanticoke and West Nanticoke was provided 200 years ago? Support of churches and schools also was provided by the small local settlement on Dec. 11, 1772 when it was further decreed that all males 21 years upward would have a voice in elections and any person who sold liquor to the Indians should forfeit his goods and be expelled from the settlement.

City Patrolman Joseph Butchko will celebrate his birthday Saturday with a gathering of the family and friends.

Saturday also is the birthday anniversary of Street Commissioner Anthony Piscotty.

Mrs. Millard Galat, College and Noble Streets, will celebrate a birthday on Tuesday.

Baseball Club 13 of Eddie's Tavern will conduct its outdoor party today at Deluca's Grove, Lake Silkworth. A program of quoits, darts and other games has been arranged with festivities starting at 11 a.m. Leo Barwinski is in charge of the menu.

Michael Barwinski, East Grand Street bakery truck driver, enjoyed some fishing and swimming at Lake Wallenpaupack during his vacation.

There are 190,000 oil wells in Texas.

Nanticoke

Buyer Found For Part Of McGregor Building

Joseph O'Karma, chairman of the Industrial Committee, announced that the group obtained a buyer for a section of the McGregor Sportswear building, East Washington Street, at the September meeting of the Board of Directors of Greater Nanticoke Chamber of Commerce.

It will be remodeled by the purchaser to suit his needs. An area of the parking lot also will be reserved for the concern's requirements.

President Frank Knorek opened the meeting and welcomed back Mary Klos Stemniski after her illness. David Gorka promised to obtain a release that mortgage on land purchased by the Chamber on the West Side was satisfied, in answer to a question raised by one of the board, members.

On the West Side, work is progressing on the establishment of a trailer park for people displaced from the flooded area. The land has been graded, water, sewage and roads will be completed soon, so that the land will be available for occupancy

program, extra police service and other services will be provided.

Garden Club Report

Ruth Smith gave a brief report on her garden club activities for the month and it's progress to date.

The board recommended letters be sent to the county engineer, county commissioners and Michael Danko for their action in opening the Nanticoke bridge to traffic. Also letters to Senator Murray, Representative Shupnik and Secretary Wolgemuth for their interest in the Retreat State Hospital.

Another letter will be sent to PennDot requesting replacement of a sign on Route 81 designating the turn off to the Cross Valley By-Pass, destroyed during storm AGNES."

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3 New Homes Included in Aug. Permits

Permits for three new houses were issued in August by Edward Bonk, city building inspector. The new residences are being erected by Nevin Balliet, Meadow Crest Drive, $25,-00; Jack and Sandra Dudrick, 511 East Union Street, $22,000 and Anthony Gizelbach, 311 East Green Street.

Other permits for improvements costing $500 or more were taken out by Leonard Strong, 223 East Broad Street, siding, $2,800; Carl O'Borski, 401 East Grand, roofing and siding, $10,000; Gus Miller, 350 East Grand, ceiling and paneling, $2,000; Mrs. Lawrence, 17 Orange, remodel kitchen, $2,575; Ted Kravitz, 377 State, wall and steps, $1,200; Mrs. Nell Zieminski, 33 West Ridge, siding, $2,-600; John Tycenski, 30 Lower Broadway, remodeling, $5,000.

Helen Rasmus, 1224 Hanover, roofing, $1,100; St. Joseph's Church, windows, $1,000; John Brown, 53 West Union, windows, $1,225; Frederick, A. Petrini, 9 Lawrence, swimming pool, $5,000; James Carey, 354 East Broad, roofing, $1,725; John Cybulski, 150 Garfield

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Mara Employees Enjoy Labor Day In Various Ways

Here is how some Mara Manufacturing Co. employees took advantage of the long Labor Day weekend to enjoy their recreation.

Joanne Baker, West Nanticoke, her husband and son, enjoyed a tour of Canada.

Frances Waiter, Loomis Park, visited friends in Allentown.

Amelia Olshefski, Tilbury Terrace, visited her son in New Jersey.

Anne Raspen and husband, of East Union Street, enjoyed the cool breezes in the Pocono resort area.

Betty Friday, East Union Street, enjoyed a hurried trip to Florida and Disneyworld.

Myrtle Paige, Kosciuszko Street, and husband, stopped over with relatives at Dover, Del., after visiting their son in North Carolina.

Mildred Schaeffer, East Noble Street, spent the weekend at Hidden Lake.

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On the West Side, work is progressing on the establishment of a trailer park for people displaced from the flooded area. The land has been graded, water, sewage and roads will be completed soon, so that the land will be available for occupancy in the not too distant future.

The area's only need is another access road and plans are being formulated to obtain an extension of one of the regular roadways. Under the federal Valley By-Pass, destroyed during storm AGNES."

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Rose Filippi Wins Reelection As Park Towers Club President

Park Towers Club held its monthly and annual meetings last week. Mrs. Rose Filippi, president, was unanimously re-elected for another year and given a rising vote of thanks for the excellent manner in which she conducted activities during 1971-72, especially the fund-raising events, cookout and party dinners she prepared and served.

Mrs. Noma Fink declined nomination for reelection as vice president and paid a fine tribute to President Fillippi for her leadership and hard work. Mrs. Mary Fletcher was selected to serve as vice president with Mrs. Stella Jeffrey as secretary and Mrs. Phyllis Czekaj as treasurer.

The club voted to hold a bake sale at 9 a.m. Oct 5. Captains elected to solicit for baked goods on several floors include Mrs. Noma Fink and Mrs. Mary Leoni, sixth floor; Mrs. Sophie Nanielowicz and Mrs. Mary Klansek, fifth; Mrs. Victoria Ekker and Mrs. Mary Fletcher, fourth; Mrs. Mildred Williams and Mrs. Lucy Wintergrass, third; Mrs. Rose Rasmus and Mrs. Helen Schultz, second, and Mrs. Mary Cardone, first floor; Mrs. Rose Micocci, ground floor.

The club members voted to observe their annual Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 10. The dinner for the Christmas party will be served by a caterer with the Dec. 10 date subject to change if a caterer is not available. Mrs. Noma Fink and Mrs. Mary Leone served as hostesses for the September meeting. Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Annette Tomko will serve as hostesses for the October meeting.

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Edward Chesney, 346 Field, roofing and siding, $7,300; Nanticoke School District, moving house, $4,835; Sophia Kanaluski, 10 East Grand, siding, $2,500; Mrs. Elma Carey, 140 Orchard, brick repairs, $1,750; Frank Sherrick, 624 Kosciuszko, roofing, $3,700; Barney Makarczyk, 22 West Noble, roof and porch, $2,200; Stanley Rominski, 258-60 Ridge, electric, $1,400; John Dorak, 406 East Noble, roofing, $3,588; Joseph E. Zelinski, 27 West Field, general repairs, $3,500; Mary Brojakowski, 27 Lower Broadway, remodeling, $5,500; Mrs. Buber, Enterprise Street, roofing, $1,050.

North Carolina.

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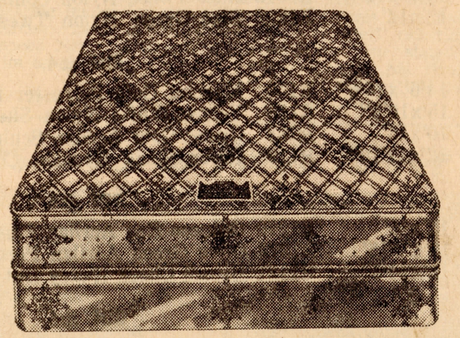
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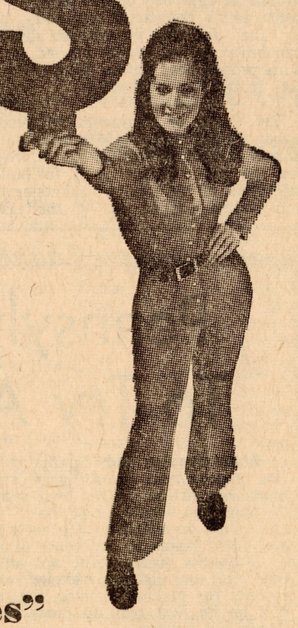
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County Nurses Outline Objectives



The board of directors of Luzerne County District Nurses Association outlined its 1972-1973 objectives at a meeting held at Mercy Hospital.

The committee reports projected programs aimed at promoting increased registered nurse participation in community and health planning organizations.

It was reported that the District represents hundreds of registered nurses in Luzerne County. Private and general duty, public health and school, educators and administrators, are only a few of the areas of nurse practice represented.

Shown at the recent meeting held at Mercy are, clockwise, Anna Devlin, Bernadette Hogan, Deborah Rzodski, president, Students Nurses Association; Geraldine P. Evanko, Ann Zendian, Virginia Lowe, Mary Krlic, first vice president; Sister Sara McNelis, president; Jean Sabol, treasurer; Anna Proleika, Rita Lynch, Leona Castor, Lawrence L. McGrady, Kathleen Walters and Mary Lenahan.

Rear, left, are Eleanor Celijewski and Mary Ann Keirans.

Rear, right, are Matilda Crawford and Ruth Throne.

Other members are Lois Knaub, Dorothy Jablonski, second vice president; Irene Cymbalisty, Edna Chisnell and Sandra Knouse, secretary.

The board commended all registered nurses and student nurses who served so well during the June 23 disaster which struck such a terrible blow to Wyoming Valley. Many suffered personal loss yet served as nurses in evacuation centers, emergency medical centers and in area hospitals. Many assumed leadership in and also worked with the Luzerne County Civil Defense, American Red Cross and military personnel in evacuating patients from the flood threatened area.

The District's next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, Sept. 14.

Regional News in Review

Kingston Borough Council authorized the filing of an application with Economic Development Administration for a grant of about $600,000 to reconstruct certain storm and sanitary sewers in the borough.

Demolition of flood damaged buildings in Wilkes-Barre was estimated at 75 homes and 300 garages.

Luzerne, Columbia, Dauphin, Juniata, Mifflin, Montour and Tioga counties were authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to continue issuing emergency food stamps for an additional 30 days to eligible flood victims.

The Resources Department of HUD again asked local property owners for rental units in which to house displaced flood victims. A spokesman said about 500 rental requests remain unsatisfied and he said he [illegible] even more in the near future.

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Wilkes-Barre Campus

Students at Penn State Advised of PHEAA Date

John R. Murphy, dean of student affairs, Wilkes-Barre Campus of Penn State University, reminds all students who have previously filed a scholarship application for the current academic year and whose families have sustained property loss, damage or reduction in income due to the June flood disaster, that they should do so immediately in order that they be accepted by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency by the Sept. 15 deadline.

Dean Murphy further stated that any student who might have a concern about his or her financial or academic status for admission to the local campus should contact him immediately.

The local campus will also accept late admission for the Fall term in the two-year associate degree programs for the benefit of those students who have been so busily engaged in the disaster area that early application for higher education was impossible.

Latest enrollment figures indicate that 250 first year students have been accepted at the Wilkes-Barre Campus with 104 beginning baccalaureate programs and the others starting in the six associate degree programs offered. Present facilities make it possible to admit both additional baccalaureate and associate degree freshmen for the current academic year. While no program is completely filled at present, enrollment is nearing capacity in surveying and highway engineering majors as well as mass-communication broadcasting and other associate degree majors are filling rapidly.

Graduates Placed

In speaking about placement of 1972 graduates from the local campus, George W. Bierly, campus director, indicated that approximately 85% of the graduates had been placed. Of the remaining 15%, many planned to continue their education at University Park or Capitol Campus and a number entered the military service.

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HUD said emergency housing has been provided for 8,552 families in the Wyoming Valley area.

Wyoming Valley West teachers will report to their respective buildings tomorrow, with not the threat of a strike hanging over contract negotiations which have been going on for nine months. A Wyoming Valley spokesman said the issues still unresolved are not only money, but hours and working conditions.

Morrison-Knudsen Co. of Boise, Idaho was awarded a contract by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to make natural gas hookups to mobile homes on individual sites. Frank Carlucci, federal flood relief coordinator, said use of the large construction contractor will add to the federal government's capability to get people housed with proper heat before Winter sets in.

The Corps of Engineers will pay $139,495 to Memorial Shrine Inc. of Wyoming RD 3, for the burial space used for interment of the vaults, caskets and bodies washed out of the Forty Fort Cemetery during flood.

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The federal and state governments notified William B. Curwood, Shickshinny flood recovery coordinator, that $231,000 was approved to make repairs roads, the borough building, curbing, sidewalks and other property affected by the flood.

Resurrected plans by PennDOT proposed a third span across the Susquehanna River. The proposal would involve the widening of Academy Street in Wilkes-Barre and the construction of a bridge which would connect with the Narrows area on the West Side. Plans were made some time ago but shelved because of the large expense of porperty damage.

Wilkes-Barre will get a $3-million federal building, according to flood relief coordinator Frank Carlucci. The building will have 66,000 square feet of office space of some 400 federal employees. Private contractors will submit proposals on the project by Oct. 10 and once the building is completed, the General Services Administration will lease the facility.

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In speaking about placement of 1972 graduates from the local campus, George W. Bierly, campus director, indicated that approximately 85% of the graduates had been placed. Of the remaining 15%, many planned to continue their education at University Park or Capitol Campus and a number entered the military service.

Job placements were highest in the surveying and highway engineering technology fields with electrical engineering and mechanical engineering running a close second. Bierly reported that requests for graduates in all associate degree programs still are being received by the placement service and that more students will be placed in the near future.

The average starting salary for the 1972 associate degree graduates is $7,500 approximately $800—$1,000 more than 1971. Most of the associate degree majors in all programs are within the same salary range with the exception of nine students earning starting salaries of $700 or more per month. Three of these were highway engineering students, four were in mechanical engineering, and two were graduates of the electrical engineering program.

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Continuing education courses for teachers, high school graduates, and residents interested in non-credit special interest courses, will begin during the same week.

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Launch Set Next Summer

Pennsylvania Balloonist To Try Atlantic Crossing

Pennsylvanian Bob Sparks is ripping a few pages from Jules Verne and putting them into action. In his own adaptation of "Around the World in 80 Days," Sparks is embarking on a balloon trip early next Summer from Maine to the coast of France.

If Sparks makes it, he not only will set time aloft and distance traveled international records for manned balloon flights; he also will be he first man to cross the Atlantic Ocean via balloon.

More than a year of preparation has gone into the venture, which is being underwritten by John-Lawrence Associates Inc., a Mechanicsburg investment banking firm.

Sparks, the entertainment and activities director of Tamiment Resort in the Poconos, is a licensed (by FAA) ballonist and sports parachutist who has made more than 100 flights in his own balloon during the past year. But by far, his proposed Atlantic crossing is the greatest venture he's ever undertaken.

"Crossing the Atlantic in a balloon is an idea people have had since man first went aloft in a balloon in 1783," Sparks said.

"It has to be done someday, and I would like it to be done by an American. I particexterior. Surrounding this will be an "outer" nylon bag.

The aerostat will use 73,000 cubic feet of non-flammble helium for its main lifting power. The space between the two bags will be filled with hot air fired by a propane heater to, according to Sparks, "keep the main helium lifting force at a preferred temperature so I can choose a higher altitude without loss of ballast."

Rather than riding in a wicker basket as pictured by Jules Verne, Sparks will make the trip in a 300-pound boat which is 14 feet long and seven feet wide at the broadest point. Sparks said the boat will be very stable aloft, and will come in quite handy in case he has to hit the drink.

Sparks had planned to make the trip this Summer, but postponed his departure so he could run checks on his aerostat. Since only the Summer months provide proper weather conditions for a free-floating balloon heading for France, Sparks plans to depart next June.

Although precise scientific measurement and the study of aerodynamics have replaced the more haphazard guesswork of ballooning in Jules Verne's day, Sparks' flight will ex-

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9'x12'	R721	Green Nylon Mini-Shag	100.00	52.00
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12'x19'	R71	Chocolate Polyester Plush	250.00	90.00
12'x9'7"	R78	Red/Purple Acrilan Carved	140.00	77.00
12'x11'10"	R89	Avocado Nylon Carved	130.00	75.00
11'2"x10'	R431	Rust Nylon Mini-Shag	100.00	52.00
12'x6'3"	R227	Beige Checked Wool	80.00	25.00
11'9"x9'2"	R250	Avocado Nylon String Shag	95.00	48.00
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12'x8'4"	R459	Red/Black Nylon Shag	130.00	71.00
8'x15'	R1139	Martini/Beige Nylon Twist	95.00	43.00
9'x15'	R745	Avocado Nylon Sculptured	160.00	83.00
8'9"x15'	R1345	Beige/White Nylon Mini-Shag ..	150.00	84.00
9'x10'	R1332	Green/Sage Acrilan Commercial .	120.00	70.00
9'x12'	R1384	Avocado Tweed Nylon Carved ...	100.00	64.00
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12'x21'3"	R1220	Gold/Mint Nylon Cable Twist Shag	220.00	110.00
15'x23'	R1228	Canary Gold Polyester Sculptured	340.00	210.00
12'x10'8"	R901	Chocolate Polyester Tip Shear ...	160.00	90.00
14'10"x19'2"	R1226	Tone-on-Tone Gold Scroll	280.00	171.00
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BIN #6				
12'x10'10"	R1124	Gray Stripe 100% Wool	150.00	85.50
12'x16'10"	R1113	Tone-on-Tone Blue Nylon M/Shag	260.00	172.50
12'x19'3"	R1283	Blue/Green Herculon Commercial	190.00	130.00
11'11"x26'1"	R1265	Mint Green Polyester Sculptured .	275.00	180.00
BIN #7				
12'2"x12'6"	R1059	Brown/Black Tweed Acrilan	160.00	96.00
12'5"x13'8"	R1065	Blue/Green Nylon Shag	185.00	109.00
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By S. C. WINTERMUTE
Staff Writer

Gov. Milton Shapp's mixed-up "Action Line" at Catholic Youth Center was blasted last night by Democrats and Republicans as "a callous political hoax" and the use of "Pennsylvania tax money for propaganda instead of help for flood victims."

It was noted with emphasis—and by some Democrats—that eight telephones were installed in the CYC on orders of the governor and they are being manned by state employees "pulled from other duties."

Governor Shapp's well publicized "Action Line" seems to be annoying to a lot of people of both parties for the reason that:

More Harm Than Good

State employees on the "Action Line" know little about the problems confronting them "and might well do more harm than good in answering questions and attempting to provide help."

The President has had a personal representative, Frank Carlucci, and a full staff available to the public since Aug. 12.

Ombudsmen are available at all federal agencies, by phone or in person, to hear and study problems.

Asked why Governor Shapp went for the "Action Line" program, a Democrat in high places locally said:

Political Mileage

"The answer is obvious. He is trying to make political mileage out of the disaster in this area. His phone line action gives him a way of getting complaints that he can use against the feds (U.S. Government)."

On the Republican side, the universal question was "If Governor Shapp really wants to help, why doesn't he explain how he is going to use the $150-million appropriated by the Legislature for flood relief?"



BIPARTISAN MUDSLINGING—GUESS WHO PAYS

'First Come' Basis

Tax Assistance Checks Mailed in Filing Order

Property Tax Assistance checks have not been received by many area residents because the checks are being mailed out "on a first come, first served basis," Executive Director Abe Yablon of the Property Tax Assistance Bureau in Harrisburg told the Sunday Independent.

Many Luzerne County residents who qualify under the law have received their checks, but those who have not are among those who filed in time but not "too early," the director said.

To qualify, property owners must have met the following requirements: 65 years or older by Dec. 31, 1971; a widow, reaching the age of 50 by the same date; a person permanently disabled during 1971.

In addition, income must not exceed $7,499. Maximum amount of money property owners will receive is $200 and the minimum is $10.

Deadline for filing was originally set for April 29, but was extended by the Secretary of Revenue to May 31. No additional extension was granted after the flood.

The Harrisburg bureau has set the period between July 3 and October 30, 1972, for the mailing of checks.

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By TOM DUGAN
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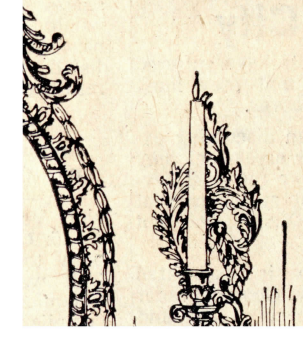
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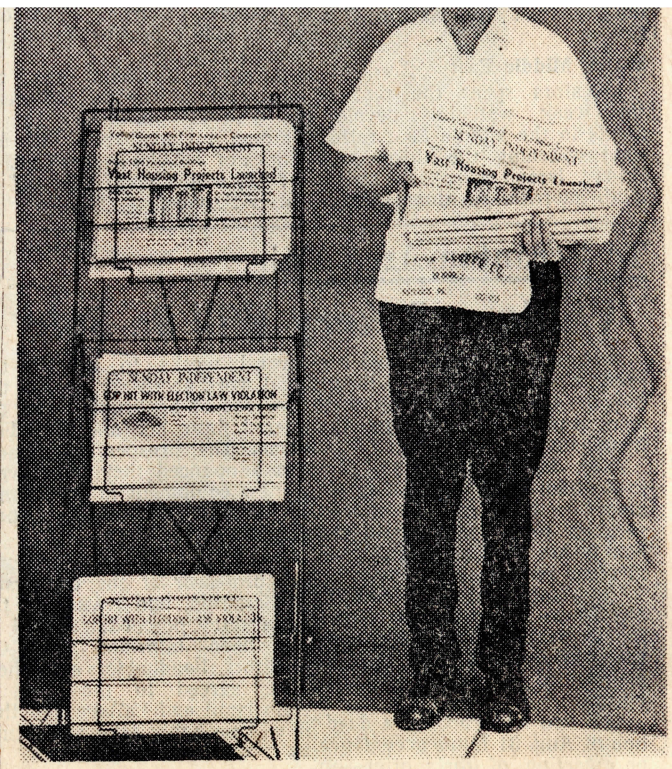
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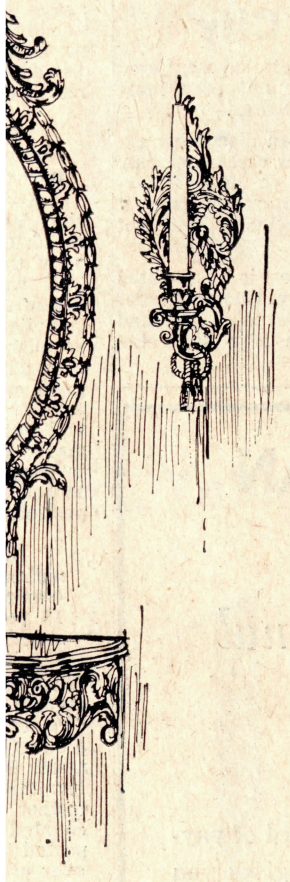
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On Trial Basis

Nanticoke Hospital Slates 24-Hour Emergency Unit

Around-the-clock emergency room service was instituted at Nanticoke State General Hospital yesterday for the first time in memory.

The 24-hour per day coverage is on a trial basis but will continue for at least six months, according to notification sent various community ambulance personnel by Andrew Tuzinski, hospital administrator.

Heretofore, physicians were seldom available in the emergency room. It was common practice to summon a physician from his home or office following the arrival of an accident victim at the hospital.

Tuzinski's letter is self-explanatory and follows:

"'There will be a licensed physician physically present in the emergency room 24 hours per day, seven days per week. This has been a dream of the board of trustees and the administrator that has become a reality to serve the people of this community the way they should be served.

"The Department of Public Welfare in Harrisburg has given me approval to contract with three physicians for six months. After this time they will determine whether enough patients were seen in our emergency room to justify the continuation of the contract with various physicians.

"Please disseminate this information to your staff and loved ones so that we can redesign the ancient system together.

"Thank you and your fine men for your past and continued interest in the people we serve."

Promotions also were announced at the hospital.

Mrs. Jane Davis, 29 Shea Street, was appointed switchboard supervisor to replace Mrs. Isabelle Anderson who retired.

Mrs. Matilda Cionzynski, 407 East Ridge Street, succeeds Mrs. Davis as assistant switchboard supervisor.

Opening Slated for December

Route 80 Stretch in New Jersey Will Bypass Hackettstown Jams

The New Jersey Department of Transportation said yesterday the section of Interstate 80 in New Jersey between Netcong and Hope will be completed in December, 1972.

The completion of this section will provide an alternate route for travelers enabling them to bypass Hackettstown, which has long been a problem during heavily traveled periods.

Motorists will be able to exit off of I-80 near Hope onto either Rt. 521 to Blairstown, then Rt. 94 to Columbia and I-81 or Rt. 519 to Bridgeville and Rt. 46.

The effect on the Poconos ski busines of the opening of this highway section is bound to be very good. Skiers will be able to get to and from the Pocono ski areas faster avoiding the Hackensack bottleneck that has discouraged many through past years.

Ski packages at the various Pocono resorts and inns will be available throughout the Winter season.

Complete information is available through the Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau, 1004 Main Street, Stroudsburg, Pa.

RETURNS HOME

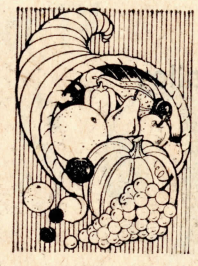
Mrs. Stanley C. Croop of Hunlock Creek has returned after spending a week with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kaye, Larchmont Drive, Colt's Neck, N. J. Mrs. Kaye is the former Marilou Croop.

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Munich Tragedy Hits Market

Wall Street Reports Trading at Exchange To Be Extremely Light

By FRANK W. SLUSSER
UPI Business Writer

NEW YORK (UPI)—The Munich massacre stunned an already lethargic stock market last week and forced it into a sharp loss. Trading on the New York Stock Exchange was extremely light for the four days following the Labor Day holiday.

The Dow Jones average of 30 selected blue chip industrials fell 8.881 for the week to 961.24. Standard & Poor's 500 stock index lost 1.36 to 110.15. The NYSE common stock index lost 0.81 to 60.53.

Of 1,904 issues crossing the tape, 1,134 declined, 571 advanced. Turnover for the four-daay week totaled 44,724,950 shares, compared with 59,446,675 last week and 58,487,620 the year before.

In the two weeks prior to Monday's holiday, there had been little interest in the market. It got even worse this week, with the slaying of 11 Israelis by Arab fanatics at the Munich Olympic Games "casting another pall over the market," according to Monte Gordon, analyst for Sartorius & Co.

Watch Middle East

Investors spent the rest of the week watching developments in the Middle East rather than watching the ticker. On Friday, Israeli warplanes struck Arab guerrilla positions in Lebanon and Syria, bringing on more caution.

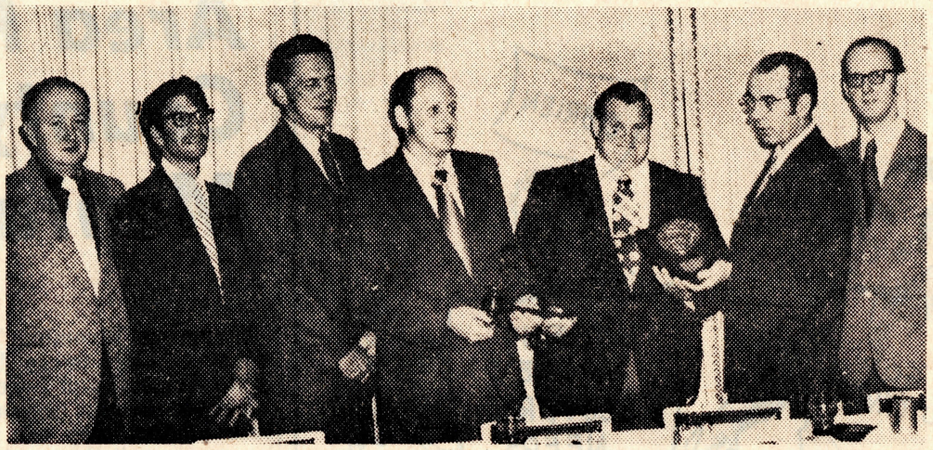
Aside from this, "everybody's watching to see which way things are going," said Lucien O. Hooper, senior analyst for W. E. Hutton & Co. "I think many are looking ahead to 1973 and wondering about inflation which either could be checked with the government's controls or get out of hand—in which case the President will have to do something."

Rising interest rates have caused some concern, and Price Commission Chairman C. Jackson Grayson caused more by warning businessmen not to expect an early end to economic controls. In a recent speech in New York, he had indicated they might be ended by year end.

Glamors, electronics and computers took a beating during the week's trading.

Atlantic Richfield was the most active issue for the week, up ⅝ at 65⅜ on 862,000 shares. Trading included two identical blocks of 365,000 shares at 65¾, off ⅛, which were sold off by Cities Service.

Data Processing Unit Seats Officers



Officers for the 1972-73 term were installed by Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter, Data Processing Management Association at the group's inaugural dinner held at Iorio's Restaurant, Bear Creek.

Outgoing president Eugene Kuchinski, Pittston, was honored with a plaque commemorating his service to the organization during the 1971-72 term.

New officers installed included, from left, Phil S. Jones, Wilkes-Barre, vice president; John D. Siwek, Clarks Summit, secretary; Joseph C. Ostroski, Clarks Green of Bellante & Claus, Scranton, employer of the new president; Theodore Storosko, Nanticoke, president; Kuchinski; Ed Alichnie, Forty Fort, program chairman; and Peter Duzak, Duryea, treasurer.

Board members and their committees were named as follows: Morgan Leonard, internal director; Angelo DeCesaris, educational; Edward Alichnie, awards; Frank Roche, program; Henry McMahon, program book; Herb Davies, by-laws; Keith Davis, publications; Joseph Bennick, publicity; Robert Smalls, student clubs and organizations; Barry Strittmatter, auditing; Joseph Laub, membership; Warren Updyke, assistant membership.—(Publiservices)

Local Stock Prices Listed

The following prices are offered to the Sunday Independent through the facilities of Bache & Co., Inc., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., as a public service. The prices listed are the last known value placed on the security during the past week. In the case of securities traded over-the-counter the approximate bid and offer is given. If the last sale is known it will be given.

Acme Market	31½
ACF Industries	49⅝
Air Products & Chemicals	69⅞
Allegheny Airlines	15¾
Allied Chemical	29⅜
Allied Stores	32
Alcan Aluminum	24⅛
AMP Inc.	103
American Can Co.	31¼
American Cement	6⅜
American Chain & Cable	21
American Cyanamid	33½
American Motors	9¼
American Tel. & Tel.	44⅛
American Brands	42¼
Arlans Dept. Stores Inc.	3⅛
Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.	16
AVCO Corp.	15½
Bache & Co., Inc.	10⅛
Bethlehem Steel Co.	29⅞
Block, H. R.	12⅜
Bucyrus Erie	26
Certain Teed Products	19⅞
Cesears World	5⅝
Chrysler Corp.	31
Cluett, Peabody & Co.	20½
Coca Cola	138½
Continental Can	32⅜
Diamond Shamrock	19⅛
Duplan Corp.	12½
Eagle Stores	5⅛
Federated Dept. Stores	49
Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.	22¾
Food Fair	10
Ford Motor Co.	66⅓
Foster Wheeler Corp.	23¼
GAC Corp.	8½
General Cigar	17¾
General Dynamics	24⅞
General Motors	77
General Tel. & Electronics	28⅝
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	29¼
Greyhound	17⅝
Gulf & Western Ind.	35
Interstate Brands	16½
Jewelcor	27¼
Keller Ind.	19
Kings Dept. Stores	13⅛
Leslie Fay	16⅞
Litton	12⅜
Manhattan Shirt Co.	16
McGregor Doniger Inc.	5⅞
Mercantile Stores	121¾
Merck & Co., Inc.	83
Owens Illinois	44⅞
Penn Power & Light	24⅝
Plessey Inc.	2¾
Proctor & Gamble	98⅛
Pullman Corp.	48¾
Radio Corp. of America	35¼
Riker Maxson Corp.	2⅝
Rohm & Haas	77⅝
Sargent Inc.	4⅛
Schlumberger Ltd.	220
Singer	80¼
Squibb Beechnut	100¼
Standard Brands	47⅝
Suburban Propane Gas	22¾
Tappan Co.	23¾
Trane Co.	71
TRW, Inc.	35
Uniroyal	16⅔
UGI Corp.	17⅝
U.S. Radium	9¾
Wallace Murray	19
Weis Markets	18¼
Western Union	54⅜
Zayre Corp.	31

Commonwealth Telephone	22¾—23¼
Penn Pacific	2 — 2⅜
Penn Gas & Water Co.	18¼—18¾

To Scranton-Area Pair

Williams Bakery Will Be Sold

An agreement in principal has been reached between Williams Bakery and two Scranton area men who offered to buy the financially-troubled firm.

Atty. Joseph Notarianni said that although no formal agreement has been entered into as yet, his offer to purchase the bakery has been accepted by all involved parties.

Notarianni and Paul LaBelle offered to purchase the bakery for an estimated $800,000 with $360,000 in cash and the remainder to be picked up in liabilities.

The two had imposed a deadline of Aug. 31 for an acceptance or rejection of their offer—an offer described as firm and non-negotiable.

Notarianni said it will take several weeks to initiate the legal work necessary to take the firm out of bankruptcy and delivered into his and LaBelle's name. The prospective owners had announced they will invest in new equipment in an attempt to increase the bakery's production.

Dr. Herman Senker, accounting professor at the University of Scranton, and trustee in the bankruptcy proceedings, said he has been informed that the creditors, bondholders and others have agreed to the sale to Notarianni and LaBelle and that it will probably take some time to complete the legal work.

The London subway system has 245 miles of track.

Special School Phone Service Now Available

A special "School Telephone Information Service" for those affected by the flood will be initiated tomorrow by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Administered through Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18, the telephone information service will be available for those affected by the flood who have questions concerning (1) registration of children for school, (2) transportation of children, and professional advice regarding their children's reentry into school.

The telephone information service will operate from the Catholic Youth Center from 9 to 9 Monday through Friday, and from 9 to 4 on Saturadys.

Joseph Skok, special representative of Pennsylvania Education Secretary John Pittenger, will be in charge of the operation.

Skok, a Department of Education staff member, normally serves as director of the Education Development Center at Wilkes College.

Pittenger appointed Skok as his personal representative in the flood area to deal with the

Across The Nation

Threat of Teacher Strikes Could Affect 500,000 Pupils

By United Press International

When opening school bells will ring for nearly 500,000 students remained in doubt yesterday as striking teachers and other disputes disrupted school schedules in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Nevada, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

A small group of Rockford, Ill. teachers, members of their union's negotiating team for 1,900 striking colleagues, spent their second night in the Board of Education headquarters vowing not to leave until a contract was reached.

Negotiations between the teachers and the 43,000-pupil district broke off Friday night and no future sessions were scheduled.

In Philadelphia, the school district and striking teachers suspended talks until tomorrow. The strike, the second in three years to close the city's 200 school buildings, affected some 285,000 students.

About 100 students picketed the last bargaining session and a dozen parents took their children to Mayor Frank L. Rizzo's City Hall office demanding an end to the walkout.

"We would like to say to the teachers, 'We will give you more money,' but the problem is we don't have any," Rizzo told the parents. The teachers are asking for a 32% across the board pay raise.

Teachers at another 12 school districts in Western Pennsylvania also continued their walkouts, affecting 50,000 pupils.

52 Schools Closed

In Las Vegas, Nev., 52 elementary schools remained closed over the issue of busing. The schools, serving 30,000 youngsters, were shut down after a federal ruling ordering busing for racial integration was halted by a state court injunction. The schools will stay closed until at least Tuesday when new motions will be heard in federal court.

A superior court restraining order against teachers striking in seven Rhode Island communities will be aired tomorrow in state supreme court. Most teachers and school officials appeared to be waiting for a ruling before making any major negotiation decisions. About 50,000 students were affected by the strikes in Burrillville, Providence, Newport, Westerly Chariho, Foster-Gloucester and Smithfield.

In Somerville Mass. school officials planned to open all schools tomorrow, but it was not known how striking teachers would react to a restraining order against their walkout. The order was issued Friday against 700 teachers who struck 19 schools, affecting 14,000 students. The main issue was the length of the working day.

At Champaign, Ill. teachers called for a rally and march yesterday while the school board voted to submit the dispute to a federal mediator. More than 12,000 students were affected

No Goal Is Set

United Fund Will Open Fund Drive Wedneday

"The need of the Wyoming Valley United Fund and its member agencies is greater now than ever before. No goal for the campaign will be used because of the overwhelming needs of the community and the United Fund agencies. New and expanded programs are anticipated because of the needs of people in the flood devasted area."



ROBERT LEONARDI

This was the statement made by Robert J. Leonardi, business agent of the Boot and Shoe Workers Union, Local 249, and general campaign chairman of this year's fund drive which starts Wednesday.

Funds and other resources are limited to replace program materials of some agencies which could run into many hundreds of thousands of dollars. The budget requests of agencies prior to the flood amounted to a total of $1,891,000, which was almost $500,000 more than the $1,411,000 raised last year. The agencies have lost much as a result of the flood and demands for services are greater than ever.

The United Fund, through its Citizens Allocation Committee, whose chairman is Gen. Frank Townend, and with the help of the Welfare Planning Council, is now in the process of identifying needs and re-evaluating priorities to determine how dollars can be allocated after the campaign in the most efficient and effective manner. This is an established community process which the United Fund has at its disposal to assure contributors that their money will be properly spent.

The strength of the Wyoming Valley United Fund was proved by the immediate assistance it provided flood victims during Tropical Storm Agnes. Expenditures of all member agencies will exceed $14-million for this disaster, a 10-fold return over the money contributed last year.

Leonardi, himself a flood victim from Kingston, urged the continued cooperation of all segments of the community for this campaign which begins with a Labor Rally and Community Kickoff dinner on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Convention Hall, Pittston.

John E. Mara, general president and secretary-treasurer of the Boot and Shoe Workers Union, with international headquarters in Boston, will be the principal speaker.

Frank Carlucci, President Nixon's personal representative, also will speak.

Reservations can be made by calling the United Fund office, 66 North Main Street, Wilkes-

Alf Landon Turned 85 Yesterday

TOPEKA, Kan. (UPI) — Alf Landon, former Kansas Governor and 1936 Republican Presidential Candidate, turned 85 yesterday and stuck with his traditional birthday schedule.

He said that it included a beef tenderloin dinner, a look at the morning newspapers and tuning in to radio broadcasts of the Kansas - Washington State and Kansas State - Tulsa football games.

"I listened to them on differ-

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First National Bank	45½—46½
United Penn Bank	33 —35
N.E. National Bank & Trust	70 —72
Wyoming National Bank	58 —60
Hanover National Bank	76 —80

Income Tax Firm Will Begin Course

H & R Block will hold an open house today at the Midway Shopping Center from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for anyone interested in the income tax course starting tomorrow.

The Block tax course is designed for people who want to learn more about all major areas of individual tax preparation, including state tax returns, or have a desire to earn money as tax preparers.

Anyone may enroll; no special qualifications are necessary, and applicants need not have previous financial knowledge or tax experience. The course is ideally suited to teachers, housewives, college students, retirees and any person desiring to improve their personal tax knowledge.

Ralph Knelly, director of the school, and instructors will meet with interested individuals to answer questions. Textbooks and materials used in the course will be available for examination.

STUDENT TOTALS UP

BOGOTA Enrollment in Colombian secondary schools, about 200,000 in 1959 and 800,000 in 1971, is expected to reach a million by 1973.

his personal representative in the flood area to deal with the local school districts and Intermediate Unit 18, along with cutting red tape and other problems arising from the flood.

Department of Education staff members will be available to handle the calls, answer inquiries, and to offer educational counselling. Any questions about schools or children will be answered through the telephone operation.

Show Biz Debut

BURBANK, Calif. (UPI) — Mark Spitz will make his show business debut on a Bob Hope business debut on a Bob Hope television special Oct. 5.

The Olympic swimming champion will probably do a standup comedy routine with Hope, a spokesman for the National Broadcasting Co. said Friday. The spokesman did not say how much Spitz will be paid for the show.

games.

"I listened to them on different radios at the same time," Landon said. "And have good suggestions for both Kansas coaches. But they probably won't pay any attention to me."

He also took a six-mile horseback ride along the nearby Kaw River.

The elder statesman of the Republican Party said that his 85 years haven't slowed him down much.

"I havent' found anything I can't do that I could do a few years ago," he said. "Well, I can't ride as far and as fast as I used to, and I find crowds still exciting but tiresome."

4,000 A DAY TURN 65

WASHINGTON — Every day, some 4,000 Americans — two-fifths of them living on farms or in small towns or other non-metropolitan places — reach 65 and join the ranks of America's fastest-growing minority, the aging.

Hess Department Store Shelves Plans to Locate Store in City

Officials of Hess Brothers Department Store of Allentown yesterday confirmed reports of possibly establishing a store in this area, possibly the site of the Issac Long's Store which closed its doors after the June 23rd flood.

The Sunday Independent contacted Philip Berman, president of Hess Bros., and he stated that his firm has no plans in the immediate future to establish a store in this area.

"We feel that Wilkes-Barre and its merchants have suffered a severe blow and they must have time to recover.

"We have been discussing expanding in other areas including Wilkes-Barre over the past several months, but at the present time Wyoming Valley will not be considered."

Mr. Bergman is associated with former Gov. George Leader in the Leader Nursing Home and has visited the area since the flood.

calling the United Fund office, 66 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre. The public is invited.

a federal mediator. More than 12,000 students were affected by the walkout.

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SUCCESSFUL INVESTING

— By Roger E. Spear —

Q—How does one locate a nearby broker who is a NYSE member firm? Can a copy of a list of established dividend paying companies be obtained? Can IBM, Merck or Avon be purchaed through a $100-monthly plan? —B.M.



ROGER E. SPEAR

A—The telephone Yellow Pages are the quickest source for local brokerage firms. These are listed under the heading "stock and bond brokers." Membership on the various exchanges is often listed below the firm name. If not, a phone call will provide this information. The broker should also be willing to send you his company's recommendations for income investors.

The three NYSE issues you mentioned would not qualify if income is your major goal. All three yield less than 2% and two sell over $100. A stock selling at a lower price would enable you to buy one or more shares each month and in my opinion would be a more satisfactory program psychologically. My choices are NYSE-listed American Brands and Central Hudson G&E which return roughly 5.3% and 6.2%, respectively.

Q—Vornado (NYSE) shares have been declining recently—why I'm not sure. I bought this for growth and now don't know what to do.—J.K.

A—Having unwittingly run afoul of the Price Commission, Vornado declined sharply from the mid-30s to as low as 15. On May 31, the Price Commission ordered the company to "reduce prices and refrain from price increases." This was suspended on July 25 "until such time as the Commission determined that the terms of the Order are in compliance with Commission policy as applied to Vornado's peculiar circumstances . . ." Whether a favorable decision is reached or not, it is expected that Vornado will show good earnings growth this year, on which basis the stock appears fairly priced. However, it is likely that Vornado will not turn in a particularly outstanding market performance in the 6-12 months ahead. Hence, if you are more interested in near-term performance you are advised to switch; more patient investors may retain Vornado for possible long-term recovery.

Q—My husband has 200 shares of Champion International (NYSE) which he has purchased through an employees' plan. We do not plan to retire for another 15 years and would appreciate your comments on this stock's income and growth potential.—J.T.

A—Champion International (formerly U.S. Plywood—Champion Paper) is in an unusually favorable position as regards the boom in residential construction. With some 51% of sales derived from building materials, Champion is a direct beneficiary of the uptrend in housing starts. Furthermore, through its furnishings divisions, Drexel & Heritage furniture and Trend carpeting, Champion stands to reap further gains from new housing. Although furnishings accounted for only 11% of 1971 sales, this proportion is expected to increase. An all-time record level of sales, up 61% over previous year, was set at the annual furniture market in April. Champion has embarked on a dealer development program which is expected to increase the company's share of the growing furnishings market.

First half operating results were unusually strong with sales up 21% setting a record of $926.6 million. Earnings gained 38% and were equal to 85c a share. Full year profits in the $1.60 a share area are not improbable thus an increment in the current dividend rate is possible.

Particularly pertinent to a continuation in the housing boom is the availability of mortgage money. With savings inflow remaining strong, available funds for mortgages should support a strong housing trend well beyond the balance of the current year. Of longer-term benefit is the purchase of 670,500 acres of timberland from Anaconda for $117 million. A $30 million plywood and particle-board plant will be erected there. The cost of the acquisition was particularly favorable—currently marketable lumber will cost $21 per board feet versus present stumpage prices of $50 to $80 per 1,000 board feet.

As an employee, your shares are undoubtedly being bought on favorable terms and averaged over the years, advantages which are hard to beat. I see no reason to discontinue your current purchase plan.

Greetings from GUS



FLOOD PROGRESS REPORT—Our electricians are working replacing wiring, controls and elements as fast as possible.

CLASS REUNIONS — As we mentioned last week, we'll give you a little tidbit about Class Reunions each week. Most class reunion committees at one time or another get discouraged with two problems concerning advance reservations for their reunion. First, they are always puzzled at the lack of response from the classmates living in our immediate area. The reservation committee usually fails to realize that local class members are living in familiar surroundings, and have almost daily opportunities to see others from their class. With classmates that have left long ago, many of who haven't been here for several years, they are perhaps a little homesick looking for a good excuse to make their spouse travel the distance ("Well, after all, honey, it's only once every five or ten years"). The reunion committee really has a monopoly on one thing that many out of town classmates want—Where else can one find so many friends that shared so much (sometimes a full 12 years), except at their class reunion. Nowhere else will such a group ever be on this earth at any time except at a class reunion. The second disappointment the committee experiences is the tardy response on reservations. They send out notices 6 to 8 months in advance, then wait with bated breath for a flood (excuse the expression) of reservations accompanied by $20 to $30 checks. Most class members tend to hold off till the last moment because an early return means tying up their funds so far in advance. Although we don't like to stress negative situations about your class reunion coming up, our purpose is to point out that there is certainly no cause for alarm when these things happen. For example—One case concerning a Coughlin reunion, the chair lady called us and in a tearful voice told us that with 15 days to go til the event, she had 18 paid reservations out of a possible 300 guests (classmates, plus dates or mates). At this point she wanted to cancel the reunion with only 15 days until the selected date! We were able to convince her to wait a bit longer. The evening of the reunion we served 183 guests! One hundred and sixty five more than had reserved 15

Hazleton Site Selected

Giant Floor Company Opens Store



A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to mark the opening of Giant Floor & Wall Covering's new store in Hazleton. Principals present for the ceremony are shown left to right: Michael Formica, Thomas C. Tito, sales representative, WAZL; Michelle Rubando, Peter Rubando, President, Giant Floor and Wall Covering; Judge Arthur D. Dalessandro; Mayor Joseph B. Conahan, City of Hazleton; Tom Rubando, manager of the Hazleton Store; Thomas Rubando Jr., and Mrs. Tom Rubando.

The new business located at the corner of South Church and Buttonwood Streets, Hazleton, is the third location for the rapidly growing carpet concern; its main showroom and warehouse is at 543 Scott Street, Wilkes-Barre, and another showroom is located on South Washington Avenue, Scranton.

PDPE Plan Faculty Sessions In 10 District of Unit 18

The most comprehensive faculty sessions in the history of Luzerne County will be held this week for 10 of 12 school districts in Intermediate Unit 18 under the sponsorship of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Education.

Nello A. Riccetti, Unit 18 executive director, reported Ernest Johnson and Mrs. Bertha Boyd, both of PDE, were in the area most of last week arranging the sessions with local school officials and Thomas Jachimowicz, Unit 18 staff, who served as the liaison.

Because of the delay in opening of schools, PDE pledged it would offer the area various educational aid and will supply approximately 50 members of its staff for the in-service sessions. They will be housed at College Misericorda during their stay in Wyoming Valley.

Tomorrow each of the school districts will conduct sessions in their respective districts and teachers will be assigned to the other programs.

Riccetti explained Crestwood, Hanover, Pittston and Nanticoke school districts will combine for sessions Sept. 12, 13, and 14.

Kindergarten through grade 6 will meet the three days from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. at Pittston High School with this schedule:

Reading Session

"Reading," in charge of Florence McGarry; "Science for the '70s," Dr. Irvin T. Edgar; "Social Seminar," Dr. Douglas Boelhouwer; "Elementaary School Education," Richard A. Smith, Ira Light, Dr. Robert Labriolla, Dr. Bernice Gottschalk; "Early Childhood Education," Randall Bauer; "Pupil Personnel Services/Guidance," Louis Borelli.

Wednesday 13 at Northwest High School for grades 7 to 12: "High School Curriculum," John Billman; September 14, "Behavioral Objectives Workshop," Joseph Dunn.

Lake-Lehman contact is Superintendent Robert Belles while at Northwest Area Merritt Sorber is contact.

Sessions at Wyoming Area School District will be held Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Grades 7 to 12:

"Individualization/Foreign Language," Dr. Louisette Logan; "Math. Career and Realistic," Thomas McCreery; "Minicourses (Far West Lab)," Helen McLain; "Nuclear Science," John McDermott; "Pupil Personnel Services/Guidance," Robert Cormany and Dr. William Logan; "Inquiry Method: Social Studies," Robert Schell and James Kehew; "Business Education," (September 13 only), Kenneth Kirk. Wyoming Area contact is Frank Zavacki, principal.

These sessions will be held at Wyoming Valley West Thursday Schell; Career Education," Dr. Robert Piatt; "Consumer Education," Robert J. Wingert. Raymond Chesney is contact for Wilkes-Barre.

Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. teachers (grades 7 to 12) from all districts will participate in these workshops at Dallas Area High School:

"Kindergarten Transition," James Kehew and Robert Schell; "English/Language Arts," Evelyn Miller; "Foreign Languages," David Chestnut; "Physical Education, Vernon Register; "Industrial Arts, Paul Wigaman; "Library Services," Alice Bartz; "Guidance," Dr. Jane A. Stockdale, Joyce Smedley and Louis Barelli, Supt. Linford Werkheiser is contact at Dallas.

Tobyhanna Veterans Council Will Sponsor Benefit Show

A benefit show for area flood victims will be held at Scranton's Masonic Temple, Sunday evening, Oct. 29. Sponsored by Tobyhanna Army Depot's Veterans Council, it will feature area performing artists and groups.

C. Jack Roth, general chairman of announced that the program will include the Little Theater of Wilkes-Barre in excerpts from recent Broadway successes, the Orpheus Glee Club, and a one-act play by the Wilkes College Center for the Performing Arts, directed by Dr. Albert Groh.

Also scheduled to appear are Ferdinand Liva, nationally known conductor, directing a concert orchestra of area musicians, and Gordon Roberts, who will conduct chorus and orchestra in Rosando Santos new score.

Soloists will include Miss Charlotte Klavonski, dramatic soprano; Miss Andrea Bogusko, concert pianist, and John Antidormi, dramatic tenor.

The Toby Tones, the depot's choral group, directed by Charles Williams, will also perform in the two-hour program to be narrated by Mrs. Daniel Flood, wife of the congressman, and Dr. Charlotte Lord, chairman of the English department at Wilkes College.



C. JACK ROTH

Roth said tickets to the performance may be obtained by writing to the information Office, Tobyhanna Army Depot. Donations should be made out to the Veterans Council Flood Relief Program.

4th Kidnapping In Buenos Aires

BUENOS AIRES (UPI) — A wealthy rancher was kidnapped yesterday, the fourth person to be abducted in the Buenos Aires area this week, police sources reported.

A group of men grabbed Ronald Bongiovani, 31, outside his home, then sent his family a note demanding $250,000, the sources said.

They said the kidnapers posed as policemen who told Bongiovani that apparently an effort was being made to steal his automobile, luring the cattleman out to the street where he was hurled into a getaway car.

The Philips Dutch electronics firm paid a ransom, reportedly in the neighborhood of $500,000, for the release of company President Jan J. Van de Panne, who was seized Tuesday and released Wednesday. He said his captors identified themselves as "montoneros," terrorist adherents of exiled strongman Juan D. Peron.

Bathroom appliance czar Adolfo Kaplun and real estate broker Carlos Eduardo Faluge were both freed after family payoffs to what police believed were common criminals.

One Killed, Five Injured In Car Crash

CARLISLE, Pa. (UPI)—A Carlisle man was killed yesterday and five of his companions were injured when a car rammed into a culvert at high speed on Interstate 81, about 10 miles south of here.

Rupert L. Rupp, 26, was killed instantly in the accident in which the driver of the car was identified as Martin Smith, 21, Mt. Holly Springs, Cumberland County.

Also injured were Barry Miller, 26, and Ralph Peffer, 28, both of Mt. Holly Springs; Lloyd A. Peffer, 23, Carlisle, and Bobby J. Schrader, 26, of Gardners. All were admitted to Carlisle Hospital in serious condition.

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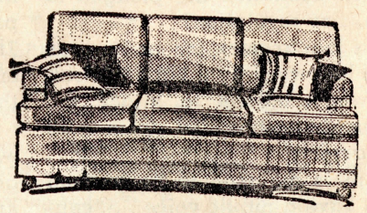
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days earlier! We know that was a rather extreme example but it happened. Don't get discouraged with your planning activities because people here at home appeared not to be interested. We assure you — the classmates from far and wide are. Next week more hints about your class reunion.

THE WEEK'S ACTIVITIES—Sunday, September 3, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Szymczak celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary with a lovely dinner dance affair in our Main Ballroom, while the Polish National Alliance District #7 met and dined in the El Cid Room. What a day for a REUNION! — Eight Reunions! Coughlin 1957 in the Main Ballroom — Hanover 1952 in the Florentine—Hanover 1962 in the Great Hall —Mercy Hospital 1962 in the Wine Cellar—Jenkins Township 1952 in the Renaissance —Wyoming 1962 in the Lounge—Exeter 1942 in the El Cid Room—Hanover 1947 in the Viennese Ballroom — We know everyone "enjoyed" —Almost all the reunions asked the bands to stay and extended their bar arrangements. Tuesday, September 5, the Boot and Shoe Workers #809 held their Executive Board meeting in the El Cid Room. Wednesday, September 6, The Retired Teachers held their luncheon meeting in the El Cid Room and planned their large luncheon coming up October 12, the Christian Businessmen held their weekly luncheon/meeting in the Renaissance Room, Mrs. Anderson held her luncheon / meeting in the Florentine Room, Mrs. Williams back again playing cards in / the Renaissance Room, The Luzerne County Pharmaceutical Association held their regular meeting in the El Cid Room. Thursday, September 7, The Lehigh Valley Railroad men talked it over in the Renaissance Room, The United Fund held their meeting in the Florentine Room, Kingston 1942 committee members were in the El Cid Room getting their thoughts together for their upcoming reunion, while the Pinochle Club was in the Renaissance Room. Friday, September 8, the Interagency Conference lunched and held their meeting in the Viennese Ballroom, Joe Moore and friends met and lunched in the El Cid Room, The Wilkes-Barre GOP Auxiliary met in the Renaissance Room. Saturday, September 9, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver enjoyed the excitement of their wedding reception in the Main Ballroom, while Mr. and Mrs. Niemkiewicz frolicked at their reception in the Florentine Room, Coughlin 1962 "Reunioned" in the Viennese Ballroom, while the Post Office honored a retiree in the Castlefondo, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Bryant celebrated their wedding anniversary in the El Cid Room.

Hostfully yours,
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Dr. Gerald Bosch; "Elementary Curriculum Strategy for Gifted Children," Noretta Bingeman and Donald Seiele, Unit 17; "Early Childhood Education," Charlotte G. Garman. Thomas Kelly, assistant superintendent, will be the contact at Pittston Area High School.

At Greater Nanticoke High School teachers in grades 7 to 12 will be offered these programs Tuesday, Wednesday and Studies/English," Robert Carroll, Helen McLain, Robert Schell; "Pupil Personnel Services/Guidance," Arthur L. Glenn and Marion Lohr; "Science Nature and Survival and Man," William Bolles; "Realist Math for the Non-college Bound Student," Carl Guerriero; "Secondary Reading," Dr. John E. Nagle; "Individualization: Foreign Language Instruction," Fannetta Gordon; "Related and Practical Arts: Intra-disciplinary Approach" (home economics and industrial arts), Earl Zimmerman and Robert Revicki; "Physical Education and Health" (K to 12), Carlton Jones and Joseph Carr; "Driver Education Highway Safety," Ray Fulmer. Contact for Nanticoke Area is Anthony Diksa, assistant superintendent.

Combined Sessions

Lake-Lehman and Northwest School District will combine for these sessions Tuesday and Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for teachers in kindergarten through sixth grade at Lake-Lehman High School:

"Elementary Faculty Self Study," Dr. Harris Reynolds; "Environmental Education" Eleanor Bennett; "Emotional Problems," Dr. William Logan; "Al-

Wyoming Valley West Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for Kindergarten to grade 12:

"Guidance," Robert Cormany and Marion Lohr; "English: Minicourses and Teen Teaching," (grades 7 to 12), John Meehan; "Methods of Instructing Foreign Language,"Dr. Louisette Logan; "Inquiry Methods," James Kehew. Abraham Morgan, director of secondary education, is Wyoming Valley West contact.

General Workshop

On Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. general workshops will be conducted on "Special Education," in charge of Paul Irzinski, Dr. William Ohrtman and staff. All districts will participate.

Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday for teachers from kindergarten to 12th grades workshops on "Physical Education and Health (Adaptive Physical Education)," will be held at Dallas Senior High School in charge of Vernon Register and at Greater Nanticoke in charge of Joseph Carr and Carlton Jones. At Greater Nanticoke Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday a workshop on "Driver Education and Highway Safety" will be conducted by Ray Fulmer.

Wilkes-Barre Area School District will hold six programs at various schools from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

"School Law as It Affects Teachers," Dr. Herbert E. Bryan; "Integrating Reading Improvement in the General Curriculum," Dr. John Peiffer; "Curriculum Flexibility," William Dallam; "Environmental Science," Robert Schwille and Robert

Hanover Teachers Without Pact, But Plan To Report For Classes

Hanover Area School District has been informed that its teachers—still without a contract—will report for work when the 1972-73 term opens on Sept. 19.

The instructors have no intention of withholding their services, said David Koff, counsel for Hanover Area Education Association, in a letter to district officials. It is expected, however, that anything gained through negotiations will be retroactive to the starting date.

While both sides submitted "final offers" last Spring, Anthony Andreole, chief state labor mediator, tried to reopen the negotiations in recent weeks. School officials declined upon learning that the instructors were standing pat on their decision.

The state Labor Relations Board has appointed two fact finders to look into the deadlock. John E. Glab will conduct hearings in the Hanover dispute. He is an engineering and management consultant living in Towanda.

Venus Is Dark, Soviets Report

MOSCOW (UPI) — The dense white clouds which prevent men from seeing Venus probably also keep the planet's surface dark, according to information relayed to Earth by a Soviet spacecraft in July and released yesterday.

Because Venus' cloud cover reflects sunlight, it is the third brightest object in the sky, exceeded only by the sun and moon.

The news agency Tass said a key question Soviet scientists hoped their Venus 8 spacecraft would answer after its soft landing July 22 was whether any sunlight filters through to the the planet's surface.

"Preliminary evaluations of the nature of the changes of illumination at different altitudes show that the Venusian atmosphere considerably weakens the sunlight," Tass said.

Venus 8 radioed back information during an hour-long descent by parachute through the planet's atmosphere and for another 50 minutes from its surface.



John B. Shutack, seated, manager of the U.S. Bureau of Mines district office in the VA Building, North Main Street, city, is pictured with the three specially trained inspectors he has assigned to enforce the new Bureau of Mines safety program instituted to reduce coal mine haulage accidents in the 26-county area of the anthracite region of Pennsylvania.

The men who will enforce the new program are, standing from left, Albert F. Zegley of the Schuylkill Haven field office, Charles M. Weimer of the Shamokin field office and Frank P. Danna of the Wilkes-Barre district office. (Publiservices).

These trained Federal coal mine inspectors will begin conducting comprehensive haulage surveys in all underground coal mines, which will evaluate the design, operating procedures, and the condition of track and rubber-tired haulage systems and equipment, relative to the safe transportation of materials and personnel.

These inspectors are haulage specialists who will discuss with miners employed in haulage jobs, and their supervisors, the potential hazard of haulage operations; variance of operational features, procedures, and practices that are contrary to established policies; and this means of controlling or eliminating such hazards.

Special Training

The inspectors will begin a special training program on Friday for mine haulage employees to increase their awareness for the need of safety in the area of mine haulage, to develop positive attitudes toward safety in everyday work situations, and to give the miners the necessary knowledge to improve overall safety in the area of mine haulage.

All underground mines will be surveyed under the new haulage safety program, however, those mines that have had a fatal or a serious haulage injury during the past year will be the first to be surveyed. This survey, at no cost to a coal operator, is detailed in nature yet comprehensive in scope, covering all haulage requirements of the Federal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. The ultimate goal of the new program is to reduce the number of fatal and nonfatal injuries resulting from the operation of mine transportation systems.

The coal mine inspector haulage specialist in the Wilkes-Barre area is Frank P. Danna of 199 East Sxith Street, Wyoming.

He has an extensive background in anthracite mining, having been employed in supervisory capacities by the Askam Coal Corp., V. & R. Coal Corp., Sullivan Trail Coal Co. and Lehigh Valley Coal Co.

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But It's a Little Late

State's Pilot Rebuilding Program In City Better Than Mobile Homes

This is a bit like closing the barn door after the horse gets out. But it is now apparent that the federal government should have looked elsewhere in solving the temporary housing problem in the flood area.

Shortly after the inundation, we editorialized here that the accent should be put on repairing existing structures rather than concentrating on an influx of mobile homes.

The trailers, it was noted, should be reserved only for those residents whose homes were beyond repair.

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It now develops that the State has been thinking in the same direction but has been unable to get the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to go along.

Elsewhere in this paper is a detailed report on a pilot program being unveiled by the State to assist Wilkes-Barre home owners in getting their properties back in shape.

The brainchild of Rep. Bernard O'Brien, it will offer professional service and advice to afflicted persons to the extent that price gouging and inferior workmanship—two of the banes involved in this type of undertaking—will be avoided.

The Wilkes-Barre Redevelopment Authority will lend a hand in estimating what a job will cost. It will be up to the homeowner to take the advice.

Out-of-town contractors are already coming into the city and will assist in the rebuilding program. They will be supervised by the State-sponsored agency which will be quartered at the old St. John's School on North Main Street.

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Though the program is geared for Wilkes-Barre only, it will be expanded into other towns if it works. We don't see how it can miss.

Official estimates place the cost of each mobile home being hooked up in Wyoming Valley at $10,000. For that price residents could have had $5,000 put in escrow in a bank account to cover contractor expense on their properties. Added to the $5,000 forgiveness clause in the recent Agnes Disaster Act, they would have received the equivalent of a $10,000 mobile home.

There would be one further plus in all that. Their dwellings would be repaired—a need that will face all property owners now living in mobile homes sooner or later.

Olympic Tragedy Aftermath

Those Who Have Power to Influence Have to Shoulder Most of the Blame

How do you explain terrorists who by their own admission are pledged to destruction, not revolution?

There is no answer for actions as were taken last week by a band of Arab terrorists whose efforts to hijack the Israeli Olympic team ended up in a 16 dead massacre.

But there is a lesson to be learned by all who have a public voice . . . candidates, newspapers, radio, television, teachers . . . all who have any power to influence.

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The right for peaceful protest, the right to attempt to change laws, to gain peace, these rights cannot be stifled because of a group of irrational murderers.

But how many of the terrorists of the world, Arab, Irish, Black, Yellow, how many of these had their desire to kill and destroy [illegible]

To advocate a seat in the front of the bus is highly different than to campaign on a platform of age-old hate. Those who have the power of influence must once again take a look at more than just their goals.

They must look at the means with which they advocate gaining these goals. The world is full of people who know no better means than violence. And when they hear it preached by people who should know better, then the entire human race is in bad trouble.

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It is easy to fan angry emotions. It is easier to swing than to negotiate. It is easy to arouse the lowest forms of human behavior.

Whether the issue is a mobile home for a flooded Wyoming Valley family, or a permanent home for a Jewish population that has [illegible]



"But, George, if you stay on the ticket, we won't be discussing issues . . . Just your credibility!"



1972 Pulitzer Prize Winner for National Reporting

American Bombing of North Vietnam Seems To Strengthen Their Resolve

WASHINGTON—It is enlightening, if somewhat frightening, to look at the Vietnam war through the eyes of enemy prisoners.

Captured officers, noncoms and privates alike have been telling their American interrogators that they are willing to die and let their sons fight on after them for a Communist victory.

The RAND Corporation conducted exhaustive, in-depth interviews with 22 typical prisoners in 1970. The findings have been corroborated by hundreds of prisoner interrogations over the years.

"Of those interviewed . . ." reported the RAND research-

American victory over Germany was the end of the world. . . .

"Thus, next to the question 'Will we win the war?' the question 'Is this war really necessary?' will play a great role in the psychological make-up and fighting capacity of a man."

In Vietnam, the Communist troops believe their cause is right and worth any sacrifice. It's the Americans who have

will enjoy happiness. . . . There would be no more bombs and shells. . . . Whether the GVN or the Front gains victory, my family will enjoy a peaceful and happy life."

But, his indifference over the outcome of the war, significantly, didn't extend to the Americans. "The Americans came here to cause death and destruction, wretchedness to all the country," he said. "Therefore, those who fight for the Front will keep on fighting till the end. . . . If the Americans are still present, our children must also continue to fight this war."

Big Fish

A tough North Vietnamese cadre, Pham Bang Cu, who fought for three years in the South Vietnamese jungles before he was captured, told his

Politics

Concerned Republicans Hold a Clam Bake; Trinisewski Rapidly Gaining GOP Power

Probably one of the most energetic Republicans the poor old Luzerne County GOP has inherited in years, is now starting the post-Labor Day traditional political scene off and running.

We refer to Bob Hope's Red Cross TV special friend, Frank Trinisewski, popular and extremely hard working Wilkes-Barre councilman.

During the flood Frank did as much personally as any person in the valley. For his efforts he got a broken arm in a life-saving mission on South Main Street. He also was then invited to be on the Bob Hope Show, an event which hasn't been commented much about . . . although it should have been.

It was most refreshing, indeed it was gratifying, to see the tall, handsome Trinisewski handle himself so well in front of national TV cameras. What impressed many people was his sincerity and manners. While other guests on the show called Hope "Bob," Frank genuinely referred to him always as "Mr. Hope."

It was nice to see our area represented by a guy with class.

So yesterday Frank took some time off from the flood work and launched a big GOP clambake at Sacred Heart Park in Dallas. It was an invitation only affair sponsored by what he calls the "Concerned Republicans."

Everybody was invited from state GOP head Cliff Jones through all current GOP office holders and candidates. Just how many turned up for the affair isn't known at this writing. But it is known that one thousand six hundred buns were ordered. So the Concerned were expecting more than just a few.

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Actually they didn't need one thousand six hundred buns. They only needed one thousand five hundred and ninety-nine buns . . . because the Concerned Republicans made it perfectly clear, as their head man in D.C. likes to say, that City GOP Boss and GOP Sixth Legislative Chairman Jimmy Loftus was not invited. Something about his holding a Democratic job and openly working against his party's Sixth District candidate. That doesn't sit too well with Republicans like Trinisewski who work for the party even if they don't fully agree with all the slate. That's something rare in GOP ranks these days.

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Someone's Cleaning Up

Like we said here last week, we'll let the readers judge

Another caller said he was at the meeting in Hotel Sterling during which DePolo proved totally unreasonable to suggestions for out-of-town help.

"The federal government was interested in the idea of repairing people's homes instead of giving them temporary trailers. But because it was O'Brien's idea, DePolo opposed it and the federal people backed off.

"They said they didn't want to get involved in local problems," he said.

Another source close to O'Brien said Bernie had tried without success to get the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to take over some 375 acres of land behind Zayre Department Store in East End and convert it into a mobile home site.

"That way Wilkes-Barre would get some benefit out of it," the source said. "Instead they went up into Duryea and will put 1,000 mobile homes into the Barnum site."

It was pointed out that the Pittston Chamber of Commerce owns the land and will be collecting the fees from the federal government.

The land behind Zayre's is owned by the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and Luzerne County.

Anyway, both Sutcavage and O'Brien say they don't want to bring politics into the matter of cleanup efforts. But we've just spent the last two Sundays writing about politics in the cleanup efforts.

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Maybe their definition of politics doesn't match ours.

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Busy Garage

Bob McGinley, one-time GOP candidate for State Representative, is now working for the man he tried to beat, Rep. Bernie O'Brien.

Down in weight some 50 pounds since his heart attack Bob never slows down and has been a virtual one-man dynamo since the flood. He's one of the hardest workers for Bishop Hoban High School and has played a big role in getting the school in shape for Monday's opening.

He is also getting quite a name in local political circles as far as being a campaign manager.

Ironically, Bob was among those who handled the successful campaign of Rep. Wil

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The press of this nation has been blamed for making infamy more newsworthy than fame. It is not an altogether wrong accusation. But it applies to many more than just members of the press.

It is easy to fan angry emotions. It is easier to swing than to negotiate. It is easy to arouse the lowest forms of human behavior.

Whether the issue is a mobile home for a flooded Wyoming Valley family, or a permanent home for a Jewish population that has been persecuted for thousands of years, makes no difference.

To encourage violence and to continually look only for what is wrong and then incite corrections of these wrongs by mass violence and by breaking human laws, must stop.

A trigger-happy world does not need free world leaders helping to provide the squeeze.

Transit Improvements

There was some good news for Wyoming Valley residents last week when it was announced that not only will we get a temporary and then a new North Street Bridge, and a new bridge as part of the North Cross-Valley Bypass, but the city finally will get what it really needs.

A third bridge connecting the West Side with South Wilkes-Barre.

And there is a lesson to be learned by this announcement.

Wyoming Valley must mean it when it says it is "coming back better than ever." Rebuilding obsolescence just can't be allowed.

The South Wilkes-Barre bridge has been needed for years. But a relatively few forces in the community kept it from being built. A relatively few forces in the community tragically delayed the bypass in the north.

No longer can these splinter groups be allowed to tie up 350,000 other county residents.

If we come out of the flood with three bridges, and if we resume normalcy with adequate mass transit bus service, at least we will have accomplished one vital factor, an improvement.

We will then be modern in our traffic pattern across the river and through the city and suburbs. Right now we are a generation behind, a situation we must never let ourselves get into again.

If you keep interested in what officials do, being behind the times won't happen again.

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Rental Housing

It is certainly not a new phrase. it is still true.

There was no person in Wyoming Valley who was not in some way touched by the disastrous flood. It is also true that everybody pitched in and is still doing that to put us all back on our feet.

Now comes the time for those who have the space and the capability, to prove again that this Valley will take care of her own.

The Housing and Urban Development has a desperate need for rental space . . . to house the more unfortunate members of our community who simply cannot get back into their former living quarters.

It's no fun having a family split apart. And it's even less fun to feel you are living as a charity case. People want to rent homes, or rooms, or any type living quarters.

Should you have a dwelling that can accommodate people who are willing to rent, you can carry our fight for survival still further. Any person with housing available for rent is urged to call the local HUD office at 829-1986.

ABC-TV should not have to focus in on disrespect for the flag. Its coverage of the Olympic Games is excellent enough without such frills.

As for the athletes involved, if they don't like our country, there are boats and planes leaving every day.

The RAND Corporation conducted exhaustive, in-depth interviews with 22 typical prisoners in 1970. The findings have been corroborated by hundreds of prisoner interrogations over the years.

"Of those interviewed . . ." reported the RAND researchers in a study intended for Pentagon eyes only, "all said that the sacrifices had been worthwhile, and all said that in one way or another the war would have to continue through future generations if they themselves should be unable to achieve their aims."

The RAND study drew a lesson from World War II: "Toward the end of World War II, there were many men in the Wehrmacht on various levels who, no matter how great the urging on the part of Propaganda Minister Goebbels, did not think that an question 'Is this war really necessary?' will play a great role in the psychological make-up and fighting capacity of a man."

In Vietnam, the Communist troops believe their cause is right and worth any sacrifice. It's the Americans who have been asking. "Is this war really necessary?"

Draftee's Defiance

Ha Tam, for instance, was a simple farmer with a sixth grade education when he was drafted into the North Vietnamese Army in April 1963. A resourceful soldier, he rose in rank to first lieutenant and became commander of the Third Company, 14th Battalion.

His company infiltrated into South Vietnam on May 4, 1968. He was captured five months later after a furious firefight.

"I would rather die in the struggle for independence than live under the domination of foreigners," he told the RAND researchers without emotion. "We still have to fight even if the war is prolonged for five more years, 10 more years or 20 more years. If fathers cannot achieve victories, sons will succeed them."

Commented the RAND study: "What seems noteworthy in this statement from a man, who was a draftee rather than a volunteer, is the clarity and simplicity with which he enunciates the line as imposed by his side. Anyone who has listened to the aimless rambling of captured Nazi soldiers in World War 2 cannot but be impressed by the difference."

The least belligerent statement came from a private, Nguyen Van An, barely literate, who said he didn't care whether Saigon or Hanoi won the war. If the South Vietnamese should triumph, he said, "I will join the GVN (Saigon government), and my family must also continue to fight this war."

Big Fish

A tough North Vietnamese cadre, Pham Bang Cu, who fought for three years in the South Vietnamese jungles before he was captured, told his interrogators what had kept him going.

"Regardless of how many more years the war will go on," he said, "the Vietnamese people will keep on fighting till all the Americans leave. The war has been going on for many years. The United States has been using all kinds of modern weapons —airplanes, jets, tanks and has sent a great number of troops to Vietnam. But it always suffered defeats. . . .

"Unless all the Vietnamese people die, the Americans will never win. . . . The big fish can eat up the small fish, but the (American) people cannot use strong arms to eliminate weak people if they have no just cause."

Pleaded Nguyen Ngoc Dung, a student who had fought in South Vietnam for a year as a private before his capture: "We North Vietnamese people never did anything to hurt the Americans in their country. We never dropped bombs on America, so why would the Americans bomb our country, killing our people and damaging our factories?"

Another private, Phan Van Nhanh, said simply: "I primarily fought for my family." Why? "Because my house has been destroyed by American bombs."

The same defiance of American power, the same determination to fight on was expressed by all the prisoners. The bombing, in particular, seemed to stiffen, not weaken their resolve to continue the war.

At first, Washington paid little attention to the Nguyen Ngoc Dungs and Phan Van Nhanhs. But now, Washington is beginning to listen.

LOOK and LEARN

By A. C. GORDON

1. From what five countries have come the greatest number of immigrants to the U.S.?

2. When and where was the first gasoline station for motorists in the U.S. opened?

3. What is a "pragmatist"?

4. Where do fogs of the longest duration in the world occur?

5. What is the source of the lines, "This above all: to thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man"?

6. What is a tundra?

7. What percentage of one's bodily energy is consumed by the functioning of one's eyes?

8. How does a meter compare in length with a yard?

9. What U.S. President of this century was remotely related to 11 former Presidents, either by blood or marriage?

10. What is the generally accepted speed of sound?

ANSWERS

1. Germany, Italy, Great Britain, Ireland and Austria-Hungary.

2. December 1913, in Pittsburgh.

3. A practical person.

4. On the Grand Banks, Newfoundland, where fogs persist for weeks.

5. Shakespeare's "Hamlet."

6. One of the vast, nearly level, treeless plains of the Arctic regions.

7. Twenty-five per cent.

8. A meter is 3.37 inches longer than a yard.

9. Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945).

10. Approximately 1,100 feet per second.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"It has nothing to do with male chauvinism, Miss Feeney! . . . Perhaps we didn't make it clear that your job with the CIA is purely clerical!"

slate. That's something rare in GOP ranks these days.

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Someone's Cleaning Up

Like we said here last week, we'll let the readers judge who is right—Bernie O'Brien or Al Sutcavage—in the continuing controversy regarding the charge that politics has played a role in the cleanup efforts in Wilkes-Barre.

The phones haven't stopped ringing since it was chronicled that Sutcavage blames O'Brien for playing a role in having the State play down Al's contribution toward assigning foremen on the jobs.

Most of the callers feel Representative O'Brien has been dealt a bum rap. "He's been working around the clock on the flood cleanup," said one irate woman. "That Sutcavage is the one who wants to play politics."

Another caller said Sutcavage ought to explain how the unions in general and Henry DePolo in particular can justify paying $6.88 an hour to union foremen on cleanup projects.

"Everybody wants to be a foreman. We've got too many chiefs and not enough Indians," the caller noted, citing reports that DePolo and Sutcavage have been hiring men off the streets in places like Carbondale for the choice foremen's jobs.

Sam Daley of Pittston, who lost out to Dan Flood in the primaries, is another guy who would like to get a foreman's job, according to reliable reports.

He's a painter by trade, as is Sutcavage, and his talents could probably be used in that regard. But Sam and Al are on opposite ends of the political spectrum, meaning Sam doesn't have a chance.

It's little secret that the local construction union, and not the contractors, is hiring the foremen.

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To clarify the situation, this column contacted Representative O'Brien and he said he didn't want to bring politics into the matter. "They're the ones (Sutcavage and DePolo) who are making a political football out of it.

"I admit that I protested to the governor when I heard that Sutcavage was working out of the city garage. He was using it as a base to apply political pressure," O'Brien said.

O'Brien also denied Sutcavage's charge that he had control over young people hired by Model Cities for the cleanup. A Model Cities official verified O'Brien's statement.

"It was O'Brien's idea to get the mini-program started in town," the official said, noting that foremen should be hired by the contractors or the unemployment service instead of the unions.

"We have enough unemployed people around to handle the jobs," he said.

One of the callers was a contractor who said the unions have "a rope around our necks. Some of their officials are for sale, don't kid yourself.

"O'Brien is getting the static now because he had the guts to stand up to them. He's

for Monday's opening.

He is also getting quite a name in local political circles as far as being a campaign manager.

Ironically, Bob was among those who handled the successful campaign of Rev. William Reid when he ran for Wilkes-Barre Council. O'Brien and Reid, it might be pointed out ,are on opposite sides of the political fence.

McGinley played host to Rev. Reid for some time after the flood when the latter's parsonage got wet. The first Reid knew of the flood was while he was in Williamsport on that fateful Friday morning.

In the turmoil that followed, Wilkes-Barre's first clergyman-councilman lost telephone contact with his family. His daughter was scheduled to be married the Saturday of the flood and as late as that night, Rev. Reid had no idea whether the ceremony ever took place.

The following week, however, he found out that his wife, also an ordained minister, performed the ceremony in the Back Mountain area and that, indeed, he had gained a son-in-law.

McGinley, for his part, has managed to keep his hand in politics including daily visits to the city garage at about the same time Sutcavage was there.

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And so it is that the city garage has become the political arena of Wilkes-Barre.

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Political Potpourri

Rep. Stanley Meholchick is not making as many banquets as he used to. He is especially missed in the Shickshinny-Mocanaqua area, causing onlokers to wonder whether he is taking his candidacy against George Hasay for granted. . . . Discouraging reports making the rounds concerning some local office holders making hay out of flood victims' misery. Two such officials trying to make points with the electorate by passing out food and personal items as though it was theirs. . . . Kingston officials bypassing Democratic State administration and putting all their eggs in the federal basket. The result is that Pennsylvania has virtually forgotten the West Side community, despite the heoric efforts of hometowner Rep. Frank O'Connell.

Local Democrats whispering about the antics of Frank Povdiliak who was a delegate to his party's recent convention in Miami. Reports are that Frank attended a few sessions and then took off for Nassau, leaving the voting to alternate Joe Bendish, a student at King's College. . . . Mandatory retirement edict facing Jimmy Casola, Pittston justice of the peace. He may have to go the way of Floyd Morgan who had to give up his commission in Kingston when he reached ripe age. . . . Kevin O'Connor, son of Luzerne County Register of Wills Mrs. Helen O'Connor, has landed a top job with the Pennsylvania Education Association. The fact that Senator Marty Murray is his father-in-law may have had something to do with it.

Belated discovery: Luzerne



Maclean...

WASHINGTON—One big trouble with this country is that we get more politics than we need. For instance, both President Nixon and George McGovern are under the mistaken impression that it really matters to the fate of America which of them is elected President.



DON MACLEAN

Nonsense. This country is simply too big, too strong and too self-sufficient to collapse into chaos no matter who is "at the helm" (to use their words). America is like a huge machine which occasionally can be controlled, or steered, but not stopped.

The industries which have made this country great see the government—or any government—as merely something else to cope with, like a strike, or bad weather. Some people criticize an international giant like I.T.T. for acting as though "it were bigger than the government."

That's not strictly true. Those companies are not, nor do they think they are, bigger than the government. They are simply smarter than the government. When it comes to world affairs, our international firms see realities, whereas the State Department sees promises, dreams and temporary alliances.

Nixon or McGovern, it doesn't matter. Nixon, thanks to four years in office, has discovered what he can and cannot do. This makes him a trifle easier to live with for the next four years, that's all. McGovern still thinks he could change America. It would take him a term in the White House to find out that this is impossible.

(Ol' George has already got several lessons in the art of the possible, as LBJ was fond of saying. First he learned that his lovely-sounding tax ideas wouldn't work, then he learned that he wouldn't be able to pull as many troops out of Europe as he thought. One day soon, maybe tomorrow, he'll discover that ending the war isn't as easy as he thinks it is, either.)

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MEANWHILE, these two men are literally spending millions of dollars to tell us what they would do in the next four years, if elected. All this really amounts to is an ego trip for them, because most of us are aware that, all the high-flown phrases aside, this country would get along somehow even if Donald Duck were President.

Oh, sure, I suppose if we ever elected a complete nut

Payette...

ANY OLD tourist can live it up for a weekend at a luxury resort hotel; the real trick comes when you check in before the plumbers and plasterers and paperhangers have checked out.



VIRGINIA PAYETTE

It makes for a right chummy party. Something like getting there while the hostess is still in the shower. Everybody feels like pitching in to help.

That's how it was for the gala opening of the new Southampton Princess in Bermuda. The hotel was open (just barely) and it was gala, all right (although maybe not exactly the way the management had in mind).

The fun started early. When they routed us through a side door because workmen were still paving the front entrance, we began to suspect other hotels were going to seem dull after this one.

Our welcoming committee was 500 hard hats scurrying to plant a tropical jungle of trees and potted flowers . . . cement the bottom of the swimming pool . . . tile the terraces . . . and fill the front lagoon with water.

Inside, decorators were still hanging chandeliers . . . plumbers installing the fixtures in powder rooms . . . porters rushing around with sofas and chairs . . . and men laying carpet on the stairs.

That's when we began to worry. His Excellency, the Governor, and 1,000 guests were arriving in exactly six hours for ribbon-cutting ceremonies and a formal banquet. Would the Princess ever get her finery on in time?

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WE KNEW the staff hadn't been to bed for 24 hours in their race against the clock. But they tucked us in with cheerful efficiency, even when they had to make three attempts to find a finished room.

Our first assignment had a spaghetti-like pile of wiring between the beds. So they let me wander down the hall and pick out any room that struck my fancy. (Room clerks of America, take note.)

By this time I felt like the Princess's godmother, and even when our faucets gushed only air I hesitated to bother the busy crew. I had faith that water would show up eventually. It did.

And when the couple across the hall found their draperies hadn't been hung, they just climbed on a chair and did the job themselves.



THE WORLD TODAY

By Dr. Harold E. Cox
Professor of History, Wilkes College

There is a considerable gap between ideals and reality—a gap which is quite conspicuous in some organizations such as the United Nations and the Olympics.

At the present, the Olympics are in the worst shape. An organization which should have been dedicated to sports competition has become politicised to a significant degree. This is a process which began long before the Palestinian guerilla attack on the Olympic village last week. The raid and subsequent deaths of Arab raiders and Israeli hostages merely points up a problem which has been festering for some little time.

The Olympic games should be an event in which the best athletes in the world compete against each other in a true spirit of sportsmanship. Instead, the Cold War is extended into the games with the Russians using paid professionals and the Americans being obsessed with winning more medals than Communist athletes. We were listening to the radio this morning when the announcer with great satisfaction announced that "we" were still ahead of the Russians by a margin of 70 to 64 medals.

Various of the sports commentators seem to feel that the United States should make training areas available so that the United States can dominate the world in water polo and other exotic sports. Perhaps, we should also get subsidies to import animals from China so that we can field teams in yak or panda wrestling.

No Difference

In many ways the Olympics are no different from American sports. The amateur athlete is raised from the sandlots through the colleges with the idea being pounded into him that winning is the only thing and that the end justifies the means.

The professional athlete, continuing what he has learned as an amateur and what he sees being practiced by money-grubbing team owners, jumps contracts and demands astronomical fees for putting on demonstrations in what is no longer sport but just another trade catering to the amusement of millions who find sitting in front of a television set hour after hour watching other people get exercise to be the limits of their cultural advancement.

The Olympics have also become politicized. The 1972 games had as preliminary qualified, of the right to compete against their peers.

Last but not least is the problem of amateurism. The retiring chairman of the International Olympic Committee has for years fought against professionalism in the Olympics. He has not succeeded in excluding professionals but he has made the various groups adept at practicing deceit. If the Olympics are to continue, something must be done about the obsession with politics which dominates the games these days and perhaps steps should be taken to convert it to an open tournament, for amateurs and professionals alike, a practice which has been quite successful in such areas as tennis and golf.

Less Spectacular

The United Nations problem is less spectacular but equally serious. The Third World has succeeded in converting the General Assembly and its committees into propaganda agencies in which they indulge their whims. The United States has become the whipping boy of these groups over the years as is demonstrated in the recent vote of the Committee on Colonialism which voted overwhelmingly to denounce the United States for maintaining Puerto Rico in a colonial status.

Puerto Rico is, of course, a self-governing commonwealth under American protection which can go its own separate way whenever it desires. The politicians and public down there are split three ways among those who want to stay a commonwealth, those who want statehood and those who want independence—the last-named group being a small minority which attempts to achieve through violence what it cannot get at the ballot box.

We are still waiting for the United Nations to wax indignant about the Russian occupation of Lithuania, Latvia and Esthonia. We are still waiting (and we suspect it will be for a long time) for them to object to the Russian domination of Hungary or the Russian assertion of the right to invade those countries of Central Europe which wander from the political line which the Russians consider acceptable.

The Olympics and the United Nations are both groups of great promise for a better world, and both are desperately sick. The Olym-

Wilson...

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The new McGovern tax and welfare plan appears to be heading into the same miasma of uncertainty and doubt as the $1,000-for-everybody scheme he abandoned.



RICHARD WILSON

His arithmetic may be wrong again, according to some anaylsts, and the reforms he proposes—mainly taxing capitol gains at regular rates—will not produce the revenue needed to finance his welfare plan. Increasing doubt ataches to the feasibility of cutting Pentagon costs $10 billion for three succesive years.

These technicalities take second place to the main weakness of the McGovern plan. The average man, it is sad to report, will look in vain for any prospect of substantial relief.

Soaking the rich to help the poor will leave the man in the middle about where he was. Not a penny more will the wage and salary earners pay in taxes under his newly revealed plan, McGovern says. Not a penny less, either.

As a political exercise, the new McGovern scheme thus lacks the kinky fascination of $1,000-for-everybody, without any compensating gimmicks to excite public interest.

Those who followed the political campaign in the presidential primaries realize that McGovern's new plan is not a convincing response to the yearnings of tax-burdened voters. The voters who listened to the two Georges, Wallace and McGovern, were happy enough to soak the rich, but they also wanted relief for themselves. They will not get much of the latter under the McGovern plan.

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THE AVERAGE taxpayer knows only what he reads about capital gains. Increasing estate taxes is academic for him. Scaling down investment tax cerdits for business and repeal of accelerated depreciation rules mean nothing to the average taxpayer.

He may be convinced that closing loopholes and taking away tax breaks from the rich and the corporations is only just.

But if his annual confrontation with the Internal Revenue service is to squeeze from him the same, or larger, portion of his income as before, he is likely to wonder what this tax and wealth sharing talk is all about.

If he continues to ask questions, the final answer he will get is that McGovern's spending plans are so big that personal income taxes would have to skyrocket to finance them.

So McGovern would take $22 billion more from corporations and people who have had gains in the value of their property, add it to the $30 billion saved on the Pentagon, and distribute $54 billion in a large variety of ways—$15 billion to local school systems, giving government jobs to a million people, expand the number receiving Social Security by three million, give a minimum of $4,000 annually to families with no other income, and provide income supplements for the working poor.

The scale of such activity arouses substantial doubts that McGovern's $54 billion—even if he could save and raise it—would cover anywhere near the huge costs implied.

In the process of trying to do so, it is the sober judgement of reasonable men that he could bring on a new wave of inflation, a stock market panic, and paralyze the country's economic growth—which has been resumed at a satisfying rate.

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THE McGOVERN plan, nevertheless, was received calmly in the financial East and the reasons for that complacency are plain. Eastern financial leaders do not think there is much likelihood that any significant portion of McGovern's plan, even if he were elected, would be adopted by Congress.

The Democratic Congress, in fact, has refused to enact virtually everything McGovern talks about in his revised tax plan. Democrats have ruled Congress since 1954. Every tax reform McGovern advocates has been before Congress in one form or another since then.

Representative Wilbur Mills (Dem., Ark.), whom McGovern would nominate as secretary of the treasury, has been chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, where tax bills originate, since 1959. Nothing has happened. Mills, in fact, was author of one business tax break which McGovern now desires to repeal. McGovern himself now espouses what he earlier disavowed, a drastic change in taxation of capital gains.

The new plan merely enlarges the area of inconstancy and uncertainty which surounds the McGovern campaign without giving the average taxpayer even the slightest hope for the relief he desires.

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steam. Increasingly, we are wondering why we should

trip for them, because most of us are aware that, all the high-flown phrases aside, this country would get along somehow even if Donald Duck were President.

Oh, sure, I suppose if we ever elected a complete nut he might try to blow up the world, but his advisors probably would have him committed before he ever got that far. So, ho-hum, we shall all have to yawn through another election, after which whoever gets the job will fade into insignificance, though not, I'm sad to say, into obscurity.

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MICROSCOOPS

You don't have to tell me that we've got H-bomb missile sites in our corn fields. Yesterday I bought some ears of corn that shine in the dark.

Buchwald . . .

(Mr. Buchwald was so exhausted from the excitement of the Republican National Convention that the doctor advised him to take a rest. He has left behind some of his doctor's all-time favorites.)

WASHINGTON—It is regrettable that when the wife of a candidate for public office is interviewed, she can't say what is really on her mind. In order to be a good candidate's wife, she must show a stiff upper lip and stick with the standard cliches about her husband, her home and her children.



ART BUCHWALD

Now, for the first time, thanks to a new extrasensory perception process, I can reveal what really is going on in the mind of the wife of the candidate. Her thoughts are in italics:

"Mrs. Goodfellow, what is the most important role a wife must play in her husband's political career?"

"She must give him moral support when he is discouraged. She must be his ears and eyes when he isn't around, and she must be able to help him relax at the end of a hard day's campaigning."

As well as keep him off the bottle and away from all the skirts who think he's God's gift to women.

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"YOU HAVE four children. Do you find they miss their father when he is out making speeches all the time?"

"I imagine they do. But Charlton is a wonderful parent and he always makes time for the children, no matter how many political commitments he has."

Would you believe he hasn't seen them since the Fourth of July?

"Do you find the children understand why both of you have to be away from home so much?"

"Oh, yes. They're wonderful about it, and they're as interested in the race as we are."

They've only run away from home twice—the second time they asked to be placed in an orphanage.

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"DO YOU get upset at the terrible things that are said about your husband during the campaign?"

"Oh, no. One must understand that politics is a rough business, and I'm used to it."

But if I ever see the wife of Charlton's opponent, I'll scratch her eyes out.

"Mrs. Goodfellow, do you find it tiring to be constantly in the limelight and always on your best behavior?"

"I love it. When we first got married, Charlton indicated he wanted to go into politics, and I knew that although it would place me in the spotlight, our lives would be exciting, thrilling and rewarding. I wouldn't change my life for anything."

Except to be married to a plumber or somebody else with a respectable job.

"How do you manage to keep so beautifully dressed all the time?"

"I make do on Charlton's salary. You just have to know where the bargains are."

"If it weren't for the trust fund Daddy left me, I'd be in rags right now.

"Mrs. Goodfellow, do you ever get any time alone with your husband?"

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"OH YES. We steal many hours together and talk about the children and the funny things that have happened during the campaign and the intimate day-to-day happenings of our lives."

The only other people present are his political campaign manager, his pressman, his finance chairman and 43 other volunteer workers.

"Mrs. Goodfellow, if your husband wins his race for office, will you change your living habits in any way?"

"Oh, no. I'm going to be the same person I was before."

I'll just take more tranquilizers.

And when the couple across the hall found their draperies hadn't been hung, they just climbed on a chair and did the job themselves.

Lunch was a picnic. Served in an elegant dining room with gold damask drapes and crystal chandeliers by waiters in blue jeans and football T-shirts. Outside a bulldozer leveled the ground and we cheered it on. It would never do to have his Excellency stumbling over rubble.

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AT DUSK we checked from the balcony to see how the elves were making out. It was a mini miracle: trees planted, plants blooming, grass growing, a fountain tinkling in the lagoon, water in the swimming pool and flags fluttering festively in the breeze.

The same magic wand had transformed the lobby: floors polished, sofas planted on carved carpets, flowers everywhere, chandeliers sparkling, champagne bubbling and a regimental band playing. Even the front door opened.

And the waiters had blossomed out in elegant gold uniforms piped in braid.

That's how it went for three days. A miracle a minute Thursday they dug an underpass to the beach; Friday they paved it; and Saturday we rode on it. (Back home, that would have taken at least a month.)

By the time we ran for our Eastern jet, the Princess was already gorgeous and showing promise of becoming one of the world's most beautiful resorts.

Just to help her along, though, we picked up stray threads in the halls on our way out. You do things like that when you adopt a hotel.

FROM HARRISBURG

By GEORGE CLARK

HARRISBURG — Democratic presidential nominee George S. McGovern has invoked a unique and humane element in his campaign involving the Wyoming Valley.

He has ordered his supporters to halt any campaign work they have undertaken in his behalf and direct all of their energies toward the area's flood recovery program.

The move was announced last Thursday here during a press conference in which Gov. Milton J. Shapp was named honorary state chairman of the McGovern campaign in Pennsylvania.

Shapp and two of McGovern's full-time aides, Vick French, Pennsylvania coordinator, and State Rep. Gerald Kaufman of Pittsburgh, chairman of the executive committee, were candid in their assessment of their candidate's chances.

With only two months to go before the Nov. 7 general election, they admitted, McGovern "definitely is the underdog."

But, added Shapp, an underdog himself in his own bid for election as governor, "so was Hubert Humphrey at this point in the campaign four years ago in Pennsylvania."

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GOING INTO the home stretch, Humphrey whipped Richard M. Nixon by receiving a 169,000-vote majority in Pennsylvania.

Shapp predicted a clean sweep of Democratic candidates in Pennsylvania, including victories for McGovern and his vice presidential running mat, R. Sargent Shriver.

He said he was confident Pennsylvania voters will elect more Democratic congressmen than Republicans, retain the two Democratic fiscal officers and keep the state House and Senate in Democratic control.

"Before election day," said French, "more than 75% of the households in this state will have been canvassed by McGovern volunteers, a figure that is unprecedented in the history of American presidential campaigns."

French said his assessment of Pennsylvania indicates that McGovern will have to carry Philadelphia over Mr. Nixon and his running mate, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, by 250,000 votes.

In Allegheny County, the second largest Democratic stronghold, the McGovern ticket will require a 100,000 plurality, he added, if the South Dakotan is to pick up Pennsylvania's 27 electoral votes.

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THE DECISION to have McGovern volunteers help flood victims, rather than politicking in the Wyoming Valley, likely could have a beneficial effect on the vote there, too.

While many moves by politicians such as the flood decision leaves an impression of grandstanding, this one came off to most political reporters as a genuine concern about the plight of the people in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Shapp said McGovern would be elected president mainly because of his proposals to reshape the nation's economic conditions.

The governor touched on the serious lack of jobs, contended the Nixon wage-price freeze was "working against" the people's interests, said inflation was "still rampant," and maintained that unemployment has almost doubled" since Mr. Nixon took office four years ago.

Kaufman said the McGovern campaign would be conducted on the high road, volunteered the comment that there would be no macing of state employes for contributions and blistered the Nixon campaign efforts.

He charged that milk dealers recently kicked in "several hundred thousands of dollars" to the Nixon war chest, then two days later the administration increased the federal milk price support as a return favor.

The Olympics have also become politicized. The 1972 games had as preliminary events the usual squabbles over whether Rhodesia could send a team disguised as British subjects and whether the Communist and Nationalist Chinese could both have teams. In both cases, political pressures deprived a group of athletes who were otherwise groups of great promise for a better world, and both are desperately sick. The Olympics are probably salvageable, and the recent events in Munich may shock the world into pulling the games out of the political arena. We have considerably less hope for the United Nations. We used to think that it was worth keeping around as a debating society to let people blow off steam. Increasingly, we are wondering why we should bear most of the financial burden for an organization which produces little but anti-American polemics.

Politics

(Continued from Preceding Page)

County's delegation at the Democratic national convention was one of the few whose makeup was challenged because some delegates violated the new rule on endorsement. . . . Sources close to Senator Murray say he was out of town when the decision to appoint Joe Collis to the Wyoming Valley West School Board was made. That would mean somebody is playing while the cat's away. . . . Kingston magistrate Richard Adams reportedly had the inside track until directors Ed Yarmey and John Kielty insisted they wanted a Republican to replace the resigned Dr. Charles DeBonis. . . . Followers of the Valley West board say Kielty is a less arrogant version of Yarmey whose followers also include Frank Alexis, Joe Tomasura and Dr. Joe Evans. The latter trio vote only as Yarmey tells them to. In Evans' case, district residents can't understand why since he is chairman of the biology department at the University of Scranton and considered an intelligent man. . . . Tomasura is said to be more interested in golf than thinking independently on the board.

SOLUTION TO TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Wilkes Outlines Program

A partial remedy to the problem of making everyday life in the Wyoming Valley a little more pleasant for those who have been touched by the tragic June flood which is paralled to the civic and institutional directed "Operation Outreach," has been established by Wilkes College.

The first phase of this special program involve college resources and personnel who will be dedicated to relief programs. The Wilkes program, however, will not be dependent upon special grants or funds.

The key to the operation of the Wilkes program will be the combined efforts of the students, faculty and administrators toward a common goal—the same incentive that enabled the college to come back so successfully from the multi-million dollar damge loss it sustained in the flooding that followed Hurricane Agnes.

Although the program of activities that Wilkes will provide for those victims of the flood — particularly those who have been displaced from their homes and are now residing in mobile home communities—has not been finalized, the committee, has reached agreement on an initial program.

Among the offerings will be: Admission without charge to all Wilkes athletic contests to community groups of youngsters who make prior arrangements with the college; employment testing service to all flood-effected businesses; visits upon request of various entertainment groups and folk singers; admission by prior arrangement to all theater and musical events on campus; athletic clinics and assistance in the organization and operation of sports activities where requested; instruction in arts and crafts through visiting students and faculty.

It was pointed out by President Francis J. Michelini that the intent of the college personnel in offering this assistance is in no way meant to overlap or interfere with other federal, state or local programs.

"Wilkes has always been a community-oriented college," Dr. Michelini said. "The school was established and sustained through the efforts of many generous people in this region over the three and a half decades. It is our desire to reach out and help at this time in an effort to try and give back to the community something which might ease the burden for many of those who have suffered so greatly."

Festival Promoter Defies Court Order Banning Gathering

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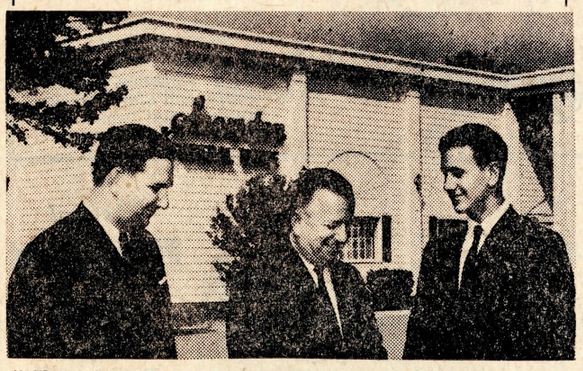
town, the Rev. Dennis Madeira, pastor of Westmoor Church of Christ, officiating. Cedar Crest Cemetery, Trucksville. Viewing tonight 7 to 9.

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Funeral Is Held For Arthur C. May

Funeral services were held yesterday for Arthur C. May RD 2 Hunlock Creek, Lake Silkworth.

The Rev. George B. Pickett officiated at services at the Lohman Funeral Home, 84 Prospect Street, Nanticoke, and interment was in Edge Hill Cemetery, West Nanticoke.

Pallbearers were Donald Kivler, Robert M. Jones, Palmer Jones, Lee Murphy, Henry Herman and Oliver Williams.

Mrs. Sadie Francis

The funeral of Mrs. Sadie Francis, 238 Rutter Avenue, Kingston, was held yesterday with Rev. John Prater, rector, conducting services at Grace Episcopal Church, Kingston. Interment was in Mt. Greenwood Cemetery, Trucksville.

Pallbearers were Daniel Zikarski, Raymond Columbus, Steve Sekrick, Harry Hamburg, Doug Pasgot and Elmer Lamoreaux.

He was an alumnus of GAR High School where he starred on the football team; Lafayette College; and was an Army veteran of World War 2.

Mr. Valaika was president of the T. J. Valaika Construction Company in Pennsaucken.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Valaika of Philadelphia; his wife, the former Rose Poltash of Plains; children, Kathleen, Nancy and David, all at home; and a brother, Walter Jr., of Pennsaucken.

Funeral services were held in St. Veronica's Church, Pennsaucken, with interment in Calvary Cemetery.

Mrs. Thomas J. Keegan

The funeral of Mrs. Thomas J. Keegan of 462 Broad Street, Hazleton, was held yesterday from the Conahan Funeral Home, 532 North Vine Street, Hazleton followed by Requiem Mass in St. Gabriel's Church, Hazleton. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery Drums.

Pallbearers were David Saxton, Thomas Saxton, Kenneth Floyd, William Malloy, Joseph Resnick and Gerald Malloy.

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The funeral of Mrs. Julia E. Weir was held yuesterday from the Collins Funeral Home, 159 George Avenue, Parsons, with a Solemn High Mass at St. Dominic's Church. Officers of the Mass were Msgr. John Walsh, celebrant; the Rev. Francis Kraemer, deacon; the Rev. Robert Everling, sub-deacon. Organist was Mrs. John J. Gurecich and solist was Anthony Ruddy. Burial was in Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas with Father Kramer officiating.

Pall bearers were: Paul and Kevin McHale, John Killeen Jr. and John Kileen 3rd, Arthur and Gerald Pattison and James Heston.

Marguerite McDermott Services Are Held

The Rev. Alice Collins, pastor of Ashley Presbyterian Church, officiated at funeral services yesterday for Mrs. Marguerite McDermott, 72 Fall Street, Ashley.

Services were held from the Graham Funeral Home, 324 South Franklin Street and interment was in Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Chris Lawrick, William Daniel, George Gohram and Theodore Stark.

Hudock, Luzerne County Coroner and Deputy Coroner Walter Lisman investigated.

Police investigation was made by Detective Bernard Banas and Cruisermen Stanley Pohutski and Gerald Cookus.

A retired mail carrier, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Emil Carliski, Carmel, N.Y.

Born in this city, he was a son of the late Thomas and Anna Jones Williams.

Funeral will be held from the Kniffen Funeral Home, 465 South Main Street, Tuesday morning at 11 and officiating will be Rev. Clarence Schaffer, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Hanover Green Cemetery.

Friends may call tomorrow night 7 to 9.

Mrs. Julia E. Weir Interment Yesterday

The Rev. Calvin E. Humbert, pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, officiated.

Ernest Barnes

Funeral services were held yesterday for Ernest Barnes, 1122 Exeter Street, Reading, 1122 Exeter Street, Reading,

The Rev. Wayne L. Yarnall, pastor of Laurel Run Primitive Methodist Church, conducted services from the Balliett Funeral Home, 70 South Grant Street. Interment was in Mt. Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Frances Tyburski

Funeral services were held yesterday for Mrs. Frances Tyburski of Upper Askam, formerly of Nanticoke.

Services at the Drapiewski Funeral Home, 14 West Green Street, Nanticoke, were followed by Requiem Mass in St. Stanislaus Church. Interment was in parish cemetery.

Pallbearers were: John Groholski, Ronald Groholski, Richard Groholski, Clem Oraczewski, Stanley Oraczewski and Peter Sirak.

Terry Meeuwsen, Wisconsin Lass, Is Miss America

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (UPI) —Terry Anne, Meeuwsen, the 23-year-old Miss Wisconsin wearing a POW bracelet on her wrist, was crowned Miss America 1973 last night.

The shapely brunette, a clear favorite of judges throughout pageant preliminaries, becomes the first Miss Wisconsin ever to win the 52-year-old contest. She was crowned by Laurie Lea Schaefer, Miss America, 1972, after Bert Parks announced her name at midnight from among five semi-finals standing on stage.

Pageant observers began speculating as early as Thursday that she was a possible winner, after she brought down the house with her lovely voice in singing "He Touched Me."

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Plains Girl Hurt Near West Side Drive-In Theatre

Janice Biondi, 18, of 30 Powell Street, Plains, was treated at Nesbitt Hospital for injuries received last night when the car she was operating was involved in an accident on Route 11 in Larksville near the West Side Drive-in Theater.

State Police Raid Game At Old Forge Store

State Police from the Dunmore Barracks and a State Police Area 2 Strike Force conducted a raid yesterday morning at 1:45 at the Central Cigar Store, 108 South Main Street, Old Forge, where a card game was in progress, it was announced by Acting Commander Lt. Edward Mitarnowski.

Arrested was the owner of the cigar store, Enrico G. Pascoline, 39, a resident of 512 Simpson Street, Old Forge. Nine frequenters who were in the store at the time of the raid will be sent summonses.

Mrs. Evia Altemus of Dushore, Mrs. Almira Paulsen of Korn Krest and Mrs. Margaret James of Meeker.

Funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 from the Bronson Funeral Home, Main Road, Sweet Valley, with Rev. John L. Topolewski of Trucksville United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will be in Bloomingdale Cemetery.

There will be viewing tomorrow and Tuesday nights from 7 to 9, with Masonic services Tuesday night at 8.

Mobile Home Gas Tank Is Stolen

A propane gas tank, about to be hooked up to a mobile home, was stolen some time yesterday afternoon from 473 Horton Street, city.

Police reported that the tank was delivered by the Valley Service Company on Friday to Ray Golightly of 250 Willow Street, who occupies the mobile home. The tank and gas was valued at $157.50.

Elwood M. Jackson Sr.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in Mt. Zion Baptist Church for Elwood M. Jackson Sr. of 174 Hazle Avenue. The Rev. W. J. Atterbeary officiated and interment was in Maple Hill Cemetery, Hanover Township.

Arrangements were by the Kniffen Funeral Home.

At Wednesday Meeting

County Will Announce Voter Registration Sites

Daniel Ripa, Luzerne County Director of Voter Registration, last night said the Election Board will meet Wednesday after a meeting of the county commissioners to announce a list of places where residents may re-register to vote in the November election.

Ripa said his staff is "working day and night" to establish a schedule and find facilities where the county's 173,000 voters, whose records were lost in the June flood, may re-register.

While members of Ripa's staff are presently scouring the county for sites, Ripa said "a lot of extra people" will be hired once the actual re-registration begins.

As far as polling places are concerned, Ripa said about the only areas where new locations would have to be found are in South Wilkes-Barre, Kingston and Forty Fort.

In a related development, a county official said a bill pending in Harrisburg would allow voters to re-register on Saturdays and Sundays.

Four Teeners Injured In Bunker Hill Crash

Four West Side teenagers were admitted to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital last night with injuries suffered when the car in which the ywere riding hit a tree on Bunker Hill Road, Kingston Township, when the operator swerved the vehicle to avoid hitting an animal that darted across the road.

Admitted were Kevin Jane, 17, operator, of 60 Academy Street, Plymouth, multiple lacerations of the face; Deborah Lupinsky, 16, of 850 North Walnut Street, Luzerne, lacerations of the face and arms; Debra Tarreto, 17, of 818 North Street, Luzerne, bruises and abrasions of the body; John Pollock, 20, of 409 Miller Street, Luzerne, possible leg injuries.



John Passan, center, president of Shamrock Racing Association, presents to John Shipkoski, executive director of Luzerne County Unit, American Cancer Society, a check representing gate receipts of Aug. 28 at Pocono Downs.

At right is Karl Novak, Cancer Unit assistant director. Aug. 28 was "American Cancer Society Night" as Pocono Downs.

Graduated Tax, Smaller Legislature Sought

HARRISBURG — An Allegheny County legislator has come up with a new scheme aimed at getting the questions of a graduated income tax and a smaller General Assembly before Pennsylvania voters.

Sen. Thomas M. Dolan, D-Wilkins Twp., says he will introduce a bill calling for the controversial issues to be put before a constitutional convention next year.

Nolan said he will urge the convention route, because of the legislature's failure to approve proposed amendments to the state constitution that would have achieved the same ends.

Because the House and Senate were unable to agree on language, the amendment proposals fell by the wayside and cannot now be put before the voters until 1975.

Nolan said that a constiutional convention could meet next year, make its recommendations and secure voter approval— or disapproval—in the Spring primary of 1974.

Nolan said his bill, which is currently being drafted, probably will be introduced this week when the legislature reconvenes following a Summer recess.

Know As 'Maverick'

The freshman senator, who in two years has earned the reputation of a penny-pinching maverick, said his bill will show just how sincere the legislature is about reducing its size and tax reform.

"At least, it's going to make everybody stand up and be counted," said Nolan, who vowed to force a showdown if the Senate leadership tries to bury his bill in committee.

Nevertheless, the chances for Nolan's bill to succeed this year are virtually nil, if for no other reason than that the legislature shuns controversial issues this close to an election.

Another reason is the lack of time. Opponents undoubtedly will argue that Nolan's proposal is too far reaching to be given adequate consideration in the few remaining weeks of the session.

One House leader said he sees the legislature merely acting on those bills that are "absolutely necessary" before taking another recess next month, so members may campaign for re-election.

Nolan is not up for reelection this year, but half of his Senate colleagues are, and every one of the 203 House seats are on the Nov. 7 general election ballot.

Special Session

When the lawmakers return tomorrow, they will have several bills to act upon, including measures introduced during a special session called by Gov. Milton J. Shapp last month.

Shapp made the legislature interrupt its Summer recess to start action on a number of flood relief bills and scale down a pay raise for state officials approved by the Compensation Commission.

The Senate still has several flood bills to vote upon, including a House-approved $100 million bond issue to help finance the rebuilding of communities ravaged by Tropical Storm Agnes.

The House has on its agenda a Senate-passed bill to require the counting of absentee ballots received up to 8 p.m. election night. The present deadline is 5 p.m. the Friday before the election.

Another Senate-passed bill before the House would remove the 6% interest ceiling on municipal bonds to make them more attractive to prospective investors.

The legislature may also, prior to the election, act on bills to liberalize benefits under the state's Occupational Disease Act and its program of giving property tax relief to the elderly.

Nolan noted that he was favored reducing the size of the General Assembly both as a member of the House in 1969-70 and as a senator. He voted for such a measure when it passed the Senate a year ago.

He also said he believes a graduated income tax would be fairer to the average working man than the present 2.3% flat rate tax imposed by the legislature last year.

"I think the public should have the right to say through a referendum whether they want a graduated income tax and/or a smaller legislature," Nolan said.

Favors Convention

"At this point, I think a convention is the only answer. I've given up hope of the legislation taking any action on amending the constiution," the senator added.

Nolan also announced plans at introducing, either this week or next, a bill to create a cabinet-level Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

At present, the state's mental health-mental retardation program is administered by the Department of Public Welfare, which Nolan says has its hands full handling public assistance.

A third bill which Nolan is preparing would restore $12 million which the legislature cut from Shapp's spending requests for mental health.

Nolan is chairman of a special Senate committee investigating state mental institutions. The committee was formed because of the threatened closing of the mental wing at St. Francis General Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Eight Men And A Boy

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI)—The U.S. flag that flies over the Utah Capitol is the largest in the state. But state maintenance workers want a smaller flag put back in use.

They say it takes eight men and a boy to lower the new flag and fold it correctly.

Secretary of State Clyde Miller, however, says he doesn't care if it takes 50 men. In fact, he says hes' looking for a state flag of the same size because the present one looks kind of puny flying alongside the big American flag.

Republicans at Clambake When Boss Comes to Town

You can probably imagine how you would feel if your boss came to pay a visit to you at your home, and you were away somewhere at a party.

Well, think of how the local Republican hierarchy must feel.

Yesterday, when they were all gathered together for a Republican clambake at Sacred Heart Park in Dallas, their "boss," President Richard M. Nixon, popped in for his surprise visit to the Wilkes-Barre area.

A number of political pros in the area made the observation last night that "their beer probably turned sour when they found out the President was in town and realized none of them would be around to share the limelight."

For Allentown Volunteers

Mountaintop Couple Coordinates Flood Aid

Allentown area volunteer workers who have been bussed to Wyoming Valley almost daily since flood cleanup began will come into the area only on Saturdays from now on.

Mostly college and high school students who have returned to classes, the volunteers have been working under the sponsorship of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church in America which made the announcement.

A Mountaintop couple, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hallett, have been coordinating the work of Lutheran Central in this area. Headquarters in the Wilkes-Barre area has been St. Matthews Lutheran Church on North Main Street. Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mountaintop, the Hallett's have had the assistance of the Rev. Leonard Ashford, pastor of St. Paul's, and Al Martin, secretary of St. Matthews Church.

Lutheran Central is a disaster relief program set up by the Metropolitan Lutheran Council of Greater Wilkes-Barre.

Peak volunteer response reported by representatives of Lutheran Central was the total of 1,324 who came into the Valley two saturdays ago.

While the number of volunteers responding to the Lutheran program is dwindling with the opening of Fall classes, the organization is still gathering such items as Winter clothing, space heaters, cleaning supplies, furniture, appliances and household items for distribution to flood victims.

Conyngham Twp. Group Opposes Dumping of Refuse in Old Mine

Residents of Conyngham Township, Columbia County, were loud in their protest

Those in charge of the meeting hoped to avoid a vote on the matter because they claim

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mountaintop, the Hallett's have hold items for distribution to flood victims.

Conyngham Twp. Group Opposes Dumping of Refuse in Old Mine

Residents of Conyngham Township, Columbia County, were loud in their protest against a plan to dump Philadelphia's refuse in an abandoned mine in their township, when a public meeting was held Friday night.

The session was called by the supervisors and an official of the National Resource Recovery Corp. went to Columbia County along with two other engineers to explain "benefits" of the plan.

His explanation got off to a bad start because people at the meeting repeatedly interrupted him with comment such as "you're wasting our time," and "we're interested in industries and not garbage."

Those in charge of the meeting hoped to avoid a vote on the matter because they claimed the more than 100 people present did not provide a fair representation of the township's citizenry.

Those present insisted on a vote and a show of hands was held. There were those in favor of bringing in the refuse, 12 who abstained and approximately 90 who opposed.

It was claimed that Conyngham Township will realize $75,000 a year, plus the reclamation of the mine property if they are willing to accept the refuse from Philadelphia.

Woman Injured In Car-Bus Crash On East End Blvd.

One person was injured last night at 6 in a collision on Route 115, East End Boulevard, near the entrance to Interstate Route 81.

Treated at General Hospital for lacerations of the right knee was Sonja Visniski, Box 789, RD 1, Wilkes-Barre.

Plains Township Police reported a car operated by the Visniski woman figured in a collision with a bus, operated by John H. Woodlin, of 242 Highland Avenue, Ambler, Pa. No one in the bus was injured, police said. Occupants of the bus were reportedly in the area to aid with the flood clean up.

Patrolmen Carl Zawatski, Robert Conway and Joseph Mikelski investigated.

Two Accidents Are Reported At Valley Mall

Wilkes-Barre Township Police investigated two accidents late yesterday afternoon in the parking lot of the Wyoming Valley Mall. No one was injured in either mishap.

At 4 p.m., cars operated by Donald J. Stella, 26, of 150 East Carey Street, Plains, figured in a collision with a car operated by Frederick C. Thomas, 39, of 31 Elizabeth Street, city.

Later, at 5:45, police reported cars operated by Nancy L Konsauitch, 40, of 14 Willow Street, city and Donald J. Crane Jr., 21, of 131 Conyngham Avenue, city, were involved in a collision. Police said damage in both cases was slight.

Patrolmen Michael Brojakowski, John Jagodzinski and Chet Bomber investigated.

Bank Building Title Transferred to Schalm

Transfer of title to the former First National Bank Building on Public Square was recorded last week in the office of Recorder of deeds Frank C. Castellino. The downtown landmark was purchased by Paul J. Schalm of Huntsville for $212,000, who intends to convert the structure into an office building.

Schalm, who earlier this year bought the IBE Building next door, also plans to erect a 7½-story high-rise office building on North River Street not far from Hotel Sterling.

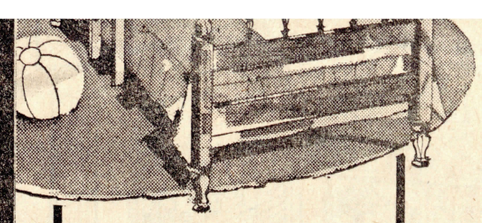
Nixon Agrees With Kingstonian Concerning Carlucci's Mission

Frank Carlucci, the man President Nixon appointed to come back to his native Wyoming Valley and coordinate the flood recovery program, is likely to continue his climb in the ranks of government after his mission is completed here.

The career foreign service officer, who is now considered one of President Nixon's key aides, looked just as surprised yesterday at Scandlon Field when the nation's chief executive assured one well-wisher that Carlucci would be rewarded for his efforts here.

Retired mail carrier Ralph Hahn was exchanging views with the President and told him that Carlucci was doing a first rate job and should be rewarded.

The President replied in the affirmative and said he was well aware of the fine job that Carlucci was doing and told Hahn that he (the President) had a job at a much higher level in store for him.



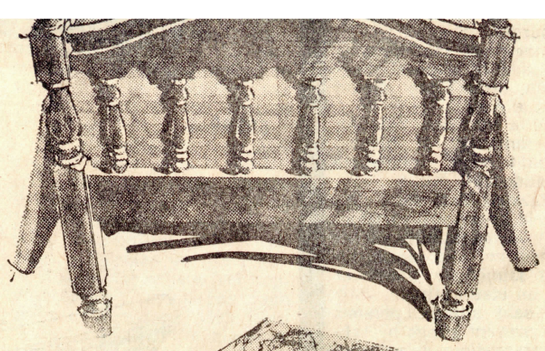
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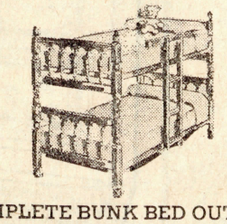
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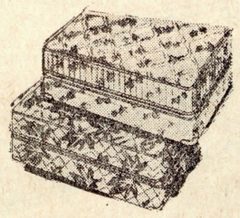
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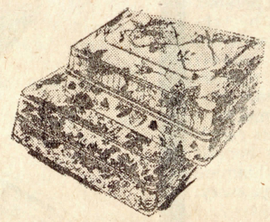




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Valley Districts to Get 100% Federal Funding

W-B Board Undecided on Lafayette School; Pittston Awaits Students From Barnum Site

Education Month will have a special significance in Wyoming Valley with a 100% funding by the Federal Government, for educational institutions damaged by the flood of June, 1972.

Frank Carlucci, personal representative of President Nixon, emphasized complete flood repair funds are available from the Federal Government through the Federal, state, and local Governments. He expalined that both dollars and technical assistance have been made available on a massive basis — but the aid by law is handled through non-federal authorities at their request.

Mr. Carlucci, also noted students arriving at King's College where he conducts his daily report to the people as evidence of Wyoming Valley coming back, bigger and better.

He explained King's College is one of the institutions of higher learning which will be assisted by the Federal Government under Public Law 81-874 of the National Major Disaster program, advocated by President Nixon, and noted a survey of damages is continuing by Region 3 of the U.S. Office of Education.

"We are interested in helping State and local Governments in getting students back in the classrooms as soon as possible," Mr. Carlucci remarked. "But because of the extensive damages, many of Wyoming Valley's public and non-public schools have decided to delay the normal starting times for the opening of sessions by a week or two."

He pointed to a better than $1 million grant to the Pittston Area District for purchases of relocatable classrooms to handle an influx of students from mobile home sites in the upper Luzerne County area. He cited the Barnum site in Duryea where 1,000 mobile homes will be located as increasing the student enrollment in the Pittston area district.

Mr. Carlucci explained Wilkes-Barre City School District has not decided on the Lafayette Elementary School for classes since it was one of the buildings heavily damaged by the flood which was caused by the dike breaching only a few blocks away.

He said the U.S. Office of Education has authorized 25 relocatable units for the Wilkes-Barre District, which has an approved Federal expenditure of $5,916,940 for flood repairs and restoration of equipment.

Mr. Carlucci estimated nearly $10,000,000 has been paid by the Federal Government to six public school areas through the State Government. Their total entitlement is an estimated $12,579,170 as the result of flood damage already appraised by the Region 3 team from Philadelphia.

He also noted the bulk of the Federal funds is earmarked for the Wyoming Valley region where flood waters damaged schools on both sides of the Susquehanna River.

Mr. Carlucci said the Federal Funds are contributing to the reopening of schools around mid-September and recalled President Nixon had instructed him that health and education were among the major concerns in the flood recovery program.

Band Sponsors At Lake-Lehman

LCCC To Begin Classes Oct. 2

Luzerne County Community College will open both day and evening classes for the Fall Semester on Monday, October 2.

According to Dr. David R. Duncan, dean of students, advance registration for the Fall Semester is also progressing smoothly. He added that both new and returning students should have received instructions as to appearing at the college for advance registration.

Any student who has not received such a communication is asked to report to the Technical Annex at 36 North Main as soon as possible for registration purposes.

Mrs. Winifred Martinkovic, coordinator of financial aid and placement, has advised students to keep in mind that deadline for filing of PHEAA flood applications is Friday.

She added that applications for the college work-study program are now being accepted and that necessary forms are available at the college's financial aid office.

Back Mt. Firemen Meet Tomorrow Night

The Back Mountain Firemen's Association will hold its regular monthly meeting tomorrow evening at 8 at the Jonathan R. Davis Fire Hall, Idetown.

President Donald Shaeffer will preside.

THAT'S A LOT OF DOGS

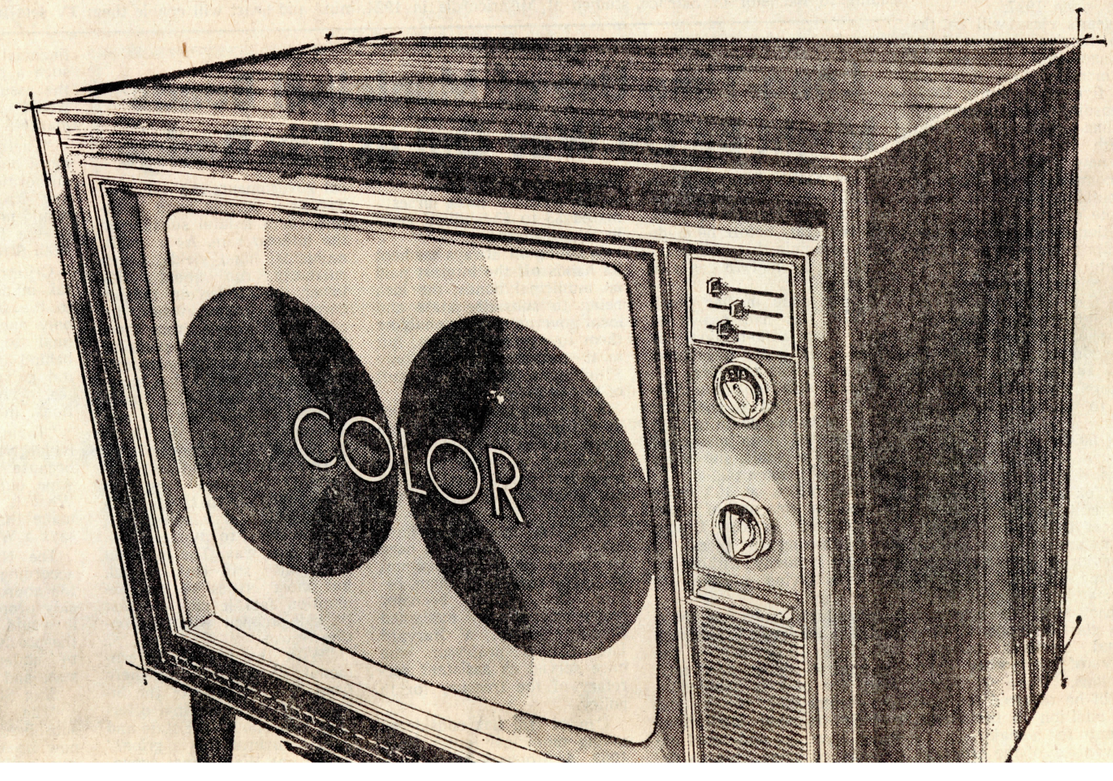
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Wilkes Outlines Program

A partial remedy to the problem of making everyday life in the Wyoming Valley a little more pleasant for those who have been touched by the tragic June flood which is paralled to the civic and institutional directed "Operation Outreach," has been established by Wilkes College.

The first phase of this special program involve college resources and personnel who will be dedicated to relief programs. The Wilkes program, however, will not be dependent upon special grants or funds.

The key to the operation of the Wilkes program will be the combined efforts of the students, faculty and administrators toward a common goal—the same incentive that enabled the college to come back so successfully from the multi-million dollar damge loss it sustained in the flooding that followed Hurricane Agnes.

Although the program of activities that Wilkes will provide for those victims of the flood — particularly those who have been displaced from their homes and are now residing in mobile home communities—has not been finalized, the committee, has reached agreement on an initial program.

Among the offerings will be: Admission without charge to all Wilkes athletic contests to community groups of youngsters who make prior arrangements with the college; employment testing service to all flood-effected businesses; visits upon request of various entertainment groups and folk singers; admission by prior arrangement to all theater and musical events on campus; athletic clinics and assistance in the organization and operation of sports activities where requested; instruction in arts and crafts through visiting students and faculty.

It was pointed out by President Francis J. Michelini that the intent of the college personnel in offering this assistance is in no way meant to overlap or interfere with other federal, state or local programs.

"Wilkes has always been a community-oriented college," Dr. Michelini said. "The school was established and sustained through the efforts of many generous people in this region over the three and a half decades. It is our desire to reach out and help at this time in an effort to try and give back to the community something which might ease the burden for many of those who have suffered so greatly."

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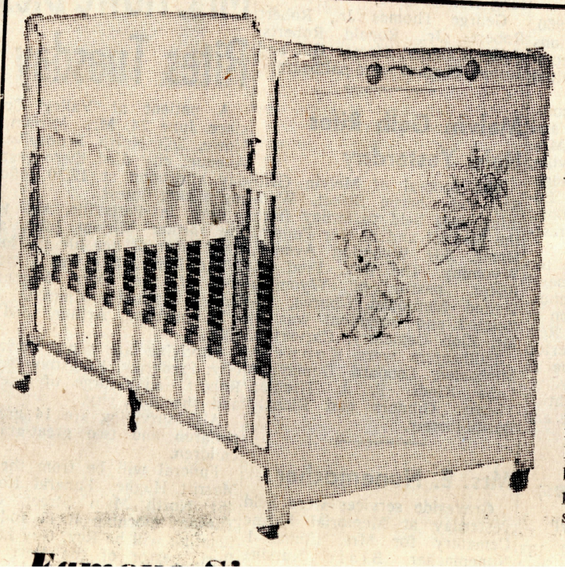


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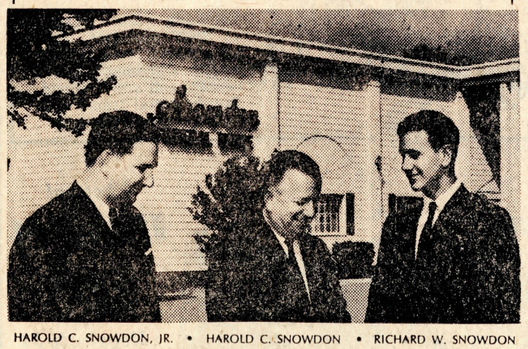
town, the Rev. Dennis Madeira, pastor of Westmoor Church of Christ, officiating. Cedar Crest Cemetery, Trucksville. Viewing tonight 7 to 9.

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Funeral Is Held For Arthur C. May

Funeral services were held yesterday for Arthur C. May RD 2 Hunlock Creek, Lake Silkworth.

The Rev. George B. Pickett officiated at services at the Lohman Funeral Home, 84 Prospect Street, Nanticoke, and interment was in Edge Hill Cemetery, West Nanticoke.

Pallbearers were Donald Kivler, Robert M. Jones, Palmer Jones, Lee Murphy, Henry Herman and Oliver Williams.

Mrs. Sadie Francis

The funeral of Mrs. Sadie Francis, 238 Rutter Avenue, Kingston, was held yesterday with Rev. John Prater, rector, conducting services at Grace Episcopal Church, Kingston. Interment was in Mt. Greenwood Cemetery, Trucksville.

Pallbearers were Daniel Zikarski, Raymond Columbus, Steve Sekrick, Harry Hamburg, Doug Pasgot and Elmer Lamoreaux.

He was an alumnus of GAR High School where he starred on the football team; Lafayette College; and was an Army veteran of World War 2.

Mr. Valaika was president of the T. J. Valaika Construction Company in Pennsaucken.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Valaika of Philadelphia; his wife, the former Rose Poltash of Plains; children, Kathleen, Nancy and David, all at home; and a brother, Walter Jr., of Pennsaucken.

Funeral services were held in St. Veronica's Church, Pennsaucken, with interment in Calvary Cemetery.

Mrs. Thomas J. Keegan

The funeral of Mrs. Thomas J. Keegan of 462 Broad Street, Hazleton, was held yesterday from the Conahan Funeral Home, 532 North Vine Street, Hazleton followed by Requiem Mass in St. Gabriel's Church, Hazleton. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery Drums.

Pallbearers were David Saxton, Thomas Saxton, Kenneth Floyd, William Malloy, Joseph Resnick and Gerald Malloy.

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Mrs. Julia E. Weir Interment Yesterday

The funeral of Mrs. Julia E. Weir was held yuesterday from the Collins Funeral Home, 159 George Avenue, Parsons, with a Solemn High Mass at St. Dominic's Church. Officers of the Mass were Msgr. John Walsh, celebrant; the Rev. Francis Kraemer, deacon; the Rev. Robert Everling, sub-deacon. Organist was Mrs. John J. Gurecich and solist was Anthony Ruddy. Burial was in Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas with Father Kramer officiating.

Pall bearers were: Paul and Kevin McHale, John Killeen Jr. and John Kileen 3rd, Arthur and Gerald Pattison and James Heston.

Marguerite McDermott Services Are Held

The Rev. Alice Collins, pastor of Ashley Presbyterian Church, officiated at funeral services yesterday for Mrs. Marguerite McDermott, 72 Fall Street, Ashley.

Services were held from the Graham Funeral Home, 324 South Franklin Street and interment was in Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Chris Lawrick, William Daniel, George Gohram and Theodore Stark.

Hudock, Luzerne County Coroner and Deputy Coroner Walter Lisman investigated.

Police investigation was made by Detective Bernard Banas and Cruisermen Stanley Pohutski and Gerald Cookus.

A retired mail carrier, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Emil Carliski, Carmel, N.Y.

Born in this city, he was a son of the late Thomas and Anna Jones Williams.

Funeral will be held from the Kniffen Funeral Home, 465 South Main Street, Tuesday morning at 11 and officiating will be Rev. Clarence Schaffer, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Hanover Green Cemetery.

Friends may call tomorrow night 7 to 9.

The Rev. Calvin E. Humbert, pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, officiated.

Ernest Barnes

Funeral services were held yesterday for Ernest Barnes, 1122 Exeter Street, Reading, 1122 Exeter Street, Reading,

The Rev. Wayne L. Yarnall, pastor of Laurel Run Primitive Methodist Church, conducted services from the Balliett Funeral Home, 70 South Grant Street. Interment was in Mt. Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Frances Tyburski

Funeral services were held yesterday for Mrs. Frances Tyburski of Upper Askam, formerly of Nanticoke.

Services at the Drapiewski Funeral Home, 14 West Green Street, Nanticoke, were followed by Requiem Mass in St. Stanislaus Church. Interment was in parish cemetery.

Pallbearers were: John Groholski, Ronald Groholski, Richard Groholski, Clem Oraczewski, Stanley Oraczewski and Peter Sirak.

Terry Meeuwsen, Wisconsin Lass, Is Miss America

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (UPI) —Terry Anne, Meeuwsen, the 23-year-old Miss Wisconsin wearing a POW bracelet on her wrist, was crowned Miss America 1973 last night.

The shapely brunette, a clear favorite of judges throughout pageant preliminaries, becomes the first Miss Wisconsin ever to win the 52-year-old contest. She was crowned by Laurie Lea Schaefer, Miss America, 1972, after Bert Parks announced her name at midnight from among five semi-finals standing on stage.

Pageant observers began speculating as early as Thursday that she was a possible winner, after she brought down the house with her lovely voice in singing "He Touched Me."

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Friends may call tomorrow 2 to 4 and 7 to 9.

Plains Girl Hurt Near West Side Drive-In Theatre

Janice Biondi, 18, of 30 Powell Street, Plains, was treated at Nesbitt Hospital for injuries received last night when the car she was operating was involved in an accident on Route 11 in Larksville near the West Side Drive-in Theater.

State Police Raid Game At Old Forge Store

State Police from the Dunmore Barracks and a State Police Area 2 Strike Force conducted a raid yesterday morning at 1:45 at the Central Cigar Store, 108 South Main Street, Old Forge, where a card game was in progress, it was announced by Acting Commander Lt. Edward Mitarnowski.

Arrested was the owner of the cigar store, Enrico G. Pascoline, 39, a resident of 512 Simpson Street, Old Forge. Nine frequenters who were in the store at the time of the raid will be sent summonses.

Mrs. Evia Altemus of Dushore, Mrs. Almira Paulsen of Korn Krest and Mrs. Margaret James of Meeker.

Funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 from the Bronson Funeral Home, Main Road, Sweet Valley, with Rev. John L. Topolewski of Trucksville United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will be in Bloomingdale Cemetery.

There will be viewing tomorrow and Tuesday nights from 7 to 9, with Masonic services Tuesday night at 8.

Mobile Home Gas Tank Is Stolen

A propane gas tank, about to be hooked up to a mobile home, was stolen some time yesterday afternoon from 473 Horton Street, city.

Police reported that the tank was delivered by the Valley Service Company on Friday to Ray Golightly of 250 Willow Street, who occupies the mobile home. The tank and gas was valued at $157.50.

Elwood M. Jackson Sr.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in Mt. Zion Baptist Church for Elwood M. Jackson Sr. of 174 Hazle Avenue. The Rev. W. J. Atterbeary officiated and interment was in Maple Hill Cemetery, Hanover Township.

Arrangements were by the Kniffen Funeral Home.

At Wednesday Meeting

County Will Announce Voter Registration Sites

Daniel Ripa, Luzerne County Director of Voter Registration, last night said the Election Board will meet Wednesday after a meeting of the county commissioners to announce a list of places where residents may re-register to vote in the November election.

Ripa said his staff is "working day and night" to establish a schedule and find facilities where the county's 173,000 voters, whose records were lost in the June flood, may re-register.

While members of Ripa's staff are presently scouring the county for sites, Ripa said "a lot of extra people" will be hired once the actual re-registration begins.

As far as polling places are concerned, Ripa said about the only areas where new locations would have to be found are in South Wilkes-Barre, Kingston and Forty Fort.

In a related development, a county official said a bill pending in Harrisburg would allow voters to re-register on Saturdays and Sundays.

Four Teeners Injured In Bunker Hill Crash

Four West Side teenagers were admitted to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital last night with injuries suffered when the car in which the ywere riding hit a tree on Bunker Hill Road, Kingston Township, when the operator swerved the vehicle to avoid hitting an animal that darted across the road.

Admitted were Kevin Jane, 17, operator, of 60 Academy Street, Plymouth, multiple lacerations of the face; Deborah Lupinsky, 16, of 850 North Walnut Street, Luzerne, lacerations of the face and arms; Debra Tarreto, 17, of 818 North Street, Luzerne, bruises and abrasions of the body; John Pollock, 20, of 409 Miller Street, Luzerne, possible leg injuries.



John Passan, center, president of Shamrock Racing Association, presents to John Shipkoski, executive director of Luzerne County Unit, American Cancer Society, a check representing gate receipts of Aug. 28 at Pocono Downs.

At right is Karl Novak, Cancer Unit assistant director. Aug. 28 was "American Cancer Society Night" as Pocono Downs.

Graduated Tax, Smaller Legislature Sought

HARRISBURG — An Allegheny County legislator has come up with a new scheme aimed at getting the questions of a graduated income tax and a smaller General Assembly before Pennsylvania voters.

Sen. Thomas M. Dolan, D-Wilkins Twp., says he will introduce a bill calling for the controversial issues to be put before a constitutional convention next year.

Nolan said he will urge the convention route, because of the legislature's failure to approve proposed amendments to the state constitution that would have achieved the same ends.

Because the House and Senate were unable to agree on language, the amendment proposals fell by the wayside and cannot now be put before the voters until 1975.

Nolan said that a constiutional convention could meet next year, make its recommendations and secure voter approval— or disapproval—in the Spring primary of 1974.

Nolan said his bill, which is currently being drafted, probably will be introduced this week when the legislature reconvenes following a Summer recess.

Know As 'Maverick'

The freshman senator, who in two years has earned the reputation of a penny-pinching maverick, said his bill will show just how sincere the legislature is about reducing its size and tax reform.

"At least, it's going to make everybody stand up and be counted," said Nolan, who vowed to force a showdown if the Senate leadership tries to bury his bill in committee.

Nevertheless, the chances for Nolan's bill to succeed this year are virtually nil, if for no other reason than that the legislature shuns controversial issues this close to an election.

Another reason is the lack of time. Opponents undoubtedly will argue that Nolan's proposal is too far reaching to be given adequate consideration in the few remaining weeks of the session.

One House leader said he sees the legislature merely acting on those bills that are "absolutely necessary" before taking another recess next month, so members may campaign for re-election.

Nolan is not up for reelection this year, but half of his Senate colleagues are, and every one of the 203 House seats are on the Nov. 7 general election ballot.

Special Session

When the lawmakers return tomorrow, they will have several bills to act upon, including measures introduced during a special session called by Gov. Milton J. Shapp last month.

Shapp made the legislature interrupt its Summer recess to start action on a number of flood relief bills and scale down a pay raise for state officials approved by the Compensation Commission.

The Senate still has several flood bills to vote upon, including a House-approved $100 million bond issue to help finance the rebuilding of communities ravaged by Tropical Storm Agnes.

The House has on its agenda a Senate-passed bill to require the counting of absentee ballots received up to 8 p.m. election night. The present deadline is 5 p.m. the Friday before the election.

Another Senate-passed bill before the House would remove the 6% interest ceiling on municipal bonds to make them more attractive to prospective investors.

The legislature may also, prior to the election, act on bills to liberalize benefits under the state's Occupational Disease Act and its program of giving property tax relief to the elderly.

Nolan noted that he was favored reducing the size of the General Assembly both as a member of the House in 1969-70 and as a senator. He voted for such a measure when it passed the Senate a year ago.

He also said he believes a graduated income tax would be fairer to the average working man than the present 2.3% flat rate tax imposed by the legislature last year.

"I think the public should have the right to say through a referendum whether they want a graduated income tax and/or a smaller legislature," Nolan said.

Favors Convention

"At this point, I think a convention is the only answer. I've given up hope of the legislation taking any action on amending the constiution," the senator added.

Nolan also announced plans at introducing, either this week or next, a bill to create a cabinet-level Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

At present, the state's mental health-mental retardation program is administered by the Department of Public Welfare, which Nolan says has its hands full handling public assistance.

A third bill which Nolan is preparing would restore $12 million which the legislature cut from Shapp's spending requests for mental health.

Nolan is chairman of a special Senate committee investigating state mental institutions. The committee was formed because of the threatened closing of the mental wing at St. Francis General Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Eight Men And A Boy

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI)—The U.S. flag that flies over the Utah Capitol is the largest in the state. But state maintenance workers want a smaller flag put back in use.

They say it takes eight men and a boy to lower the new flag and fold it correctly.

Secretary of State Clyde Miller, however, says he doesn't care if it takes 50 men. In fact, he says hes' looking for a state flag of the same size because the present one looks kind of puny flying alongside the big American flag.

Republicans at Clambake When Boss Comes to Town

You can probably imagine how you would feel if your boss came to pay a visit to you at your home, and you were away somewhere at a party.

Well, think of how the local Republican hierarchy must feel.

Yesterday, when they were all gathered together for a Republican clambake at Sacred Heart Park in Dallas, their "boss," President Richard M. Nixon, popped in for his surprise visit to the Wilkes-Barre area.

A number of political pros in the area made the observation last night that "their beer probably turned sour when they found out the President was in town and realized none of them would be around to share the limelight."

For Allentown Volunteers

Mountaintop Couple Coordinates Flood Aid

Allentown area volunteer workers who have been bussed to Wyoming Valley almost daily since flood cleanup began will come into the area only on Saturdays from now on.

Mostly college and high school students who have returned to classes, the volunteers have been working under the sponsorship of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church in America which made the announcement.

A Mountaintop couple, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hallett, have been coordinating the work of Lutheran Central in this area. Headquarters in the Wilkes-Barre area has been St. Matthews Lutheran Church on North Main Street. Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mountaintop, the Hallett's have had the assistance of the Rev. Leonard Ashford, pastor of St. Paul's, and Al Martin, secretary of St. Matthews Church.

Lutheran Central is a disaster relief program set up by the Metropolitan Lutheran Council of Greater Wilkes-Barre.

Peak volunteer response reported by representatives of Lutheran Central was the total of 1,324 who came into the Valley two saturdays ago.

While the number of volunteers responding to the Lutheran program is dwindling with the opening of Fall classes, the organization is still gathering such items as Winter clothing, space heaters, cleaning supplies, furniture, appliances and household items for distribution to flood victims.

Conyngham Twp. Group Opposes Dumping of Refuse in Old Mine

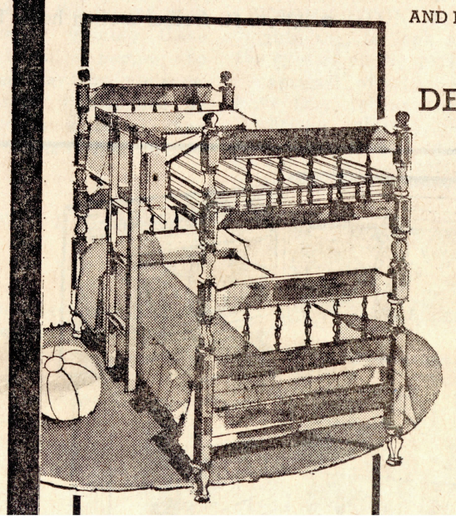
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St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mountaintop, the Hallett's have hold items for distribution to flood victims.

Conyngham Twp. Group Opposes Dumping of Refuse in Old Mine

Residents of Conyngham Township, Columbia County, were loud in their protest against a plan to dump Philadelphia's refuse in an abandoned mine in their township, when a public meeting was held Friday night.

The session was called by the supervisors and an official of the National Resource Recovery Corp. went to Columbia County along with two other engineers to explain "benefits" of the plan.

His explanation got off to a bad start because people at the meeting repeatedly interrupted him with comment such as "you're wasting our time," and "we're interested in industries and not garbage."

Those in charge of the meeting hoped to avoid a vote on the matter because they claimed the more than 100 people present did not provide a fair representation of the township's citizenry.

Those present insisted on a vote and a show of hands was held. There were those in favor of bringing in the refuse, 12 who abstained and approximately 90 who opposed.

It was claimed that Conyngham Township will realize $75,000 a year, plus the reclamation of the mine property if they are willing to accept the refuse from Philadelphia.

Woman Injured In Car-Bus Crash On East End Blvd.

One person was injured last night at 6 in a collision on Route 115, East End Boulevard, near the entrance to Interstate Route 81.

Treated at General Hospital for lacerations of the right knee was Sonja Visniski, Box 789, RD 1, Wilkes-Barre.

Plains Township Police reported a car operated by the Visniski woman figured in a collision with a bus, operated by John H. Woodlin, of 242 Highland Avenue, Ambler, Pa. No one in the bus was injured, police said. Occupants of the bus were reportedly in the area to aid with the flood clean up.

Patrolmen Carl Zawatski, Robert Conway and Joseph Mikelski investigated.

Two Accidents Are Reported At Valley Mall

Wilkes-Barre Township Police investigated two accidents late yesterday afternoon in the parking lot of the Wyoming Valley Mall. No one was injured in either mishap.

At 4 p.m., cars operated by Donald J. Stella, 26, of 150 East Carey Street, Plains, figured in a collision with a car operated by Frederick C. Thomas, 39, of 31 Elizabeth Street, city.

Later, at 5:45, police reported cars operated by Nancy L Konsauitch, 40, of 14 Willow Street, city and Donald J. Crane Jr., 21, of 131 Conyngham Avenue, city, were involved in a collision. Police said damage in both cases was slight.

Patrolmen Michael Brojakowski, John Jagodzinski and Chet Bomber investigated.

Bank Building Title Transferred to Schalm

Transfer of title to the former First National Bank Building on Public Square was recorded last week in the office of Recorder of deeds Frank C. Castellino. The downtown landmark was purchased by Paul J. Schalm of Huntsville for $212,000, who intends to convert the structure into an office building.

Schalm, who earlier this year bought the IBE Building next door, also plans to erect a 7½-story high-rise office building on North River Street not far from Hotel Sterling.

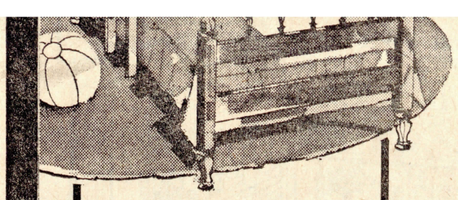
Nixon Agrees With Kingstonian Concerning Carlucci's Mission

Frank Carlucci, the man President Nixon appointed to come back to his native Wyoming Valley and coordinate the flood recovery program, is likely to continue his climb in the ranks of government after his mission is completed here.

The career foreign service officer, who is now considered one of President Nixon's key aides, looked just as surprised yesterday at Scandlon Field when the nation's chief executive assured one well-wisher that Carlucci would be rewarded for his efforts here.

Retired mail carrier Ralph Hahn was exchanging views with the President and told him that Carlucci was doing a first rate job and should be rewarded.

The President replied in the affirmative and said he was well aware of the fine job that Carlucci was doing and told Hahn that he (the President) had a job at a much higher level in store for him.



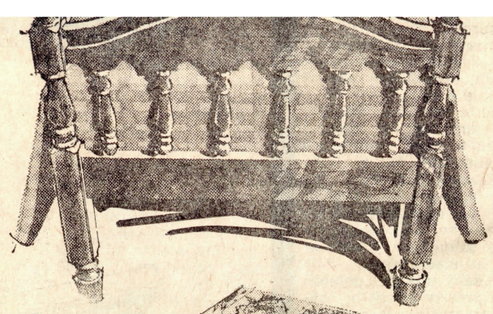
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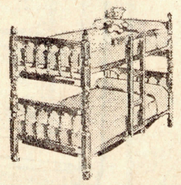
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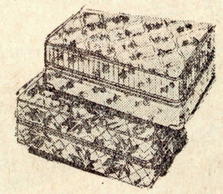
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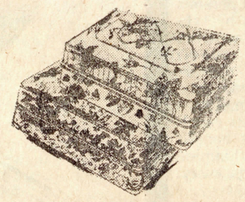
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Valley Districts to Get 100% Federal Funding

W-B Board Undecided on Lafayette School; Pittston Awaits Students From Barnum Site

Education Month will have a special significance in Wyoming Valley with a 100% funding by the Federal Government, for educational institutions damaged by the flood of June, 1972.

Frank Carlucci, personal representative of President Nixon, emphasized complete flood repair funds are available from the Federal Government through the Federal, state, and local Governments. He expalined that both dollars and technical assistance have been made available on a massive basis — but the aid by law is handled through non-federal authorities at their request.

Mr. Carlucci, also noted students arriving at King's College where he conducts his daily report to the people as evidence of Wyoming Valley coming back, bigger and better.

He explained King's College is one of the institutions of higher learning which will be assisted by the Federal Government under Public Law 81-874 of the National Major Disaster program, advocated by President Nixon, and noted a survey of damages is continuing by Region 3 of the U.S. Office of Education.

"We are interested in helping State and local Governments in getting students back in the classrooms as soon as possible," Mr. Carlucci remarked. "But because of the extensive damages, many of Wyoming Valley's public and non-public schools have decided to delay the normal starting times for the opening of sessions by a week or two."

He pointed to a better than $1 million grant to the Pittston Area District for purchases of relocatable classrooms to handle an influx of students from mobile home sites in the upper Luzerne County area. He cited the Barnum site in Duryea where 1,000 mobile homes will be located as increasing the student enrollment in the Pittston area district.

Mr. Carlucci explained Wilkes-Barre City School District has not decided on the Lafayette Elementary School for classes since it was one of the buildings heavily damaged by the flood which was caused by the dike breaching only a few blocks away.

He said the U.S. Office of Education has authorized 25 relocatable units for the Wilkes-Barre District, which has an approved Federal expenditure of $5,916,940 for flood repairs and restoration of equipment.

Mr. Carlucci estimated nearly $10,000,000 has been paid by the Federal Government to six public school areas through the State Government. Their total entitlement is an estimated $12,579,170 as the result of flood damage already appraised by the Region 3 team from Philadelphia.

He also noted the bulk of the Federal funds is earmarked for the Wyoming Valley region where flood waters damaged schools on both sides of the Susquehanna River.

Mr. Carlucci said the Federal Funds are contributing to the reopening of schools around mid-September and recalled President Nixon had instructed him that health and education were among the major concerns in the flood recovery program.

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LCCC To Begin Classes Oct. 2

Luzerne County Community College will open both day and evening classes for the Fall Semester on Monday, October 2.

According to Dr. David R. Duncan, dean of students, advance registration for the Fall Semester is also progressing smoothly. He added that both new and returning students should have received instructions as to appearing at the college for advance registration.

Any student who has not received such a communication is asked to report to the Technical Annex at 36 North Main as soon as possible for registration purposes.

Mrs. Winifred Martinkovic, coordinator of financial aid and placement, has advised students to keep in mind that deadline for filing of PHEAA flood applications is Friday.

She added that applications for the college work-study program are now being accepted and that necessary forms are available at the college's financial aid office.

Back Mt. Firemen Meet Tomorrow Night

The Back Mountain Firemen's Association will hold its regular monthly meeting tomorrow evening at 8 at the Jonathan R. Davis Fire Hall, Idetown.

President Donald Shaeffer will preside.

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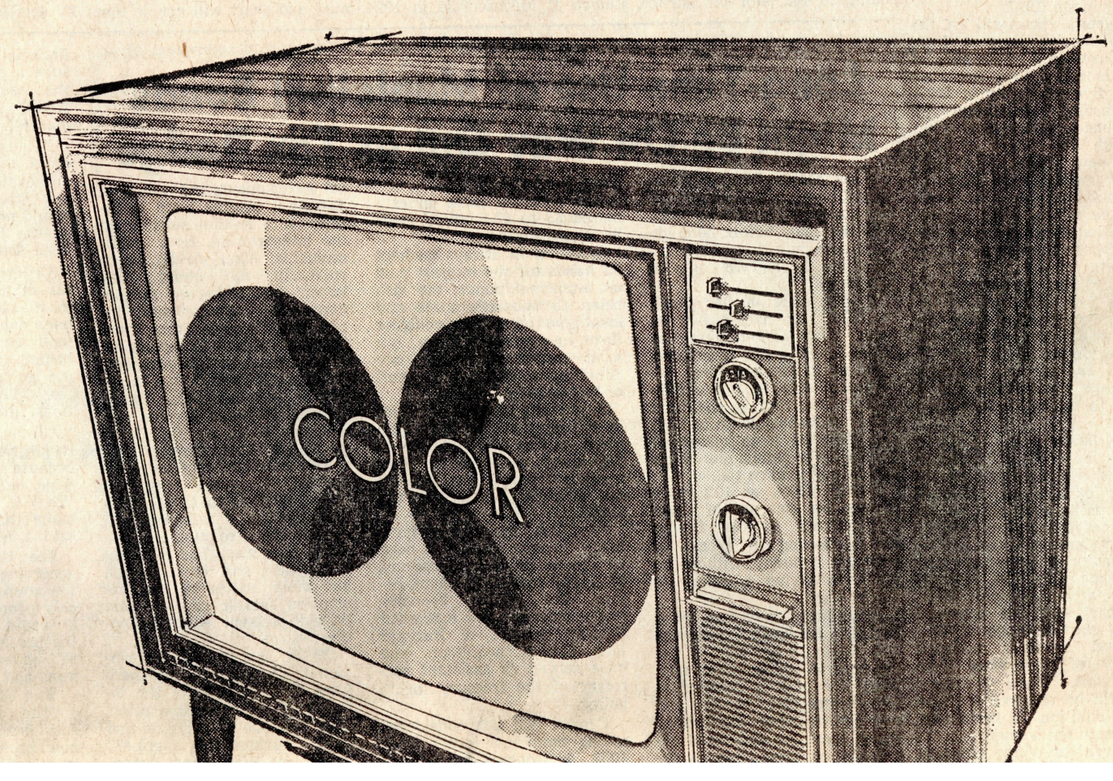
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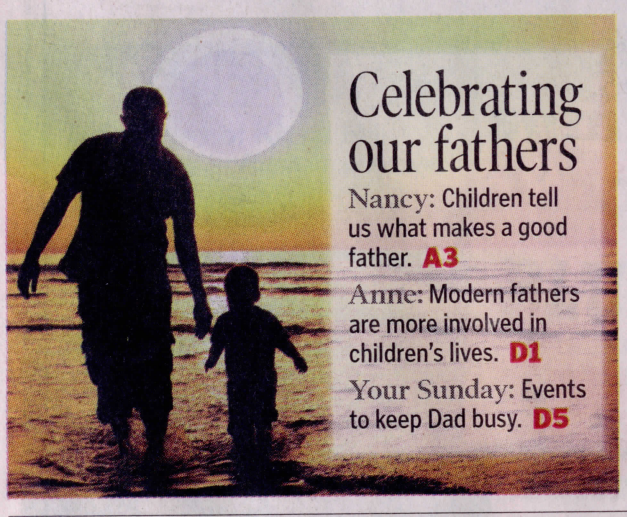
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Speaking in Lebanon County, the Republican presidential candidate says he would make repairing roads and bridges a priority.

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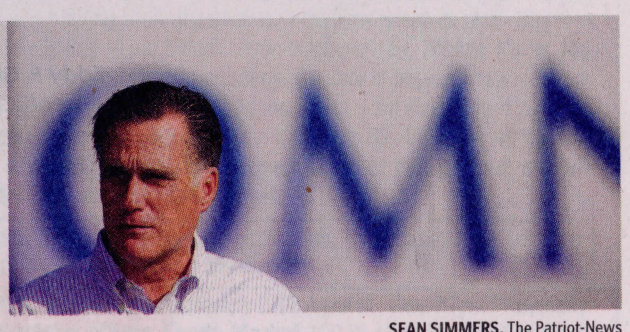
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Appearing before a crowd estimated to exceed 1,000 people in the historic Cornwall Iron Furnace courtyard, Romney not only addressed reports that Pennsylvania was not a campaign priority, but boasted that he planned to claim the state last won by a Republican in 1988.

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See Robert J. Vickers' interview with Mitt Romney on **PennLive.com**.



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"I will get us on track to have a balanced budget," Mitt Romney said in Lebanon County.

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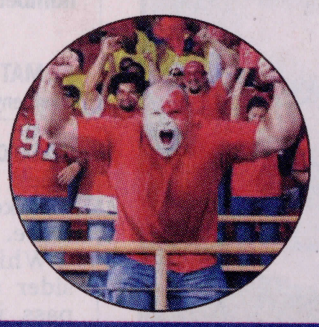
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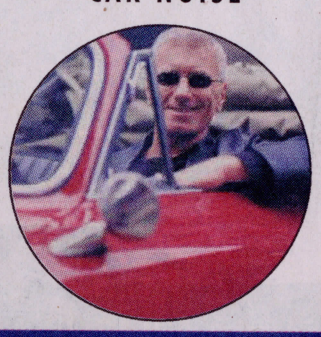
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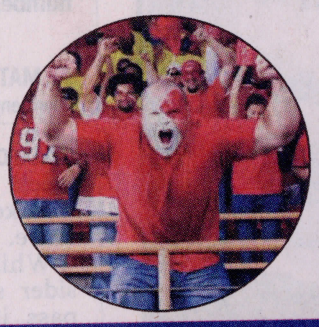
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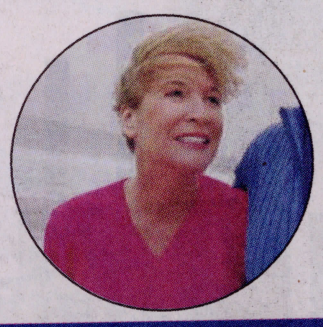
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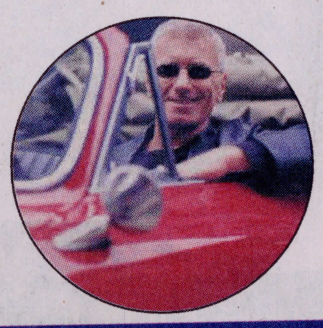
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Nik Wallenda walks over Niagara Falls on a tightrope in Niagara Falls, Ontario, on Friday. Wallenda used Haverfield Aviation Inc. to fly the tightrope across the falls. The company originally thought the project was to run a power line.

Gettysburg company flew tightrope across for walk

The Associated Press

GETTYSBURG • When daredevil Nik Wallenda took the first tightrope walk across the widest part of Niagara Falls, he was taking his measured steps on a cable that was guided into place by a rope that a south-central Pennsylvania company had flown earlier across the span.

Gettysburg-based Haverfield Aviation Inc. was commissioned by the high-wire artist to fly the lead rope over the falls separating the United States and Canada. Once the rope was in place, crews were able to pull across the 2-inch steel cable for the historic stunt.

Pilot Dan Arenson told The (Hanover) Evening Sun that when he got the call about the project he thought a power line was under discussion but found out that the project was to allow a daredevil to walk 200 feet above the rushing water.

"I was like, 'Wow, this is pretty cool,' " Arenson said. "But I thought to myself, it's not going to be easy."

"We're the only guys that can get in over wetlands and river crossings and mountains and all those inaccessible areas."

SCOTT COOK, spokesman for Haverfield Aviation Inc.

Even for a company used to navigating difficult terrain, a waterfall is an unusual environment, he said.

"The only thing that really caused any challenge was the moving water. It gives you a false sensation," he said. "You have to be careful not to focus on it."

The company, which was originally headquartered in Miami but moved to the Gettysburg area about 15 years ago after a merger with Agrotors Inc., installs, repairs and monitors lines in areas that trucks cannot reach.

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Wallenda first commissioned an Ontario firm to connect the lead rope but found last week that the company lacked Federal Aviation Administration permits for such work. So he went to Haverfield, which set to work coordinating the flight between Canadian and U.S. authorities. Arenson said it can often take up to three weeks to secure permits, but Haverfield gained approval in about a week.

Arenson then flew a Hughes 500 helicopter several hundred feet above the water to establish the lead rope, and crews were then able to pull across the 7-ton steel cable, which would have been far too heavy for the helicopter to carry.

Arenson said he was excited to have been a part of the performance.

"It's definitely the type of thing you tell to your grandkids someday," he said.

ERIE COUNTY

Police: Man who threatened family being sought

FAIRVIEW • State police said they're searching for a man who threatened to kill his estranged wife and children in northwestern Pennsylvania and said it's possible he might be headed to his native Puerto Rico.

Police said 33-year-old Angel Ruiz fought with the woman in Fairview, held a butcher knife to her neck and told her he'd make her watch him kill their children before killing her.

Troopers said Ruiz then forced his family into a car, but she was able to get away and call 911 after persuading him to stop for gas at a convenience store on Thursday.

Police said Ruiz left before they could arrive.

The Erie Times-News reports the woman and children have been moved to a safe location and have not been physically injured.

— The Associated Press

MCKEAN COUNTY

Man dies in glider crash

SMETHPORT • A northwestern Pennsylvania man is dead following a crash of an ultralight glider.

State troopers from the Kane barracks said 48-year-old Michael Duffy of Smethport died in the crash Thursday about 5:30 p.m.

The Bradford Era reported Friday that McKean County Deputy Coroner Robert Hartle declared Duffy dead at the scene.

It was not immediately clear what caused the crash.

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Nik Wallenda walks over Niagara Falls on a tightrope in Niagara Falls, Ontario, on Friday. Wallenda used Haverfield Aviation Inc. to fly the tightrope across the falls. The company originally thought the project was to run a power line.

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The Associated Press

GETTYSBURG • When daredevil Nik Wallenda took the first tightrope walk across the widest part of Niagara Falls, he was taking his measured steps on a cable that was guided into place by a rope that a south-central Pennsylvania company had flown earlier across the span.

Gettysburg-based Haverfield Aviation Inc. was commissioned by the high-wire artist to fly the lead rope over the falls separating the United States and Canada. Once the rope was in place, crews were able to pull across the 2-inch steel cable for the historic stunt.

Pilot Dan Arenson told The (Hanover) Evening Sun that when he got the call about the project he thought a power line was under discussion but found out that the project was to allow a daredevil to walk 200 feet above the rushing water.

"I was like, 'Wow, this is pretty cool,' " Arenson said. "But I thought to myself, it's not going to be easy."

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SCOTT COOK, spokesman for Haverfield Aviation Inc.

Even for a company used to navigating difficult terrain, a waterfall is an unusual environment, he said.

"The only thing that really caused any challenge was the moving water. It gives you a false sensation," he said. "You have to be careful not to focus on it."

The company, which was originally headquartered in Miami but moved to the Gettysburg area about 15 years ago after a merger with Agrotors Inc., installs, repairs and monitors lines in areas that trucks cannot reach.

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Wallenda first commissioned an Ontario firm to connect the lead rope but found last week that the company lacked Federal Aviation Administration permits for such work. So he went to Haverfield, which set to work coordinating the flight between Canadian and U.S. authorities. Arenson said it can often take up to three weeks to secure permits, but Haverfield gained approval in about a week.

Arenson then flew a Hughes 500 helicopter several hundred feet above the water to establish the lead rope, and crews were then able to pull across the 7-ton steel cable, which would have been far too heavy for the helicopter to carry.

Arenson said he was excited to have been a part of the performance.

"It's definitely the type of thing you tell to your grandkids someday," he said.

ERIE COUNTY

Police: Man who threatened family being sought

FAIRVIEW • State police said they're searching for a man who threatened to kill his estranged wife and children in northwestern Pennsylvania and said it's possible he might be headed to his native Puerto Rico.

Police said 33-year-old Angel Ruiz fought with the woman in Fairview, held a butcher knife to her neck and told her he'd make her watch him kill their children before killing her.

Troopers said Ruiz then forced his family into a car, but she was able to get away and call 911 after persuading him to stop for gas at a convenience store on Thursday.

Police said Ruiz left before they could arrive.

The Erie Times-News reports the woman and children have been moved to a safe location and have not been physically injured.

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MCKEAN COUNTY

Man dies in glider crash

SMETHPORT • A northwestern Pennsylvania man is dead following a crash of an ultralight glider.

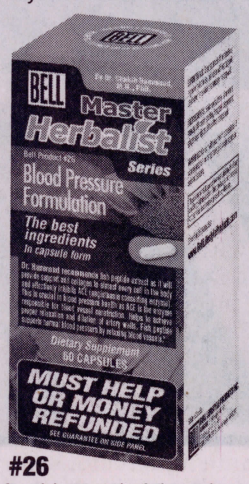
State troopers from the Kane barracks said 48-year-old Michael Duffy of Smethport died in the crash Thursday about 5:30 p.m.

The Bradford Era reported Friday that McKean County Deputy Coroner Robert Hartle declared Duffy dead at the scene.

It was not immediately clear what caused the crash.

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■ **Bell Blood Pressure Formulation helped me feel great.** Thank you for this wonderful product. *William Oliver, Portsmouth, VA* ■ **I have been taking Bell #26 now for one year.** My mom and brother started taking it as well. Even my pastor is on it now. Thanks! *Mary Earl, Longview, TX* ■ **I started to take Bell Blood Pressure Formulation Formulation #26.** After about 30 days my blood pressure was normal. My doctor was very happy with me. Irene Surridge, 67, Owen Sound, ON ■ **A friend recommended Bell BP Formulation!** When a friend had good results I decided to try it. After taking Bell Blood Pressure Formulation #26. It made a difference in my life. *Milton Perdomo, 68, Rego Park, NY.* **No need to make claims. Bell relays 100% truthful user's free speech. No money is paid for it. No questions asked guarantee.**

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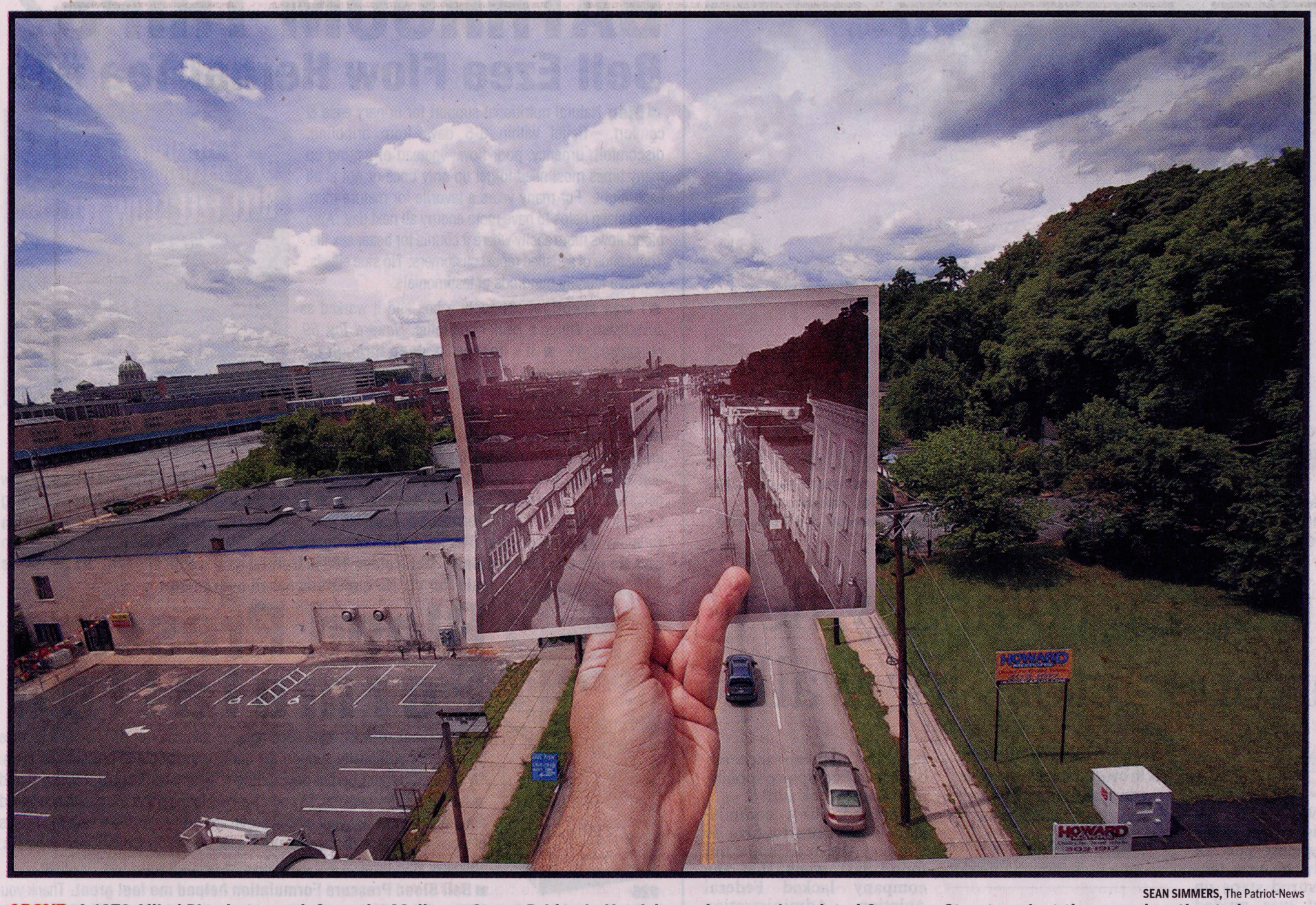
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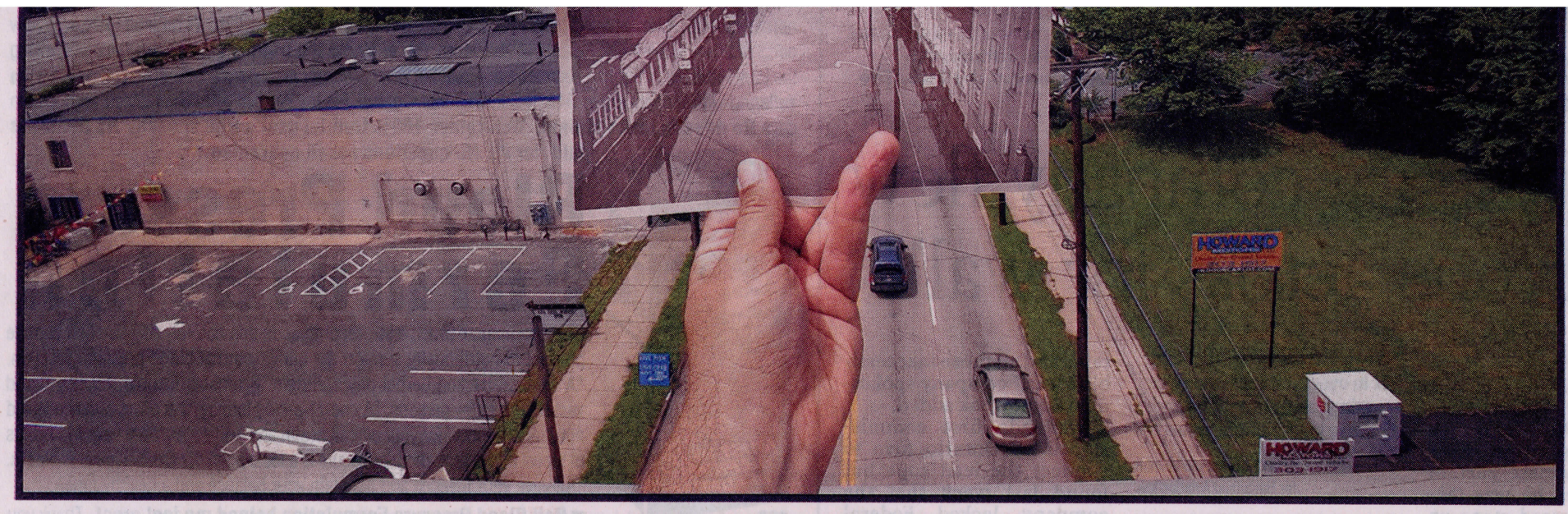
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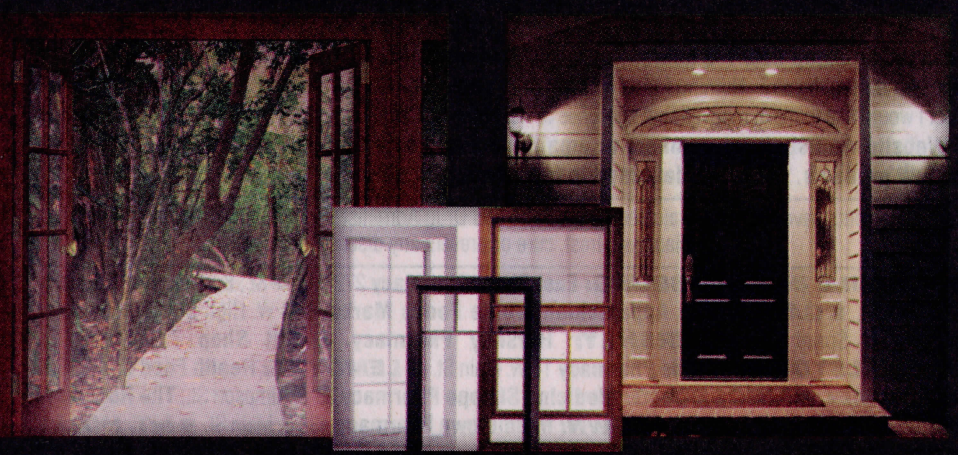
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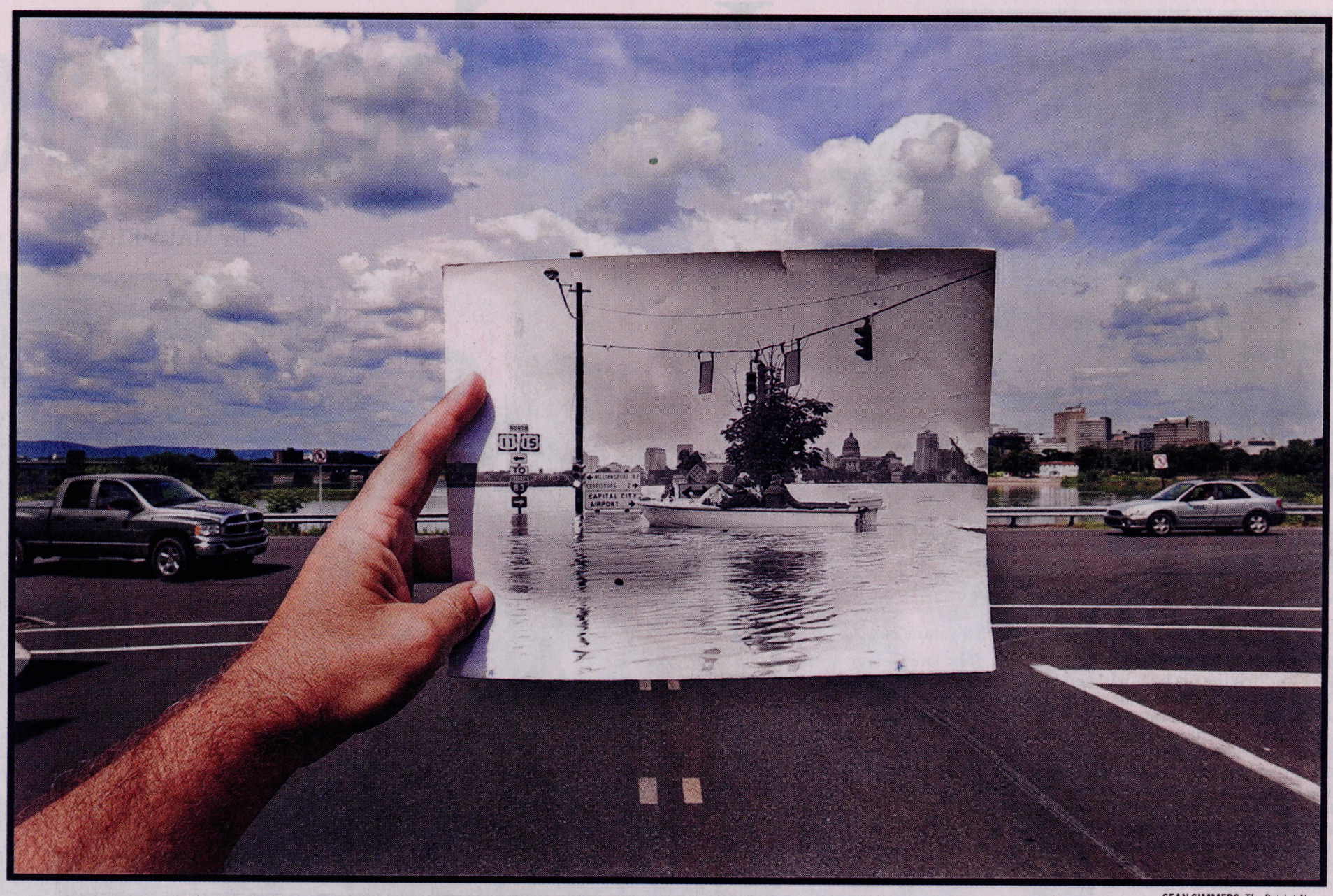
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did they survive the storm, the family went back to live along the river.

Kathy Kisner never left, even as an adult.

"We lived through a crisis, and because of that, I am a survivor," she wrote with a pride born of having been hardened by the harshness of Agnes.

This is another way the storm endures. It became nature's ultimate test. If you passed, you carried that triumph forever. Even if at the time, the victory seemed hollow.

Rescues for some

Many had no choice but to leave everything behind. Others couldn't make it out in time and relied on rescues.

Life-saving assistance came in boats and from the air.

Helicopters came of age as instruments of war in Vietnam. But in the sodden Susquehanna Valley, they were angels of mercy.

Many of the crews who flew during Agnes were fresh from the battlefield. But here, the throbbing sound of their blades meant salvation in a cone of a downdraft that rippled the floodwaters, as victim after victim was hoisted to safety.

Possibly the largest movement of people by helicopter occurred at the YMCA's Camp Shikellimy in Clarks Valley in northern Dauphin County. An entire children's swim camp was evacuated for fear that the swollen DeHart Dam might break.

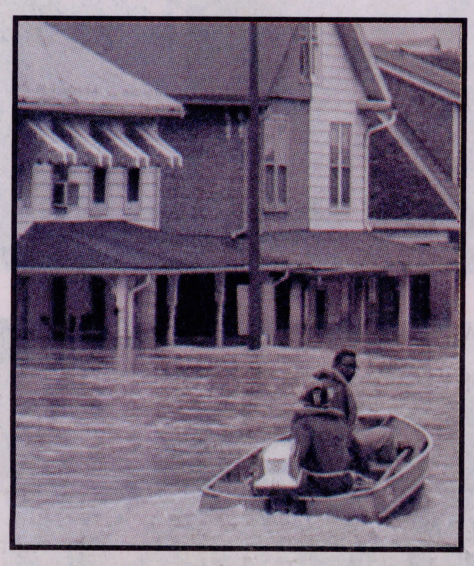
Unfortunately, rescue didn't come for everyone.

The storm killed 48 people in Pennsylvania, and it caused more than $2 billion in damage here.

Thousands more were evacuated. Houses washed from their foundations. Boats and piers turned into toothpicks. Cars, businesses and living rooms were left waterlogged.

When the water receded, it was just the beginning of the misery — and the work. The back-breaking work.

Mud and stench would linger for weeks. Memories would haunt for a lifetime.



It rewrote flood-warning systems, resulted in new codes and spurred emergency management plans.

In Pennsylvania alone, the storm damaged or destroyed 65,000 residences and mobile homes, 1,684 farm buildings and 3,000 small businesses. It washed out 569 bridges. The twisted, ruined infrastructure would cost $300 million to replace.

Business and industry losses approached $1 billion. At least $120 million in farm crops were washed away. Air, rail and bus service ground to a halt. Mail delivery ceased. Electricity and telephone service were severed. Tap water ran brown with toxic mud.

And for the first time in 120 years, The Patriot-News Co. couldn't put out a newspaper.

On the afternoon of June 22, the swollen Paxton Creek turned the newspaper building at 812 Market St. into an island. An employee drowned during a rescue attempt by boat. Agnes had swamped a proud record.

The submerged basement presses would not roll again until July 13. But the paper was back on the streets on Wednesday, June 28. The banner headline blared: "Anatomy of a Disaster." The special edition had been printed in Allentown.

In Harrisburg especially, Agnes became a true watershed moment. It greatly accelerated demographic shifts that were already taking place. Many of the city's middle class whom old uptown, Engletown, midtown, Fox Ridge and center city became subjects of restoration.

And Shipoke, the most flood-prone section of all, absolutely flourished. Its town homes, untouched by time, were to die for. And its majestic river views couldn't be beaten. So people settled anew.

The baby's coming

Resilience might be Agnes' most lasting legacy. It took root even before the floodwaters receded.

June brides went on with their weddings, seeing a silver lining in Agnes' rain clouds. These unions began without fancy cakes and, in some cases, most of their guests. Receptions were canceled, so they gathered in homes on high ground.

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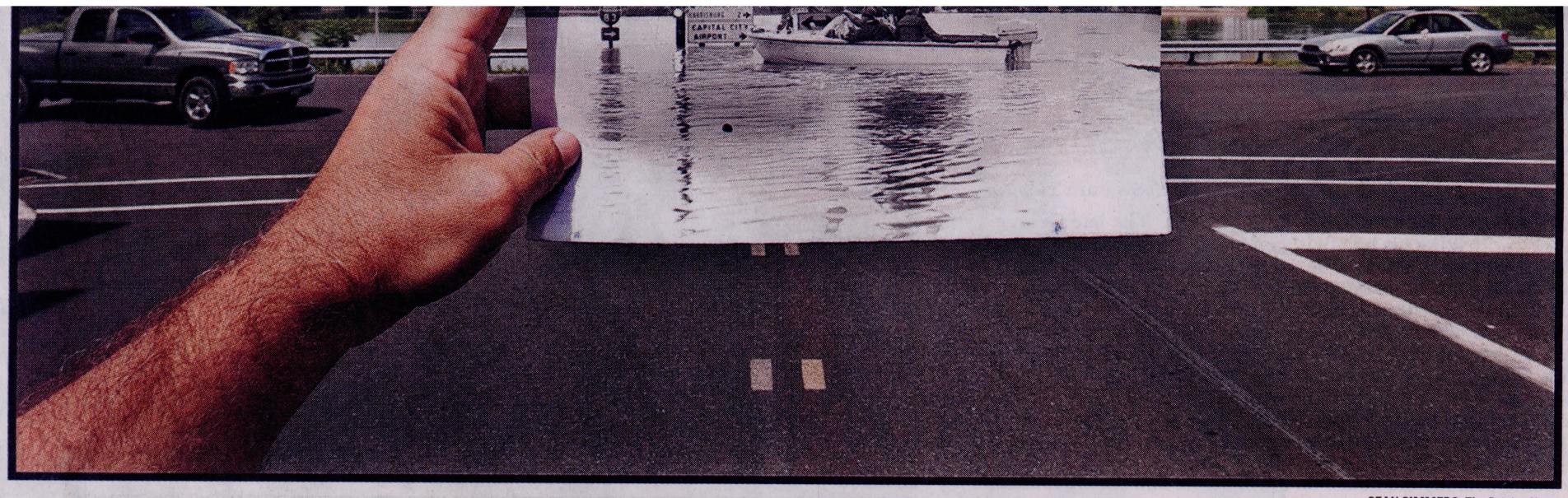
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Kathy Kisner never left, even as an adult.

"We lived through a crisis, and because of that, I am a survivor," she wrote with a pride born of having been hardened by the harshness of Agnes.

This is another way the storm endures. It became nature's ultimate test. If you passed, you carried that triumph forever. Even if at the time, the victory seemed hollow.

Rescues for some

Many had no choice but to leave everything behind. Others couldn't make it out in time and relied on rescues.

Life-saving assistance came in boats and from the air.

Helicopters came of age as instruments of war in Vietnam. But in the sodden Susquehanna Valley, they were angels of mercy.

Many of the crews who flew during Agnes were fresh from the battlefield. But here, the throbbing sound of their blades meant salvation in a cone of a downdraft that rippled the floodwaters, as victim after victim was hoisted to safety.

Possibly the largest movement of people by helicopter occurred at the YMCA's Camp Shikellimy in Clarks Valley in northern Dauphin County. An entire children's swim camp was evacuated for fear that the swollen DeHart Dam might break.

Unfortunately, rescue didn't come for everyone.

The storm killed 48 people in Pennsylvania, and it caused more than $2 billion in damage here.

Thousands more were evacuated. Houses washed from their foundations. Boats and piers turned into toothpicks. Cars, businesses and living rooms were left waterlogged.

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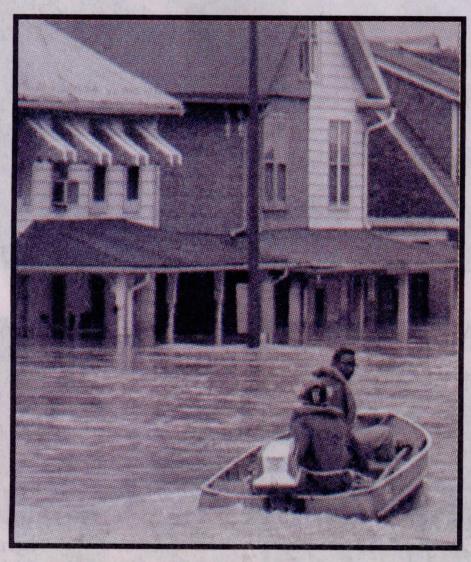
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And the face of Pennsylvania's capital city, along with numerous other river communities, would be forever changed.

Redefining a region

Agnes' legacy would affect how and where homes could be built along flood zones far into the future.

The storm's lessons helped usher the Federal Emergency Management Agency into existence later that decade.



It rewrote flood-warning systems, resulted in new codes and spurred emergency management plans.

In Pennsylvania alone, the storm damaged or destroyed 65,000 residences and mobile homes, 1,684 farm buildings and 3,000 small businesses. It washed out 569 bridges. The twisted, ruined infrastructure would cost $300 million to replace.

Business and industry losses approached $1 billion. At least $120 million in farm crops were washed away. Air, rail and bus service ground to a halt. Mail delivery ceased. Electricity and telephone service were severed. Tap water ran brown with toxic mud.

And for the first time in 120 years, The Patriot-News Co. couldn't put out a newspaper.

On the afternoon of June 22, the swollen Paxton Creek turned the newspaper building at 812 Market St. into an island. An employee drowned during a rescue attempt by boat. Agnes had swamped a proud record.

The submerged basement presses would not roll again until July 13. But the paper was back on the streets on Wednesday, June 28. The banner headline blared: "Anatomy of a Disaster." The special edition had been printed in Allentown.

In Harrisburg especially, Agnes became a true watershed moment. It greatly accelerated demographic shifts that were already taking place. Many of the city's middle class whom Agnes had chased from their homes would never move back. They took solace in the suburbs instead.

Likewise, devastated businesses never reopened. Agnes hit Harrisburg's economy where it lived and breathed. The gaping holes in the city's suddenly depleted streetscape were easy to see: Weeds overran vacant lots where houses once stood.

In time, however, the homes that withstood all Agnes could muster attracted new generations of owners, perhaps charmed by their staying power.

One by one, city neighborhoods in old uptown, Engletown, midtown, Fox Ridge and center city became subjects of restoration.

And Shipoke, the most flood-prone section of all, absolutely flourished. Its town homes, untouched by time, were to die for. And its majestic river views couldn't be beaten. So people settled anew.

The baby's coming

Resilience might be Agnes' most lasting legacy. It took root even before the floodwaters receded.

June brides went on with their weddings, seeing a silver lining in Agnes' rain clouds. These unions began without fancy cakes and, in some cases, most of their guests. Receptions were canceled, so they gathered in homes on high ground.

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The doctor did make it, and Mom and baby were just fine. Later, Shirley filled her son's scrapbook with photos from the flood so he'd never forget what he was far too young to remember.

Even as a newborn, Agnes was his story now. And for 40 years, a blessed event and a natural disaster were intertwined.

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Her haunting power only increased in comparison as a whole new generation of river dwellers were left to conclude, "God help us if we ever have another one like that."



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Eleanor Louise Prentiss (Corsa)



May 16, 1920 - June 9, 2012
Born in Tidewater, Virginia Eleanor moved to Baltimore, Maryland as a teenager. She married Morgan Stewart Prentiss Jr. in 1939. Morgan began working with Aircraft Marine Products, which eventually became AMP Incorporated, based here in Harrisburg. Although there were many moves (Maryland, California, Georgia, Pennsylvania and back to California) Eleanor enjoyed the years they spent in Harrisburg and had many friends in this city and among the extended AMP family. She spent 25 years raising her own family and entertaining her husband's clients in addition to the couples family and friends. She was a graceful and accomplished hostess.

Eleanor divorced in 1965 and opened the next chapter of her life. She was living in the San Francisco Bay area and obtained her first job as a part times sales clerk in a department store. A quick learner and a natural in the field of fashion, within 5 years Eleanor was a store manager for the Joseph Magnin Company and had a successful career with them, moving on to manage the Liberty House store in Reno, Nevada. She retired in 1985.

Thus began the last and happiest chapter of her life. Eleanor bought a home in Bellingham, Washington, and made lots of new friends. She and spent her retirement years happily decorating her home, collecting and painting. Eleanor passed quietly in her home this week at the age of 92. She was survived by all 4 of her children, Morgan Stewart III, Deborah Lynn (Sparrer), Michelle Adair (Hunter) and Barton Patrick, 2 son's-in-law, 6 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and many many friends. She will be

Robert L. Snyder

Robert L. Snyder, 82, of Mechanicsburg, PA, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 in Golden Living Center.

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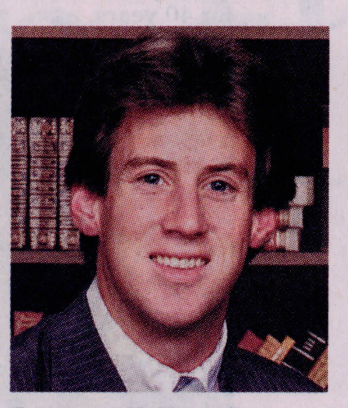
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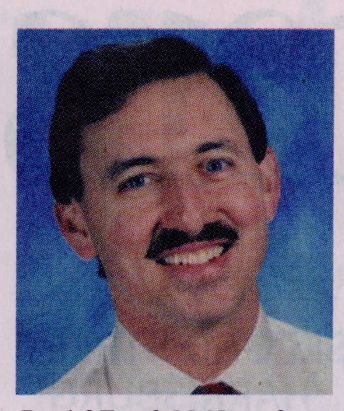
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Harrison J. "Dube" Schlusser

Harrison J. "Dube" Schlusser, 81, of South Middleton Twp., Mt. Holly Springs passed away Friday morning, June 15 at his home. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, June 19 at 10:00 AM in the Hollinger Funeral Home & Crematory, 501 N. Baltimore Ave., Mt. Holly Springs. Interment will be in the Cumberland Valley Memorial Gardens. There will be a viewing Monday evening from 6 to 8 PM in the funeral home.

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Eleanor Louise Prentiss (Corsa)



May 16, 1920 - June 9, 2012
Born in Tidewater, Virginia Eleanor moved to Baltimore, Maryland as a teenager. She married Morgan Stewart Prentiss Jr. in 1939. Morgan began working with Aircraft Marine Products, which eventually became AMP Incorporated, based here in Harrisburg. Although there were many moves (Maryland, California, Georgia, Pennsylvania and back to California) Eleanor enjoyed the years they spent in Harrisburg and had many friends in this city and among the extended AMP family. She spent 25 years raising her own family and entertaining her husband's clients in addition to the couples family and friends. She was a graceful and accomplished hostess.

Eleanor divorced in 1965 and opened the next chapter of her life. She was living in the San Francisco Bay area and obtained her first job as a part times sales clerk in a department store. A quick learner and a natural in the field of fashion, within 5 years Eleanor was a store manager for the Joseph Magnin Company and had a successful career with them, moving on to manage the Liberty House store in Reno, Nevada. She retired in 1985.

Thus began the last and happiest chapter of her life. Eleanor bought a home in Bellingham, Washington, and made lots of new friends. She and spent her retirement years happily decorating her home, collecting and painting. Eleanor passed quietly in her home this week at the age of 92. She was survived by all 4 of her children, Morgan Stewart III, Deborah Lynn (Sparrer), Michelle Adair (Hunter) and Barton Patrick, 2 son's-in-law, 6 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and many many friends. She will be greatly missed.

At her request there will be no service. Donations in her name may be made to the Whatcom Hospice.

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Robert L. Snyder

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He lived with Multiple Sclerosis for over 30 years. He fought its debilitating effects with great courage and determination. His life was filled with music and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in his name to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Central Pennsylvania Chapter, 2040 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17110 or to Seven Sorrows church, 280 N. Race St. Middletown PA 17057.

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Edna M. Kerr

Edna M. Kerr, 87, formerly from PA, died June 7, 2012 in Orlando, FL where she resided with her daughter, Deborah.

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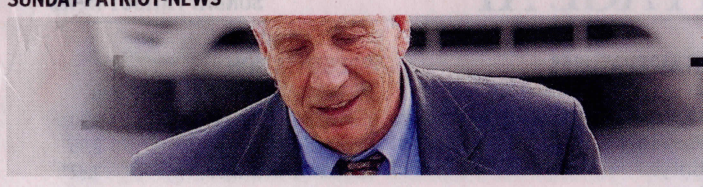
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THE JERRY SANDUSKY TRIAL

Prosecution must remain vigilant, experts say

ANALYSIS

BY CHARLES THOMPSON
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Jerry Sandusky's accusers have, in the view of many onlookers, established a solid foundation for most of the 52 sex abuse charges against the former Penn State football assistant coach. But with the defense case starting Monday, the state prosecutors don't get to take the day off.

The Patriot-News asked two prosecutors with expertise in child sex abuse cases what their counterparts in the Sandusky case will likely need to focus on as the case moves into its second phase.

Keep the focus on the victims

Sandusky's attorneys are trying to demonstrate that many of these victims did know one another before the investigation and may have collaborated their stories once they learned of the investigation for possible financial gain later.

To counteract that, prosecutors need wherever possible to keep the focus on the victims and their accusations. That might include looking for differences, if there are any, between The Second Mile clients who may testify on behalf of Sandusky and the boys he abused, for example, or noting that the main reason these boys who do know one another ever became acquainted starts with the fact that they were all picked by Sandusky as kids that he hoped to "hang out" with down the road.

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Sandusky testimony?

Sandusky, if he takes the stand, will presumably be trying to deny all of the major accusations against him. Most prosecutors can accept playing some he-said/he-said when they have an 8-to-1 edge in voices.

The thing not to forget, said Christopher Mallios, a former head of the Philadelphia district attorney's family violence and sexual assault division, is to draw out at every opportunity the little things that will tend to corroborate the accusers' testimony. They would include confirmation of Sandusky's interest in being with boys; the number of opportunities that he had, or made, to be alone with them; the showering and "horsing around" that he has already admitted to in prior interviews; evidence of grooming, like the gifts and football tickets, or touching boys' legs while he's driving them from place to place.

Corroborate the little things and it helps the big picture come into focus, Mallios said.

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was markedly absent when they were assaulted.

Prosecutors may want to explore whether she had a role as an enabler in this abuse, with one important caveat. If it appears that she is coming across as her husband's de facto 11th victim, it would be wise not to badger her, Mallios said. There's no sense in beating on someone the jurors are already likely to feel sorry for.

Character witnesses

Sandusky's team will likely be calling a number of witnesses to testify to the good works he's done in the community, and they are legion. Prosecutors don't have to fight that. All they have to do is make sure the jury understands that they likely have important loyalties to the defendant, but they really do not know what Sandusky does behind closed doors, Mallios said.

Explain the delay

In cases like this, any prosecutor needs to pay special attention to a very common-sense point — that some jurors may not believe that a child who has just been raped would not immediately report that to his mother or some other adult or at the very least they would resist going back to that setting. There was delayed reporting in nearly all the Sandusky cases, some of which persisted for years, according to the accusers.

"This can be a big issue in cases like this," Mallios said. "The reality is that nonreporting is the norm [for child victims], especially in an acquaintance situation."

Lots of experts would confirm this, but Pennsylvania law does not permit that kind of testimony in a criminal case. So prosecutors must do what they can to emphasize the stresses their victims faced in their closing arguments, such as unstable home lives; mothers or guardians who admired Sandusky; the access to things, places and people they could only have imagined before; and fear of public humiliation.

It's hard to bat 1.000

For all of his bombast and forthrightness about the 2001 incident, it was pretty clear that Mike McQueary did not see with certainty an act of anal rape, even though he assumed he did. That creates a lot of room for reasonable doubt on at least the most serious of the charges involving Victim 2, especially given that there's still no explanation for how a taller man does that to a shorter kid while both are in a standing position.

If that charge falls away, that's one less mandatory 5-year prison term for Sandusky. In addition, some of the prosecution witnesses were so strong, a few others may look less credible by comparison. It's an odd twist, but do they run the risk of being done-in by their own success in some of these cases?

Stay alert

Pennsylvania trial rules don't require the defense to share all of its evidence pre-trial, though in a case like Sandusky's there are often significant hints dropped during pre-trial proceedings, opening arguments and cross-examination of prosecution witnesses. Even so, there will likely be a surprise or two, and prosecutors also need to be vigilant for moments when defense witnesses offer testimony that helps to confirm a portion of the government's case.

"We say that the prosecution rests, but you don't get to rest," McCormack said. "You're actually on the edge of your seat, and ultimately you're finding out at the same time as the jury what the defense's case is."

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terparts in the Sandusky case will likely need to focus on as the case moves into its second phase.

Keep the focus on the victims

Sandusky's attorneys are trying to demonstrate that many of these victims did know one another before the investigation and may have collaborated their stories once they learned of the investigation for possible financial gain later.

To counteract that, prosecutors need wherever possible to keep the focus on the victims and their accusations. That might include looking for differences, if there are any, between The Second Mile clients who may testify on behalf of Sandusky and the boys he abused, for example, or noting that the main reason these boys who do know one another ever became acquainted starts with the fact that they were all picked by Sandusky

edge in voices.

The thing not to forget, said Christopher Mallios, a former head of the Philadelphia district attorney's family violence and sexual assault division, is to draw out at every opportunity the little things that will tend to corroborate the accusers' testimony. They would include confirmation of Sandusky's interest in being with boys; the number of opportunities that he had, or made, to be alone with them; the showering and "horsing around" that he has already admitted to in prior interviews; evidence of grooming, like the gifts and football tickets, or touching boys' legs while he's driving them from place to place.

Corroborate the little things and it helps the big picture come into focus, Mallios said.

Dottie Sandusky's testimony

Accuser after accuser has testified that Sandusky's wife, Dottie, was markedly absent when they were assaulted.

Prosecutors may want to explore whether she had a role as an enabler in this abuse, with one important caveat. If it appears that she is coming across as her husband's de facto 11th victim, it would be wise not to badger her, Mallios said. There's no sense in beating on someone the jurors are already likely to feel sorry for.

Character witnesses

Sandusky's team will likely be calling a number of witnesses to testify to the good works he's done in the community, and they are legion. Prosecutors don't have to fight that. All they have to do is make sure the jury understands that they likely have important loyalties to the defen-

persisted for years, according to the accusers.

"This can be a big issue in cases like this," Mallios said. "The reality is that nonreporting is the norm [for child victims], especially in an acquaintance situation."

Lots of experts would confirm this, but Pennsylvania law does not permit that kind of testimony in a criminal case. So prosecutors must do what they can to emphasize the stresses their victims faced in their closing arguments, such as unstable home lives; mothers or guardians who admired Sandusky; the access to things, places and people they could only have imagined before; and fear of public humiliation.

It's hard to bat 1.000

For all of his bombast and forthrightness about the 2001 incident, it was pretty clear that Mike Mc-

by their own success in some of these cases?

Stay alert

Pennsylvania trial rules don't require the defense to share all of its evidence pre-trial, though in a case like Sandusky's there are often significant hints dropped during pre-trial proceedings, opening arguments and cross-examination of prosecution witnesses. Even so, there will likely be a surprise or two, and prosecutors also need to be vigilant for moments when defense witnesses offer testimony that helps to confirm a portion of the government's case.

"We say that the prosecution rests, but you don't get to rest," McCormack said. "You're actually on the edge of your seat, and ultimately you're finding out at the same time as the jury what the defense's case is."

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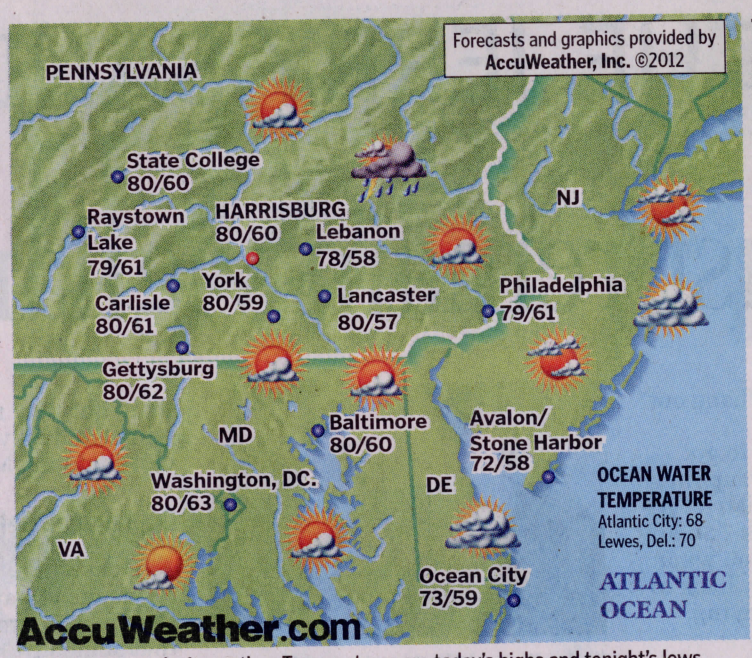
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Anchorage	68	55	sh	67	55	pc
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Charleston, SC	84	62	pc	87	63	s
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Tampa	92	73	s	92	72	pc

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Berlin	75	54	pc	84	60	t
Bermuda	78	71	c	78	68	s
Cairo	100	75	s	99	74	s
Cancun	87	77	r	88	78	r
Dublin	60	45	sh	56	39	sh
Hong Kong	88	81	r	88	81	sh
Jerusalem	91	71	s	88	63	s
London	70	55	pc	68	48	r
Madrid	91	61	s	91	61	pc
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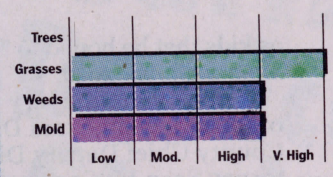
High yesterday	80
Record high	96 in 1991
Last year	74/59
Low yesterday	61
Record low	41 in 1961

AIR QUALITY INDEX

Rating for today	Moderate
Main pollutant	Ozone

Source: Pennsylvania D.E.P.

POLLEN YESTERDAY



Robert Zuckerman, MD

PRECIPITATION

For 24 hours through 5 p.m. yesterday

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	2.95"
Normal month to date	1.92"
Year to date	17.40"
Normal year to date	17.55"

SUN

Sunrise today	5:37 a.m.
Sunset today	8:40 p.m.

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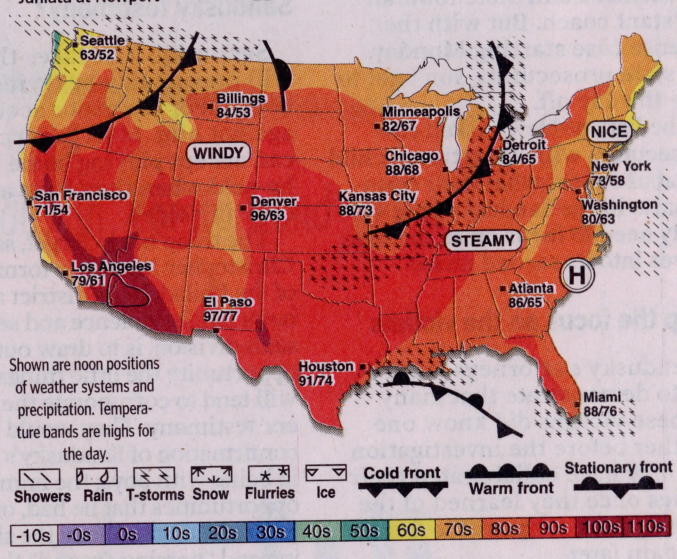
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Levels at 7 a.m. yesterday	Flood Stage	Current Level	24-hour change (in feet)
Harrisburg	17	4.45	up 0.09
Juniata at Newport	22	4.48	down 0.24



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



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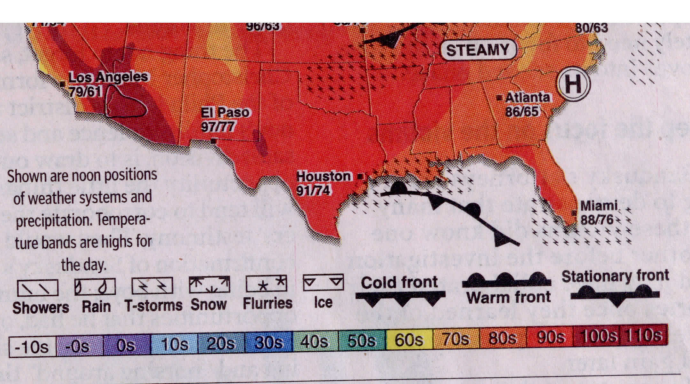
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Transportation and energy

Romney also expressed positions clearly aimed at appealing to state residents.

A top priority would be repairing the nation's roads and bridges, he said. It's a popular, albeit sensitive, notion in Pennsylvania, with Gov. Tom Corbett resisting any taxes despite many Republican lawmakers clamoring for a transportation bill.

Suggesting a solution might be found in public-private partnerships, Romney said the need was made even more apparent to him as he traveled poor Pennsylvania roads.

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Pennsylvania in play?

Romney was joined Saturday in Cornwall by Corbett, U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., and a former nomination rival who is now a possible running mate: Tim Pawlenty, former governor of Minnesota.

Looking something like a 2012 GOP Mount Rushmore, Romney, Corbett, Toomey and Pawlenty basked in the crowd's adoration, decked out in standard summer campaign khakis, blue jeans and Oxfords with rolled-up sleeves.

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Lt. Gov. Jim Cawley, serving as hype man for the day, struggled to rev the crowd.

But when Romney rolled into the courtyard at 5:15 on the dot, the crowd came to life as he made his case to replace Obama.

"His policies have not helped America get working again," Romney said of the president. "He tries to say, 'Just give my policies some time.' Well let me tell you, you've had 3½ years of that."

Romney also made light of Obama's 2008 campaign theme, "Hope and Change."

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Obama backers gather

Democrats rallied earlier outside of the campaign stop.

State Rep. Eugene DePasquale, D-York County, Manan Trivendi, a Democrat running in the 6th Congressional District, and Pennsylvania State Education Association Vice President Jerry Oleksiak spoke to reporters as about a dozen Obama backers chanted the president's name, and an airplane with a "Romney for president — 2012" banner circled overhead.

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Before arriving at the Lebanon County rally, Romney visited Bucks and Carbon counties, but diverted his planned stop at a Quakertown Wawa to another service station. The campaign said it made the change because Ed Rendell, the former state governor and Democratic National Committee chairman, would be at the planned stop.

"We had one of our top surrogates in Gov. Rendell at the Wawa, and we figured he had it covered," the campaign said in a statement.

Though designated as a national Obama surrogate, Rendell has occasionally been critical of the president's campaign tactics.

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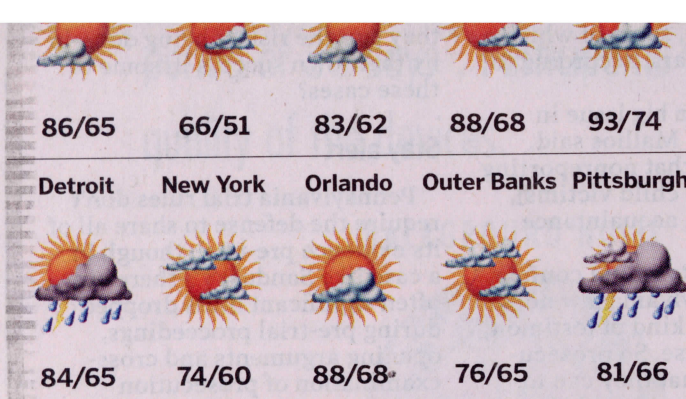
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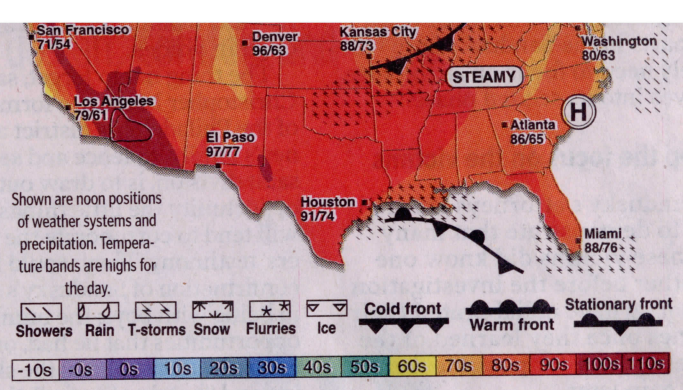
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"I'm glad to hear he's going to win it for me, but I'm planning on winning it for myself," he said.

"We'll be working here," he added. "This is not my first visit to Pennsylvania. I'll keep coming back, and I'm planning on winning in Pennsylvania."

Transportation and energy

Romney also expressed positions clearly aimed at appealing to state residents.

A top priority would be repairing the nation's roads and bridges, he said. It's a popular, albeit sensitive, notion in Pennsylvania, with Gov. Tom Corbett resisting any taxes despite many Republican lawmakers clamoring for a transportation bill.

Suggesting a solution might be found in public-private partnerships, Romney said the need was made even more apparent to him as he traveled poor Pennsylvania roads.

"I was on the Pennsylvania Turnpike — a lot of chops, if you will, in the roadway — and I think we're going to have to have a very dramatic increase in infrastructure investment in this country."

He was also tuned into an area of contention between Obama and many Pennsylvania Democrats: energy. Romney expressed common ground with many prominent Pennsylvanians in the president's own party who argue for greater investment in the fossil fuels recently discovered in the state.

"One of the things that will drive an extraordinary resurgence of the American economy is taking advantage of our coal and gas and oil resources," he said. "Horizontal drilling technology and fracking is now in abundance. It is very cheap.

"And if we take advantage of those resources, what you're going to find is not only creating jobs in the energy sector, but manufacturing is going to come back," he said.

Pennsylvania in play?

Romney was joined Saturday in Cornwall by Corbett, U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., and a former nomination rival who is now a possible running mate: Tim Pawlenty, former governor of Minnesota.

Looking something like a 2012 GOP Mount Rushmore, Romney, Corbett, Toomey and Pawlenty basked in the crowd's adoration, decked out in standard summer campaign khakis, blue jeans and Oxfords with rolled-up sleeves.

Noticeably absent was Pennsylvania's former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, who had been dismissive of Romney's conservative credentials when the two men vied for the Republican nomination.

But having won enough delegates to secure the nomination, Romney has set his sights on Obama and the states that will deliver the presidency.

Though reports suggest the state is not a top priority for Romney, influential state Republicans said recently narrowed poll numbers have emboldened the Romney campaign to make Obama defend the state he carried by 10 points in 2008.

"Make no mistake," one Romney campaign aide said Saturday. "We'll be back."

'We dislike what he's done'

When Romney arrived at the iron furnace as part of a daylong, three-stop tour of the commonwealth, enthusiastic Pennsylvanians that filed in to see him seemed to have some of their gusto sapped as temperatures soared and the sun glared down upon them.

Lt. Gov. Jim Cawley, serving as hype man for the day, struggled to rev the crowd.

But when Romney rolled into the courtyard at 5:15 on the dot, the crowd came to life as he made his case to replace Obama.

"His policies have not helped America get working again," Romney said of the president. "He tries to say, 'Just give my policies some time.' Well let me tell you, you've had 3½ years of that."

Romney also made light of Obama's 2008 campaign theme, "Hope and Change."

"Now he's hoping to change the subject," he said of Obama. "He doesn't want you to be thinking about his record, but we are thinking about his record. Whether you think he's a nice guy or don't think he's a nice guy, one thing you know is he's been a disappointment. He hasn't gotten this economy going the way he said he would."

He added later: "We don't dislike him. We just dislike what he's done."

The crowd was particularly responsive to Romney when he lambasted the expansion of the national debt under Obama.

"It's immoral in my view for my generation to pass onto these kids the burdens of my generation," he said. "I think it's wrong. It's got to stop, and if I'm president of the United States, I will get us on track to have a balanced budget."

Obama backers gather

Democrats rallied earlier outside of the campaign stop.

State Rep. Eugene DePasquale, D-York County, Manan Trivendi, a Democrat running in the 6th Congressional District, and Pennsylvania State Education Association Vice President Jerry Oleksiak spoke to reporters as about a dozen Obama backers chanted the president's name, and an airplane with a "Romney for president — 2012" banner circled overhead.

The local Obama surrogates said Romney was running away from his record in Massachusetts and hammered him for vilifying firefighters, police officers and teachers as a root cause of the nation's problems.

"Look at our schools now," Oleksiak said. "We were making great progress, and that progress is going to grind to a halt if we elect Mitt Romney."

DePasquale argued that the same criticisms Romney levels at Obama could be directed at him.

"While he is very critical of President Obama on the campaign trail, he really doesn't talk about his record as Massachusetts governor," he said, noting a poor job growth record and increased state debt. "So we think it's important that if he's not going to [talk about his record], we are going to."

Before arriving at the Lebanon County rally, Romney visited Bucks and Carbon counties, but diverted his planned stop at a Quakertown Wawa to another service station. The campaign said it made the change because Ed Rendell, the former state governor and Democratic National Committee chairman, would be at the planned stop.

"We had one of our top surrogates in Gov. Rendell at the Wawa, and we figured he had it covered," the campaign said in a statement.

Though designated as a national Obama surrogate, Rendell has occasionally been critical of the president's campaign tactics.

Romney's five-day swing-state tour will continue in Ohio, Iowa and Wisconsin and finish Tuesday in Michigan.

PAKISTAN

More than 30 die in bombings

PESHAWAR, Pakistan • Two bombs killed 33 people in tribal areas of northwestern Pakistan on Saturday, officials and witnesses said.

A car bomb hit a crowded bazaar in the town of Landi Kotal in the Khyber region near the Afghan border, government administrator Khalid Mumtaz said.

It killed 26 people and wounded more than 50 others. Shops and vehicles were badly damaged in the morning attack.

Hundreds of people were in the bazaar when the parked, explosives-laden car blew up.

Later in the nearby district of Kohat, a bomb hidden in a handcart killed seven people, among them police officers, police officer Naeem Khan said.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the blasts, but suspicion fell on Pakistani Taliban insurgents who often target security forces and public places with bombings and shooting attacks.

MEXICO

Carlotta weakens over land

ACAPULCO, Mexico • Carlotta was downgraded to a tropical depression on Saturday as the system rapidly weakened after killing two sisters in its march across southern Mexico.

The National Weather Service's National Hurricane Center in Miami said Saturday that the government of Mexico had discontinued all watches and warnings for Carlotta, which reached hurricane strength on Friday. Earlier Saturday, the Miami center discontinued the hurricane warning that had been in effect from Salina Cruz to Punta Maldonado and the hurricane watch from west of Punta Maldonado to Acapulco.

Carlotta on Saturday pushed northward toward the resort city of Acapulco after making landfall near the Mexican beach town of Puerto Escondido in the southernmost part of Oaxaca state.

Oaxaca's civil protection service said some roads near the resorts of Huatulco and Pochutla were affected by mudslides, and that authorities had opened emergency shelters and evacuated dozens of families from low-lying areas.

— The Associated Press

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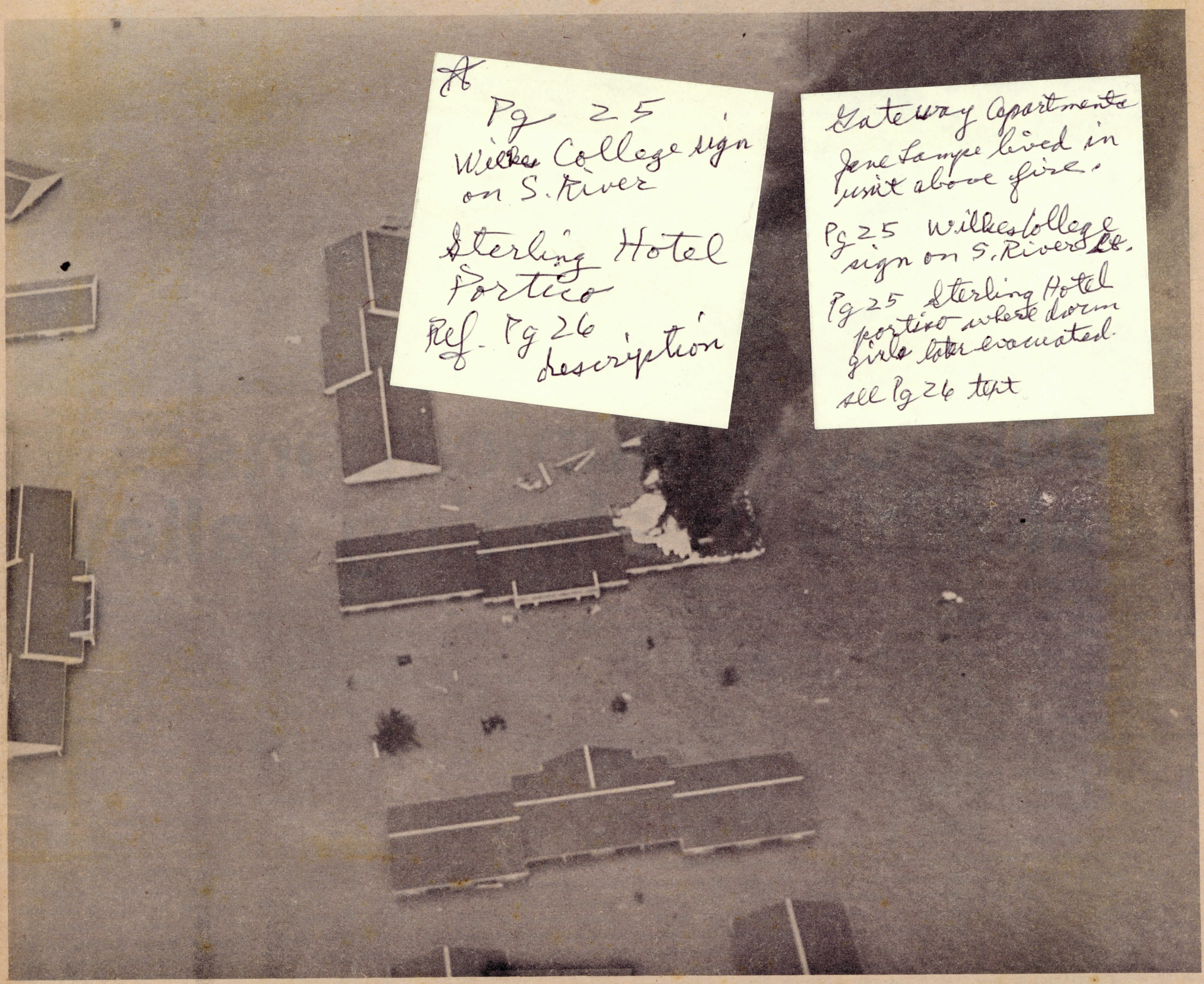
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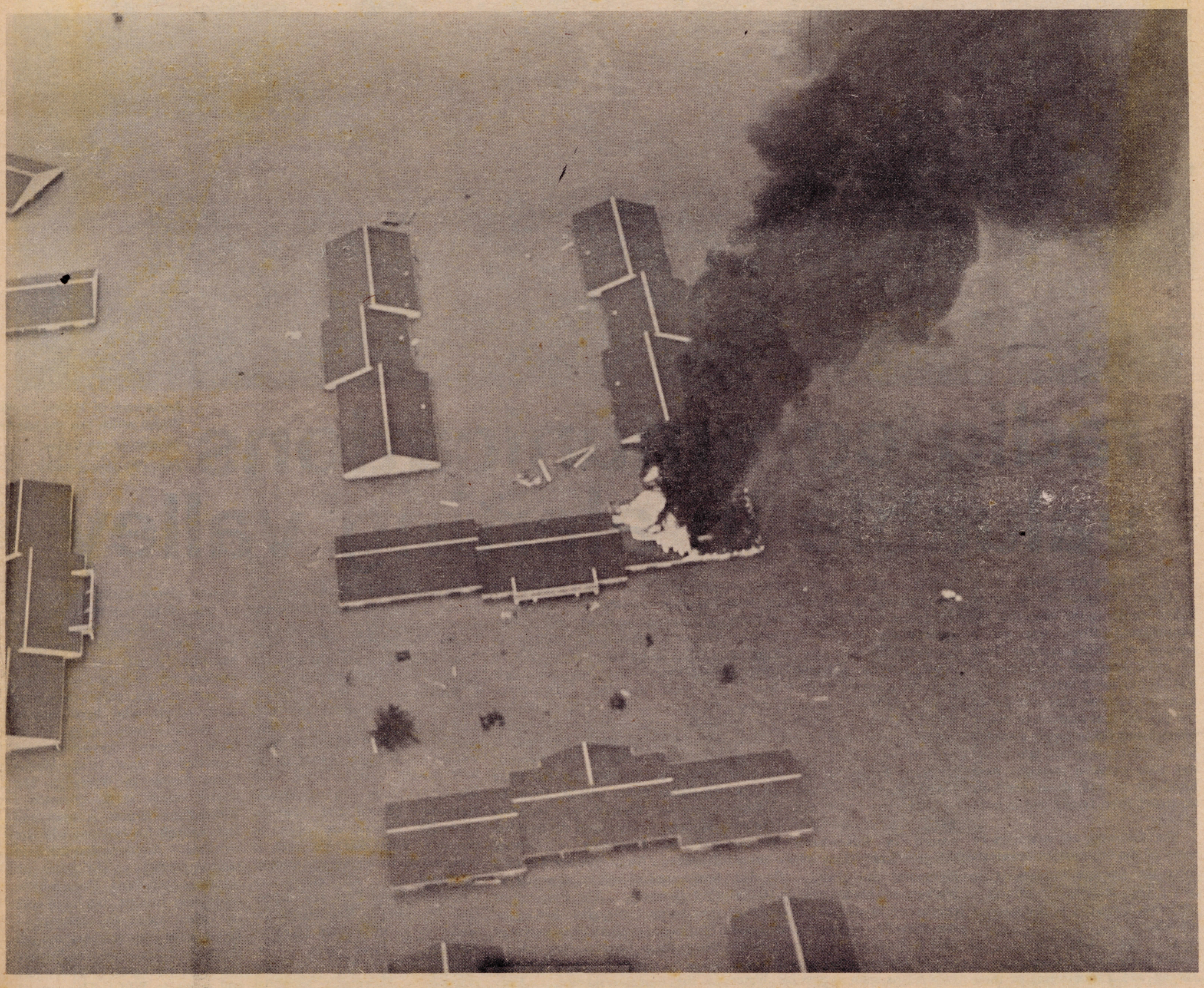
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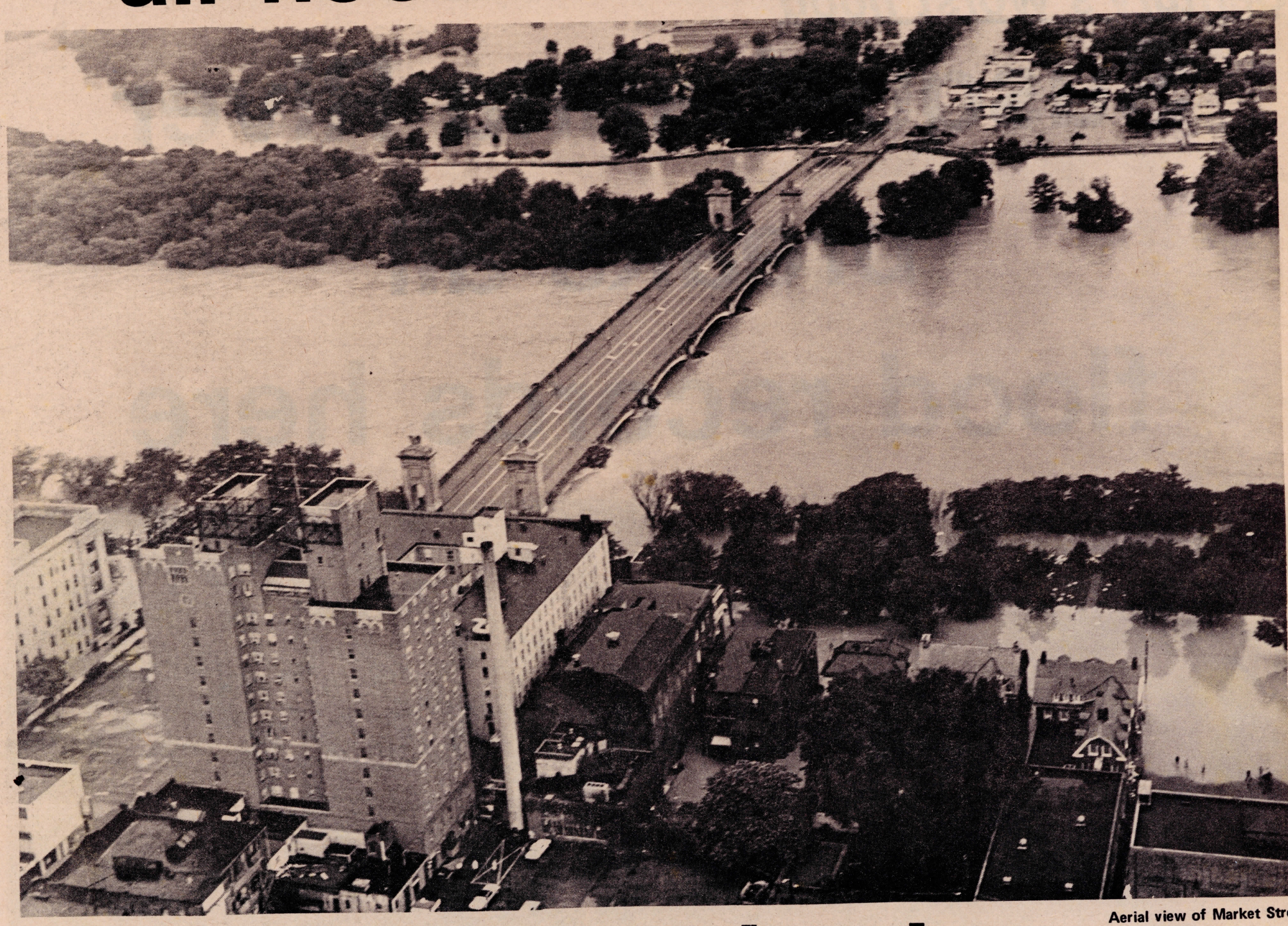
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Aerial view of Market Street Bridge which was the last bridge to close in the Valley.
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radio communications valuable in alerting valley

by Mary Ann Kosik

Almost everyone in Wyoming Valley awoke to the news that the Susquehanna River was on a rampage on Friday morning, June 23, 1972. An almost reflex reaction was to turn on a radio to get the latest information. Not once during the day did that medium of public broadcasting fail to supply a needed bit of information and late in the day even personal messages were broadcast to and about residents separated from family and in need of help.

The following are examples of some of the information broadcast over the airwaves throughout the day. The material is almost a verbatim transcript of the stations' broadcasts.

In the A.M. hours all Wilkes-Barre based stations were on the air and a monitoring of these stations proved that information on all was similar. Later in the day only WILK was left because they had an emergency gas generator at their disposal due to an order from the government issued several years ago in the interest of keeping communications open during a disaster. WILK suddenly dropped from the airwaves at approximately 6 p.m. and WAZL in Hazleton and WPTS in Pittston took over as major disseminators of emergency information. Later in the waning hours of Friday, a hook-up with WARM rounded out the coverage.

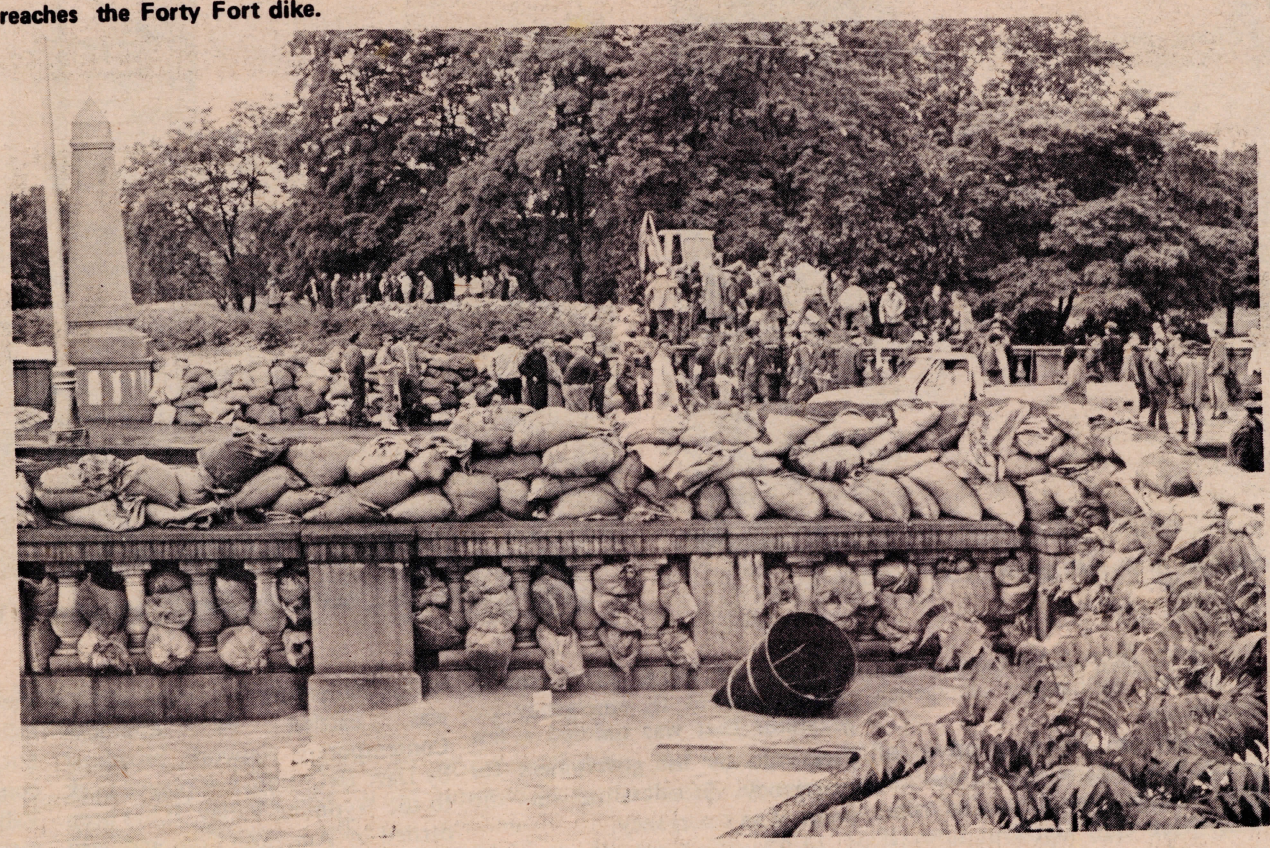
6:15 to 6:25 a.m. Station WILK: (loose transcript) – Men are needed in Wilkes-Barre by the bridges and along the dikes. Plymouth is already flooded. Workers are needed; about 10,000 people are needed to help sandbag the dike. The National Guard and Civil Defense are in charge. County and bridge employees should report to work as soon as possible. Water purification methods include boiling water for 15 minutes at a short, rolling boil. If gas or electricity is out, put 1 teaspoon of a tincture of iodine into one gallon of water and let stand for one hour. Or put one tablespoon of Clorox to a gallon of water and let stand for a considerable time. – As many electrical appliances should be disconnected as possible. Turn off all gas appliances that can be turned off. Take items out of basements if you are subject to flooding conditions. Mamary Funeral Home on Parish Street and St. John the Evangelist Church are receiving evacuees. – Plymouth silt dam has gone in Plymouth – General Townend's 6 a.m. message was then broadcast (see additional article on Civil Defense). – The river will be four to six feet higher than in the '36 flood. – All student nurses of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital are asked to report as soon as possible to the nurses residence. – Holy Saviour Church on Hillard Street in East End, Wilkes-Barre is open to people needing shelter. – Suggestion that if there is a lack of burlap bags, use two heavy duty plastic garbage bags. – Dallas area Jewish Community Center and Douglas Presbyterian Church are emergency evacu ation areas.

WBRE 6:25 - 6:35 – Bring pillowcases or anything that can hold sand to the river. If you have sand available, call the police. They will tell you where to take it. If you have trucks available, call. The Baptist Church in Courtdale Methodist Church and Alderson Methodist Church are open to evacuees. West Side Vo Tech is being set up for emergency medical treatment. – All elementary schools in Forty Fort, the Maltby Hose Company in Swoyersville are places to go if you are asked to evacuate in those areas. – St. Patrick's in Wilkes-Barre is receiving evacuees – Shoemaker Memorial Chapel in West Wyoming is being set up as a Civil Defense Center and is receiving evacuees. – In Parsons section anyone having pillow cases or bags please put them on your porch and a woman volunteer will collect them. – We have many beautiful people at the river working but we need more to bag, to give us bags, people who have sand, people who have shovels, people who have trucks. – All Naval Reserve personnel are requested to report to the Marine Corps Center in Wyoming. The reserve center at the Scranton / Wilkes-Barre airport is open and high enough for evacuees who are welcome. – Anything that will hold sand is needed. – The police are watching everything. There will be no looting. Just get your loved ones out when asked to evacuate. – Please wake your neighbor and tell them to leave. – If the Sterling Hotel is evacuated, WBRE radio will move to WBRE TV's second floor. We have emergency power and will remain on the air. – Get a shovel and get down to the river

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Just before the crest of the river reaches the Forty Fort dike.



Focal point of efforts at Market Street Bridge.

and help fill the bags with sand. If you have sand, let us know about it or call the police. – Evacuation routes are staffed by police. You have plenty of time to get out if you have been told to evacuate. – Lower sections of Wilkes-Barre to and including Hanover Township should evacuate. All of Kingston should evacuate.

WBAX 6:35-6:45 – All bridges are out except Market Street and that is only open for emergency traffic. A state of emergency has been declared in Shickshinny. – Sandbags and food are needed in Swoyersville. – Forty Fort police have just announced that Pearl Street, Terrace Street, River Street area residents are to evacuate. All others are to wait unless they hear the fire whistle blow seven times. If it blows seven times, get out – go to the public schools or church buildings. The Presbyterian and Methodist Churches are open to those needing shelter. If you hear the whistle blow seven times, then evacuate. If you are in the Pearl, River, or Terrace Street area evacuate now. – Forty Fort Police need people to sandbag any place along the river. – We must fight off the rising river. (Repeat the Forty Fort Police bulletin) – Sandbags and food are needed in Swoyersville. – Nanticoke Police report they need boats of all kinds. (Gen. Townend's 6 a.m. message broadcast)

Later in the morning until the supper hour WILK radio was the

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"Just launched" on a trip through Wyoming Valley by motorboat with photographer John Rygiel aboard.



Water flooding over the ramp to the Water Street bridge in Pittston.



West Side Bank on Luzerne Ave. in West Pittston flooded as water travels across Water Street bridge.



Graveyard on Wyoming Ave. across from Wyoming Area High School in West Pittston.



The home of Dr. Bruno on Susquehanna Ave. in West Pittston is inundated by the waters of the Susquehanna.



Oil Tanks washed out into Luzerne Ave. in West Pittston.

only Wilkes-Barre based station broadcasting on AM airwaves. A monitoring of that station produced the following information:

The entire aim of the station's personnel was to broadcast emergency communications without causing a feeling of panic while preserving the urgency of the situation. Comments like "don't try to be a hero" "don't let me read your name in the newspaper as a statistic," were broadcast. They said they would broadcast verbal pictures and appealed to people to stay away from the areas involved so as not to hamper emergency operations.

11:30 a.m. – Evacuation of South Wilkes-Barre was in process. The message from Dave DeCosmo was, "Get Out. Get Out now. If you have not evacuated Wilkes-Barre. Get out now."

11:32 – the vice president of UGI asked that all use of electric power be limited as much as possible. He advised people to pull plugs on appliances and shut off gas outlets. Teh electricity was deliberately shut off in some sections and WILK was forced to switch over to its emergency gas generator that was ordered a few years ago by the government for emergency broadcasting in the event of an emergency.

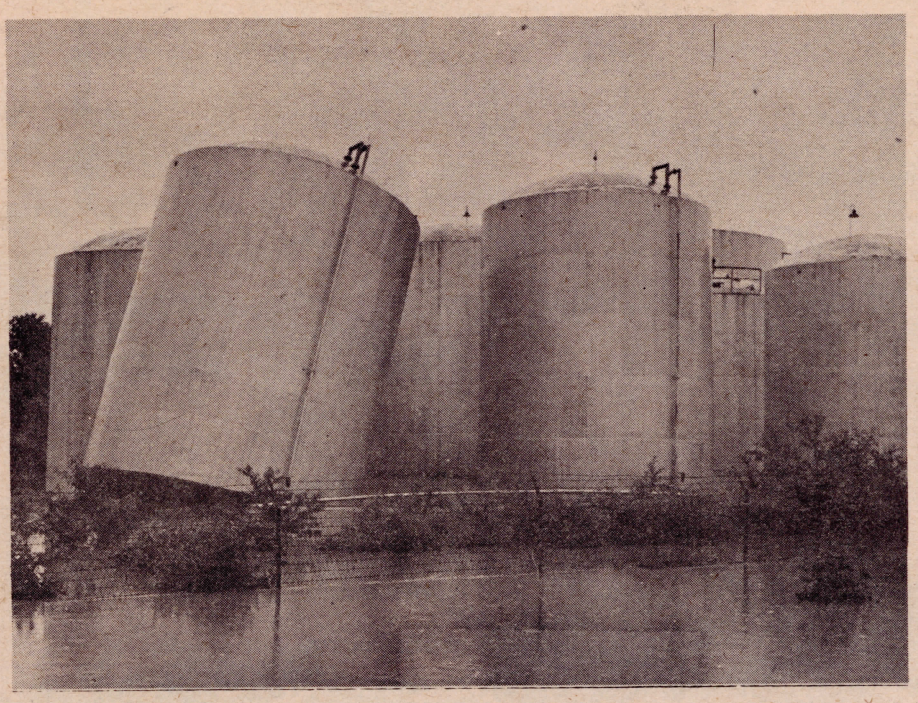
11:37 – Broadcast that the massive effort on the Wilkes-Barre dikes was over. The effort was not successful. The river was still rising and could not be contained. Power in Central City Wilkes-Barre had been cut. Reminders not to panic but to leave in an orderly fashion were repeatedly broadcast. A tribute to the young people of Wilkes-Barre and Wyoming Valley was carried by American Contemporary Network, broadcast by Dave DeCosmo, was played back to the Wyoming Valley. It has been carried by American Contemporary at 10:55 a.m. Dr. Jordon Bell reported several cases that he could only describe as mental telepathy where people who needed him were contacted by him when they could not call into his line. Donations of food were reported given by many businesses such as Stop and Go, Carrolls, Elby's and the A&P Market at the Narrows. – Although the sandbagging operation was called it was not dubbed a failure but rather Wyoming Valley was congratulated as being truly the Valley with a Heart. – Those getting into boats were reminded to take a flashlight and a transistor radio so that they could hear where they were needed. People evacuating were reminded not to leave animals behind. – Patients in Nesbitt and Mercy Hospitals were transferred to emergency points.

12:20 – The river has not yet reached its crest, and there is still a need for help with sandbags on the

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Two cars go under on Luzerne Ave. in West pittston, in front of West Side plumbing and supply co.



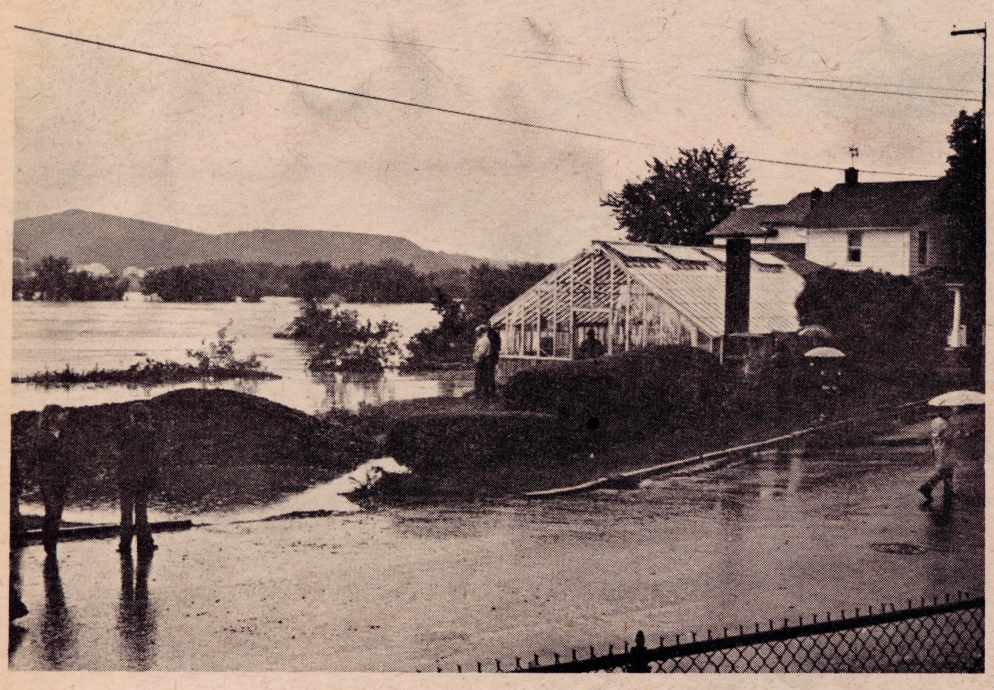
9 empty Sunoco gas tanks on Exeter and Tunkhannock Ave. were bound together and anchored to a full tank nearby.



Pennsylvania National guar headquarters on Luzerne ave. in West Pittston.



A view of Susquehanna Ave., Friday afternoon.



Building the dike along Susquehanna Ave. in Exeter.



Homes and the National Guard Armory along Susquehanna Ave. along in W. Pittston.

West Side. (A report was received at The Observer that at this time the Sunshine Market's power in the East End of Wilkes-Barre was turned off and an estimated 300 patrons still in the store were checked out by hand.) The telephone company's power was off and they were forced to switch to battery operation and asked that calls be limited strictly to emergency transmissions. Kingston was not officially heard from for several hours and calls were coming into the station asking about that area.

12:25 – The telephone company repeated their plea for use of phones for emergency calls only. The gas and water companies asked that appliances be pulled and service shut off as homes were evacuated. The North Street Bridge was reported as very unstable and was threatening to go. Water was on the tennis courts behind the Luzerne County Court House. Drugs and nurses were needed at Vo-Tech where an emergency medical center was set up.

12:27 – Two steps of the CourtHouse were covered and level of river still rising. The current was reported at approximately 35 miles per hour.

12:30 – The CourtHouse was reported without power down the North Street Bridge was termed a serious threat.

12:35 – Kennedy Boulevard in Pittston was closed to all traffic except emergency vehicles. The fire whistles were still blowing in Wilkes-Barre to signal complete evacuation.

12:40 – One man went through streets of Wilkes-Barre in a rowboat and reported that downtown Wilkes-Barre was deserted and he only met three other boats. Cracks were reported forming in the Market Street Bridge. Rain was still not letting up and tons of debris were battering the bridges and caused them to weaken. Civil Defense was moving up to another floor of the CourtHouse.

12:45 – A call was put in to King's College by WILK when it was remembered that there were about 300 dormitory rooms available there. King's reported that people were welcome but that shelter was all that could be offered because there was no water, no food available there and evacuees should be well supplied with both.

Civil Defense sirens were blowing in Wilkes-Barre to warn people to evacuate. The water was just inches below the highest sandbags and Civil Defense wanted people to evacuate immediately. Ten thousand of 13 thousand people in Sunbury had been evacuated and two people were missing. Harrisburg reported scattered fires and the Governor's mansion had a water level of 10 feet. Phone lines were still



Aerial view of the Luzerne County Courthouse as the water creeps up Union Street.

Photo by Sam Salinsky



West Side of West Pittston Bridge, Water Street - Luzerne Avenue Bridge.

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completely out in Plymouth which was evacuated very early in the A.M. hours of Friday.

1:07 – A K.O. Gas station by the Nanticoke Shopping Center reported water was coming over the dikes and there was a call fro people with sandbags, pillow cases or anything that would hold sand. People should get on their rooftops if they had not been evacuated by vehicles. Penn State commencement has been cancelled at the Wilkes-Barre campus and diplomas will be mailed out to graduates.

1:12 – The dikes have broken in Forty Fort. Wilkes-Barre has been declared in a state of extreme emergency. If the sandbags do not hold, there will be flooding on Public Sqare.

1:15 – Water is moving up South Main Street. GAR High School had received supplies and people should get in touch with that high school if supplies are needed. Civil Defense had moved to Wilkes-Barre Area School District building on North Main Street.

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Wilkes-Barre. People were reported on a roof in the river near Harding and it was hoped to catch them from the Coxton Bridge where tires were hung over the sides. In Nanticoke water was coming up North Main Street and traffic was therefore blocked. WILK paid tribute to her sister stations with a report that although they were the only Wilkes-Barre station still on the air, personnel from all other stations were on hand to help.

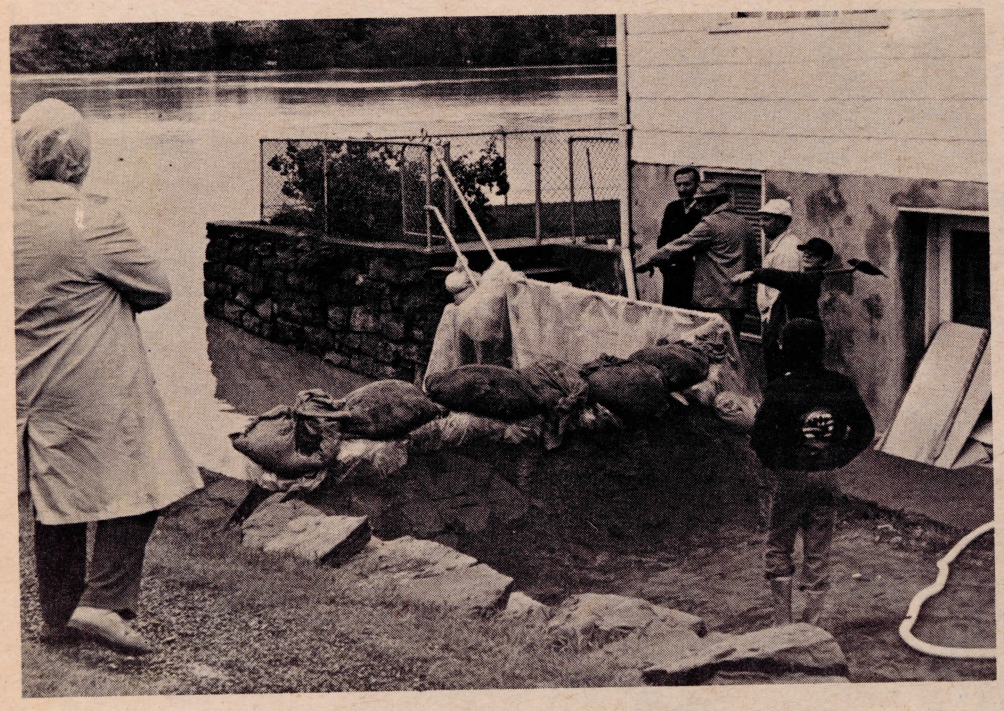
1:20 – Water had begun running over the dikes at Gateway Apartments – the water isflowing rather than gushing over the bags. The water was getting close to Kirby Park Area at Northampton Street. Edwardsville a gap in the

Photos by Bill Harding





Neighbors gather on Susquehanna Ave. They can only watch and wait.



Susquehanna Ave. resident fights back with shovel and sandbags.



River slowly covers Colonial Village accross from Midway Shopping center.



Navy copters were used to evacuate some Colonial Village residents.



Helicopter carring Colonial evacuees passing over Mason Home

dike near the pumping station and it was reported that water was filling the Narrows Shopping Center, Mark Plaza, Gateway Apartments and Shopping Center.

1:25 – There was believed to be damage to the propane gas tank near the Courthouse, Wilkes-Barre, but later it was broadcast that everything was secure and there was no immediate danger. Water was flowing on Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort and the condition would be critical by 6 p.m. Dana Street School in Forty Fort was in dire need of cots. Cribs were needed for young babies. The only way to get down South Main Street was by boat.

Thousands of sandbags were flown in by helicopters to the Scranton / Wilkes-Barre Airport and Addy Asphalt Trucks were transporting them to needed spots. An emergency of Army Engineers were being flown into the vicinity to stay until the emergency subsided and the clean-up completed. Water should not be used from wells or springs in flooded areas unles purified.

1:45 – Water was slowing moving up West Market Street. General Townend was broadcasting from Wilkes-Barre Area Building on South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre since there was no power at the CourtHouse.

2 p.m. – Water had reached the Boston Store in South Wilkes-Barre.

2:10 – A problem developed in evacuating children in Harding. A helicopter was dispatched. The National Guard warned some people early enough to move out in trucks but had to go back to remove them by boat. All spectators were asked to help the National Guard by absenting themselves from the scene. "The National Guard needs your absence."

2:37 – Announcement that Wyoming dike broke at Midway Shopping Center. Oil was needed for motor boats. Water now on Carey Avenue and pouring onto Meyers football field and the Meyers swimming pool cannot be seen. Projection: Wilkes-Barre projected to crest at 2 a.m. Saturday at 43 feet; Williamsport crest of 32 feet at 8 p.m.; Lewistown crest of 36 feet at 10 p.m.; Harrisburg crest at 8 p.m. at 35 feet. South Wilkes-Barre has been hit very hard and the Falls Bridge was closed. The flood was labeled the worst disaster in Wyoming Valley History. North and Market Street Bridges were still considered in joepardy. President Nixon was allowing federal assistance to a emergency disaster area of Northeastern Pennsylvania.



Aerial view of Arlans at Mark Plaza



Crowd scene in Pittston

All rivers, not only the Susquehanna were reported flooding from upstate New York throughought most of Pennsylvania.

People were warned to keep children away from water and puddles after water subsides because of the pollution problem even after the flood waters return to normal levels. Civil Defense at Shoemaker Chapel in West Wyoming was in need of food. All Wilkes-Barre School Buildings were opened except Meyers. Health officials warned that caution must be used because sewers and water lines have been broken throughout the Valley and contamination of water supply is a definite reality.

4:25 – South Union Street has water on top of the sand bags and when the water breaks through it is expected to reach levels of six feet in the Union Street area. River has receded 14 inches in the past hour, but it will probably rise again to 40-43 feet during early Saturday.

5 p.m. – Power has been cut off from Union to Ross and from River to Pennsylvania Avenue.

5:55 p.m. – The dikes were not holding in Duryea where the Lackawanna was suffering from the backup of the Susquehanna into that stream.

Later on in the evening it was learned that at 7 p.m. the river was at 37.5 feet and had been at 38.5 at 3 p.m. There was a conflict of information in that Civil Defense was braodcasting that the level would continue to recede and the Federal Forecasting Service still believed the crest would reach 43 feet.

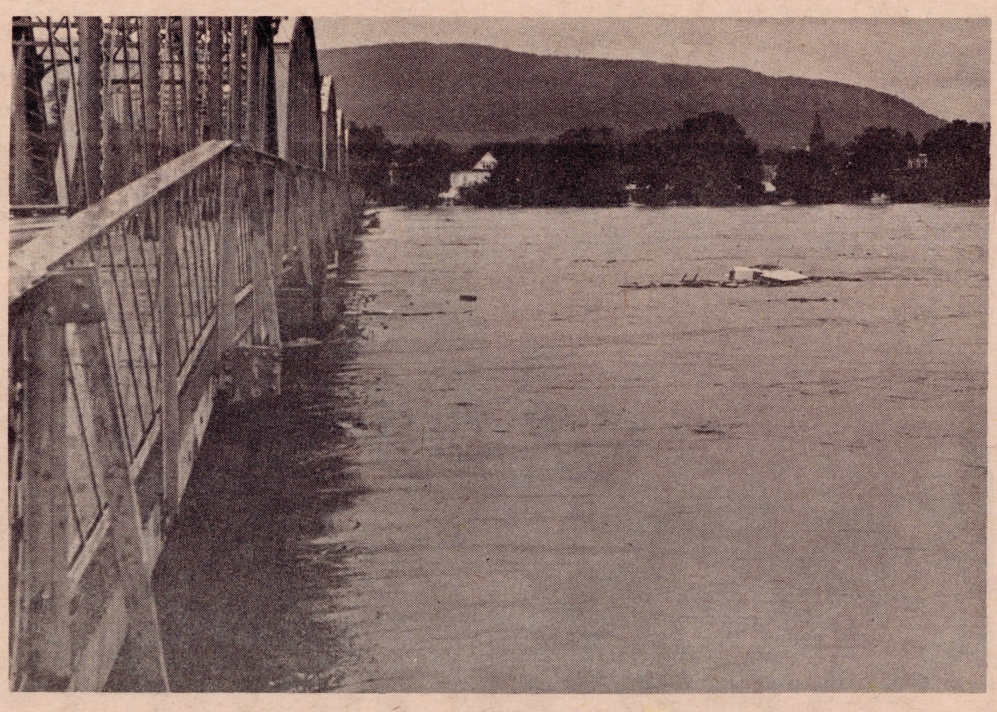
The Plains River Road water level had reached 18 feet.

SPCA was reported out picking up dogs and other animals. Gov.

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Aerial view of Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre.

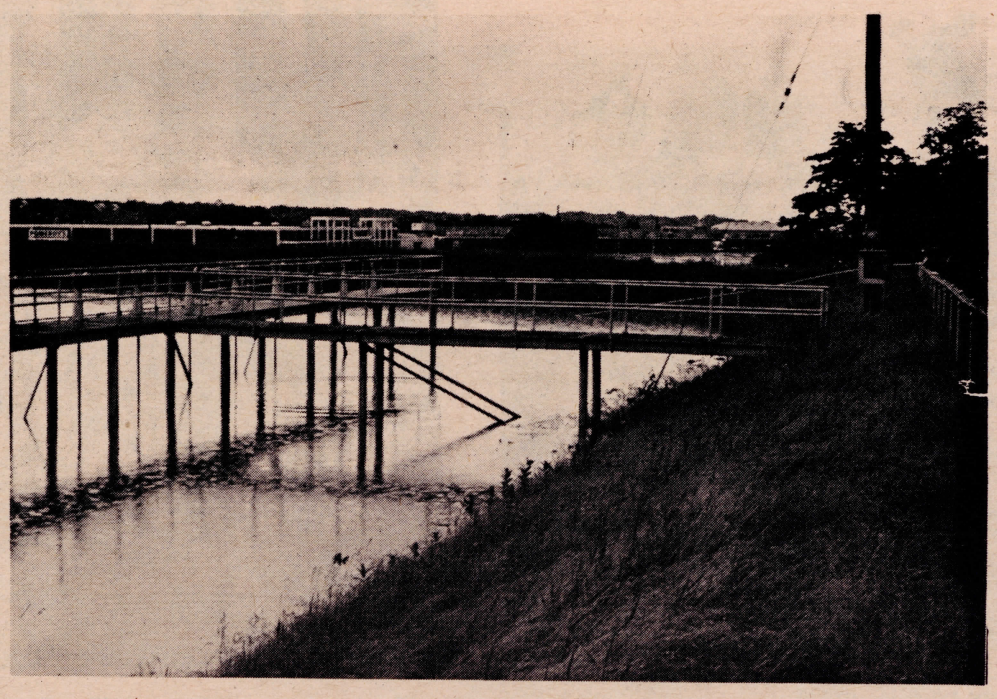


Summer cottage became a victim of the Susquehanna Flood of 1972.

Shapp and Cong. Flood were reported to have planned to tour the flooded area on Saturday. President Nixon had declared the entire Commonwealth a Federal Disaster Area. Not just the Susquehanna, but all rivers were overflowing in the state.

The Valley has been literally split in half with each half now a separate entity since there are no bridges available for crossing the river.

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Midway Shopping Center, 7:30 A.M. Friday morning, before the dike break at Forty Fort that inundated the shopping center. The area flooded at about 1:30 P.M.

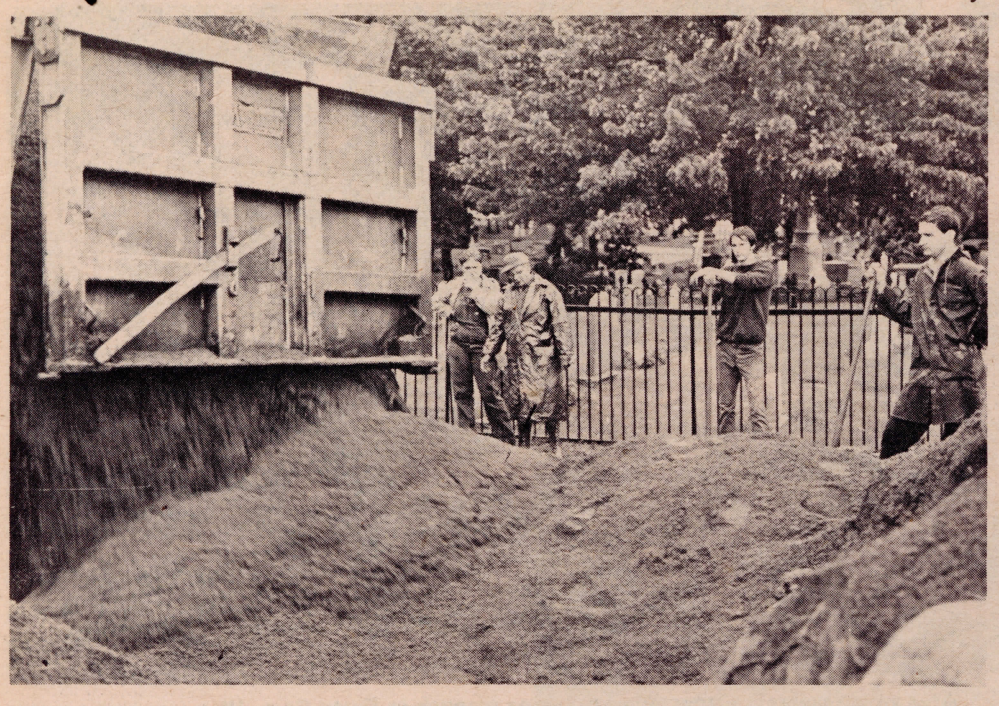


Midway Shopping Center under water



State Police return with some of the rescued

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Sand being delivered to the Forty Fort Cemetery



Forty Fort Cemetery , dike being built.

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pittston area not under water but concerned

by Val Delia

The rampaging Susquehanna River inflicted the heaviest damage ever, according to those who experienced and recorded the devastation of the spring thaw of March, 1936.

A Pittston Civil Defense official recalled the horrors of the '36 flooding which prompted the installation of the present dike system and he expressed the opinion that the present holocaust brought on by tropical storm Agnes has established a new record of destruction. The entirety of Susquehanna Avenue, West Pittston, was inundated, many cellars being flooded early on Friday afternoon, and in some instances near the Exeter boundary the water level was well above the first floor of homes located there.

Wyoming Area High School, West Pittston, was set up as an emergency medical center, staffed by doctors and nurses. the Moose

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Building the dike in Forty Fort.



Clarence Givens, C.P.A. in Wilkes-Barre who lives in Forty Fort fills in with sand where water is leaking on River St. in Forty Fort.



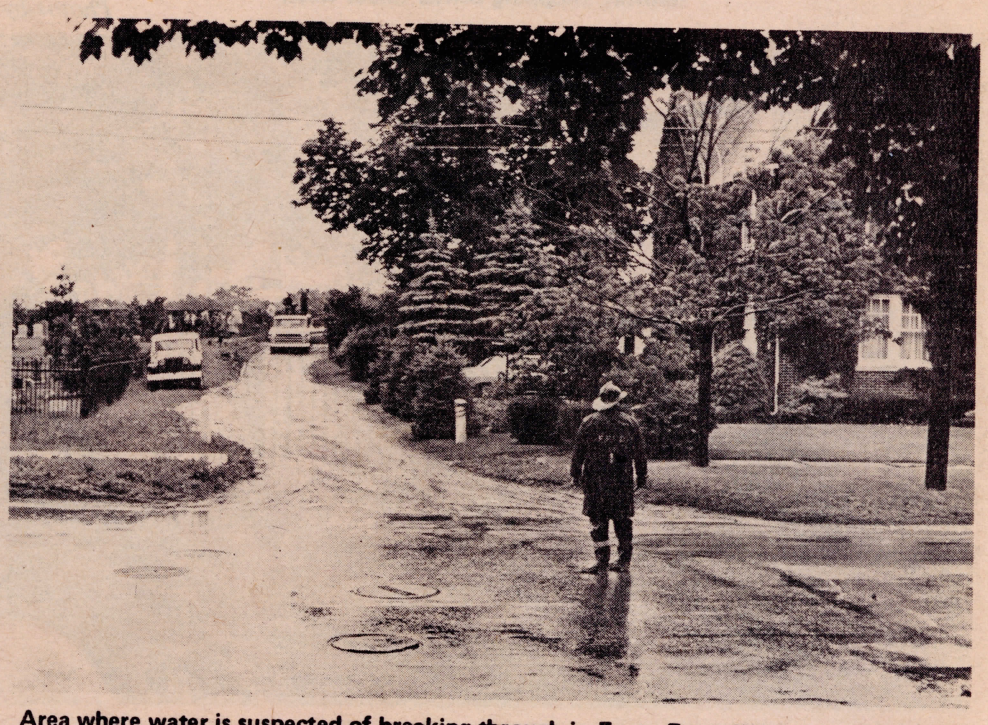
Leaks under steel dike are stopped with sandbags.



Filling sand bags on River Street, Forty Fort.



Makeshift dike in low area between steel dike.



Area where water is suspected of breaking through in Forty Fort. Water came down this dirt road.

Home on Exeter Avenue, West Pittston opened its doors to evacuees. The National Guard Armory on Susquehanna Avenue was completely surrounded by the rising tide. Businesses and factories were forced to curtail operations as many employees volunteered their services where needed. Both Pittston bridges were closed late on Thursday night as high water covered the Lehigh Valley Railroad bed at various points.

Banks and many stores in Pittston Area and Wyoming Area shopping districts failed to open their doors for lack of personnel.

The Rendezvous Lounge on South Main Street was set up as the Pittston City Civil Defense Headquarters and an evacuee center.

Numerous volunteers directed traffic at intersections as police were delegated to other duties. A Lehigh Valley Railroad train abandoned because of high water had to be moved to higher ground in Jenkins Township.

Pittston Hospital staff members residing on the east banks performed yeoman service to compensate for West Side associates unable to reach the institution.

The Marine Corps Reserve Unit Headquarters in Wyoming pressed all personnel into emergency duty.

Truck farmers along the flats in Exeter and Wyoming have to plan for the 1973 seasion, destruction of crops is so complete.

At a vantage point along the river a house, mobile homes, boats, campers, vehicles and debris of all sorts were sighted floating in the swift current.

'Pittston Lumber Company lost a stockpile of lumber stacked along the Lehigh Valley Railroad bed. the tremendous force of nature forced the evacuation of four homesteads of the Azaravich Family on Towpath Court as the tide later reached the second floor level of one home.

SanRon Sportswear, a new manufacturing plant located in the immediate vicinity was almost completely submerged. SanRon proprietors donated the use of their trucks to help evacuate the Azaraviches.

A sandbag project was in effect at the Stevenson Street bridge in Duryea as the backup of the Susquehanna River caused the serious threat to the Lackawanna River locale.

Helicopters kept a constant vigil up and down the waterway to relay pertinent information to the authorities of the Greater Pittston Community.

Pittston Area High School was another facility made available to evacuees.

Bread supplies were completely exausted in many regional food stores as replenishments were not to be had. An alert on the contamination of drinking water went into effect on Friday and a boiling process was recommended.

The Narrows Road to Ransom

Photo by Sam Salinsky



Pittston Lumber Company loses its stockpile of lumber to the roaring stream.



West end of the Fort Jenkins Bridge.

was closed because of washouts. Swanee Paper Company experienced its worst flood problem in its history dating back to its inception in 1940.

The men at the Harding Power Plant who were called in to work early on Thursday morning were instructed to bring food with them for at least three days and were still on the job at presstime.

All those who experienced the 1936 disaster were in accord that the Susquehanna River had reached a new high water mark. The togetherness of the populous was never in doubt as all forces rallied to comfort those in distress. The flooding of Wyoming, 1972, proved again that in time of need people do care and are willing to go to any extreme to help a worthy cause.

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Update by Val Delia at 9 p.m. Friday night, concerning Pittston Area flood situation:

Pittston Kennedy Blvd. was closed to all traffic Friday afternoon due to rising waters that threatened a good portion of the roadway's perimiter.

The rapid undercurrent also posed a serious threat to the Insaloco Food Market structure, located on the former plot of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Station. The city's Main Street once again handled the flow of two-way traffic for the first time since the dedication of Kennedy Blvd. in the summer of 1969. The Insalaco residence, located directly across the river from their market was evacuated the previous night. At this writing it was some one-half submerged by flood waters.

Remnants of what appeared to be a mobile home remain jammed against the third pier of the Fort Jenkins Bridge.



Water coming up W. Pettebone Street in Forty Fort.



Water going down W. Pettebone towards Swoyersville.



A woman and three children being rescued by row boat on Wyoming Ave. in Forty Fort.



Three children taken off boat after rescue.



Sandbag dike at the King's Department Store on Market St. in Kingston.



Water is held back by a dike at King's Department Store

The Grabowski residence situated on the Towpath Court at the Pittston Duryea border, experienced flooding up to its eves. Personal belongings were the only things saved.

Chittenden Street and Lackawanna Avenue in Duryea experienced severe flooding with many homes evacuated. Some citizens of the affected areas mentioned were in tears. The back-up water of the rising Susquehanna River into the Borough of Duryea continued as sand bagging also continued through Friday night.

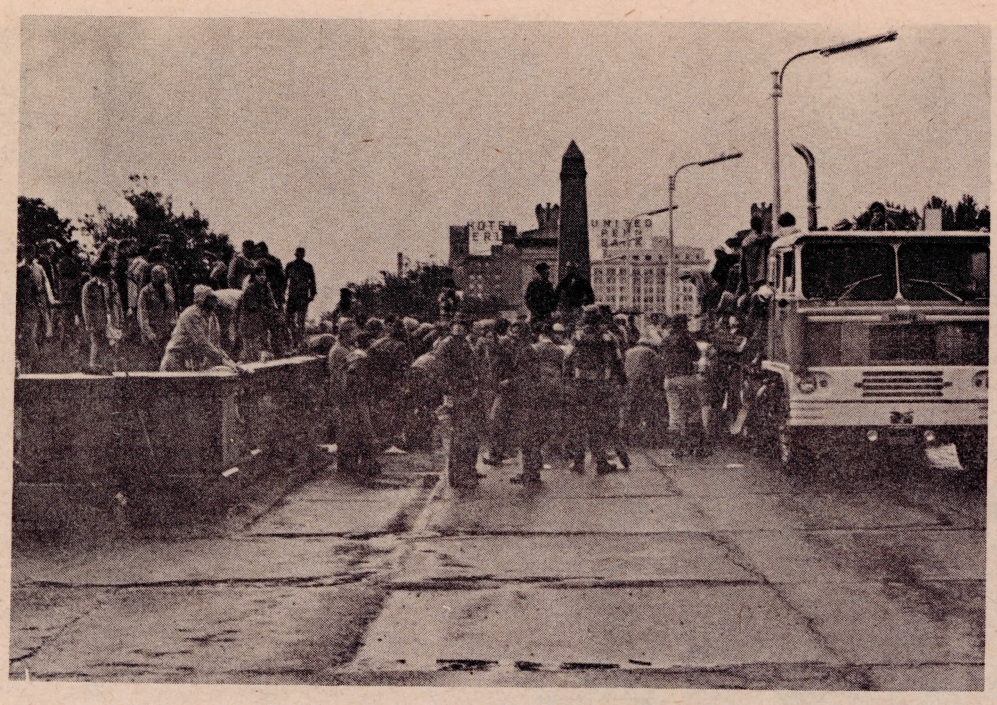
An unconfirmed report had three people being rescued from a floating rooftop at the Coxton Bridge.

Many mobile homes in Harding and Falls area were washed down stream. Helicopters belonging to state police, army, navy, and Cherry Ridge Flying Service were in the air constantly for stranded flood victims.

Mayor Robert Loftus of Pittston stated that City residents are a bit more fortunate geographically than those of residents of neighboring communities. Loftus, who was quite concerned about the over-all situation was on the scene in the vicinity of Water Street much of the day.

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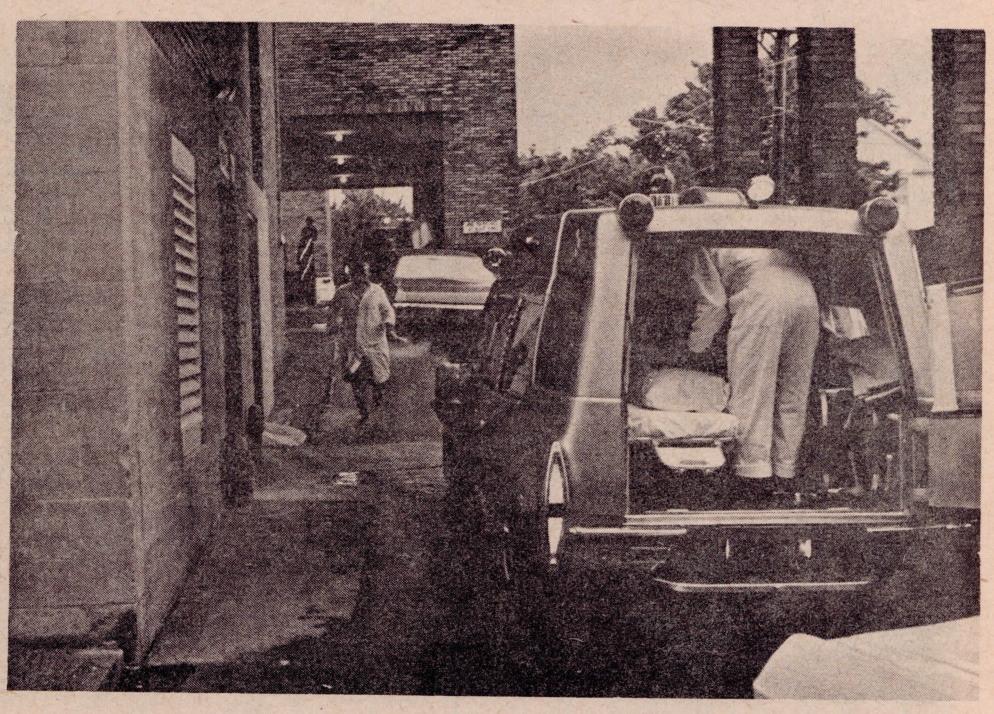
Loading sand bags on the Kingston side of the Market Street Bridge.



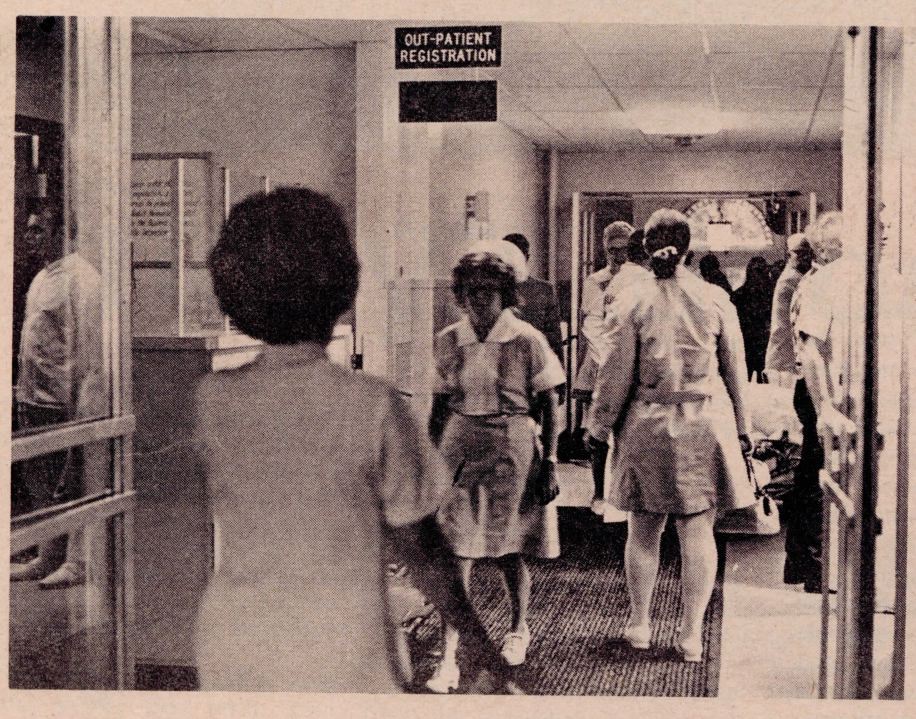
The effort continued to secure the Market Street Bridge.



Pillowcases used to bolster the dike in Kingston.



Nesbitt Hospital evacuated patients to safer areas.



Every able professional and semi-professional employee helped in evacuation of Nesbitt Hospital.



Rescuing row boats that floated away from Arlans at Mark Plaza.

civil defense on the job

by Christina Warnagiris

General Townend, chief of the Luzerne County Civil Defense Unit, broadcast bulletins throughout the day on Friday, June 23. The substance of his reports follows:

6 a.m. report – General Townend, director of Luzerne County Civil Defense, reported from the subbasement of the Luzerne County CourtHouse that they had been on duty all night (Thu. June 22-Fri. June 23) and that the river level was at about 33 to 34 feet and was therefore as high as it had ever been charted. The evacuation of general areas of Wilkes-Barre and Kingston – areas below the dike in Central Wilkes-Barre to and including Hanover Township, were in progress. All of Kingston was being evacuated. The crest was expected to reach 37 to 40 feet. He announced that there was a glimmer of hope that the crest would be at 37 and a half feet, just one-half foot above the dikes. But he cautioned that there was a "50-50" chance that the dikes would not hold and that the decision to evacuate was a necessary precaution. However there were still about three hours of safety and therefore no one should panic but should evacuate in an orderly manner. The General recalled the '36 flood and reminded that the prognosis was now for four additional feet of water than had been experienced in that decade.

7:50 report – The Civil Defens operation had moved from th subbasement of the courthous because of water getting too deep It was reported that the river at 7 a.m. was at 35.8, which was already 2.37 feet higher than the '36 flood, which was the previous record. The evacuation route in Wilkes-Barre



Photo by Bill Harding

Rescue in process in front of Midway Shopping Center

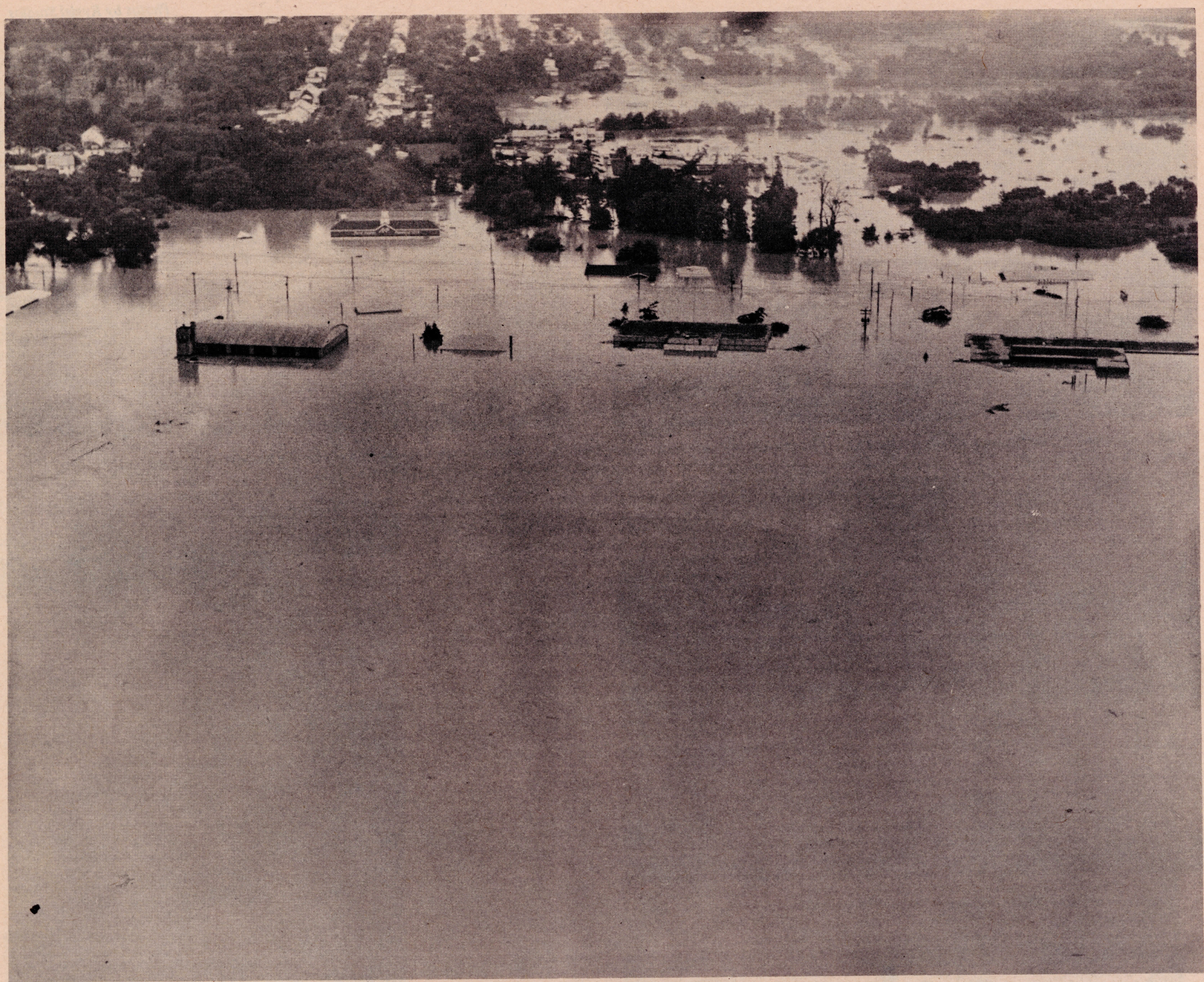
had to be through the Heights . Evacuees were told to look for a school or other public building. The evacuation would be for a relatively short duration. The estimate was revised downward now to a 25 per cent chance that the river could be contained. Now there was only a short time left to get out of the city, but there should still be no panic, just orderly departure. It would be better to get out in a truck or bus or car rather than having to be evacuated in a boat or helicopter later.

10:30 report – . General Townend reported that at 10 a.m. the river was encouraging at 37.2 feet, an increase of only five-tenths of a foot in the past hour. However, the Civil Defense Center revised upward its forecast of the cresting since the Federal Forecasting Service in Harrisburg in the person of O.B. White, had given a forecast of 43 feet and that bureau was usually reliable in forecasting weather conditions 24 hours in advance. Townend reported that "we are very close to giving up on the effort on the dike." The sandbags were just about at the same level as the river on Ross Street. However, it was still a fact that the river was being held at that point. However, the whistle would probably be blown shortly calling off the effort. Residents were assured that the young people and adults at the dikes would be safe and their lives would not be jeopardized in order to sandbag for "just another 10 minutes." The forecast for the cresting of the river was set at over 40 feet on Saturday morning. The main job now would be work at the mass care centers. The General said that the decision on leaving the dikes would be made in the next half hour and he signed off with, "as of now we are just waiting and hoping."

At 11:10 the order was given to evacuate the Wilkes-Barre City and at 1:50 Civil Defense was broadcasting and operating out of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District Offices at 730 South Main Street below Blackman Street near Parish on South Main. They reported they would be in emergency operation for at least three to four days. The big job of evacuation of critical areas was continuing. So far no casualties were reported due to the flood. The 190th Artillery, The Navy Reserve, the Marines and other organizations were in full emergency operation. Townend said that the important job now was complete evacuation and that the "stay hards" were the only ones left in the city and were being evacuated by boat and helicopter because they did not heed the warning or did not hear the warning earlier. Evacuees were told to go to schools, churches and similar buildings. The problems of mass care were now being attended to and the Red Cross was handling that situation. Townend said people had to be counted and then food had to be provided. He was not sure all would be fed on Friday but was certain that by Saturday all such problems would be well in hand. It would not be steak and potatoes, he said, but rather a substantial soup and crackers would certainly arrive at the evacuation centers. He repeated that the only problem was with those who stubbornly refused to evacuate while there was still time to do so.

At 3:35 – The problem of tabulating the numbers of people in the evacuation centers was pointed out again but it was noted that as far as could be ascertained there was enough food for the evening meal. He spoke directly to the Mass Care Centers for people with special dietary needs, such as those of infants and children, to make such needs known to authorities at the center. He ended with an encouraging note that soon the waters would subside and "we will all be able to go back home."

Photo by Sam Salinsky



Aerial view of Wyoming Airport

friday's flood in wyoming

by Beatrice Bjorheim

There was a dream just getting started because my head had hit the pillow at 3:05 a.m., after finishing the report of the Wyoming Area School Board meeting of Thursday night, when the phone rang. The clock said quarter to four in the morning. Wondering if we had the right time, I reached for the receiver. "Hello."

"Bea, this is Vic. Can Ray come to the airport right away. They expect the dike to go."

Arrangements are made. I hang up the receiver and get upstairs to rout that man-size, almost 17-year-old out of bed. Ray answers the call. I want to feed him something; he says give him orange juice and some German breakfast sandwiches – an open face sandwich of cheese and or cold cuts.

I drive him to the airport at the Midway. Other people are already there. On the way back, I decide to look around. There are barricades in front of the State Store in the Midway to stop people from driving into the water. I go around, thinking I'll peek behind the Super Saver but a truck is unloading. I back out and cross over to the dry cleaning store. I enter the alley when flashing red lights appear.

Officer Vulangavich asks what I'm doing and accepts my explanation of just looking around. However, he tells me to get moving as that is no place to look around. Glad he did not ask for identification, because I didn't think to take any with me.

Back home it is hard to sleep. When the newspaper hits the front door right after 5 a.m., I call it a night. Outside it is getting light and the birds are singing, just like on any other morning. Planes have been flying out and some landing. The radio is giving out all kinds of dire warnings. The lights flash and flicker and I remember that the transistor batteries are dead. My mind tried to believe what was happening. What should I pray for? Just what is happening? What do I do?

I decided on the routine of reading the paper while having a cup of coffee. Then I washed the dishes, noting that the water pressure seemed to be low. A noise in the basement turns out to be a rattle in the hot water tank. The radio bulletins began getting more urgent. Close to eight o'clock I had to go out to view the flood for myself.

Going on Susquehanna Avenue toward Eighth Street, I see people just looking at the flats. When I look, there is brown water where the farm used to be. Well now I know what a flood looks like. At Eighth Street a detour sign is up; the bridge is closed; rumors say it has moved from its base; men are directing traffic.

After leaving off the school board copy at Sixth Street, I go out to Wyoming Avenue and meet another detour sign on West Sixth Street. I turn left and head for Super Saver, remembering some staples that are needed. Not open yet. Someone asks me if the store will open; I don't know. Then I check on the progress at the airport.

The coffee pot is going; Vic and Sheila are already visibly tired. Most of the planes are safely at Avoca. Three large dump trucks are unloading fill on the far edge of the field. Coming up the taxiway they splash into some water. One of the pilots tells of seeing half a house floating in the river the night before. He says that Arlan's in Mark Plaza has water to the top of the doors.

I went back to get some food for the airport crew. I am told the Super Saver might not open. Figured I'd better head up towards Exeter. Found the Acme open. Other people had found it, too. Bread hardly got to stay on the shelf. Waiting in line one woman tells me Colonial Village has been evacuated since 5 a.m. Another mentions that a man in West Pittston has had a heart attack and has been put into the ambulance. That must be the one that went through Wyoming about 3:10 with a police car in front and another in back with all sirens going. Before seeing them, I thought it was the signal the dike had broken.

Going back down the Avenue, there is the Wyoming Police Car with some borough officials huddled around. Further down there is a street department truck. At the dike it seems people are just out to look at the water. A number of the army vehicles are moving north.

Jerry's car is here but a lot of strange faces greet me in the luncheonette. Buns and donuts in hand, I go to the office. Nobody. Sheila and Blaise are out on the tarmac. Let the food be and head home, but first I have to stop and get a look at the water in the dike. The level is about 13 feet.

Take the groceries in. Check the cellar. There is some seepage but no more than at other times.

I venture out again after a while and start toward the Eighth Street bridge. People are still standing around looking. At one house above Eighth Street there are sandbags in the driveway. The bridge is roped off to traffic.

Stopped at one point almost into Exeter. Some of the people have not seen a flood before. They are too young to remember 1936 and 1940. Further up there is a man from Forty Fort with an Exeter family. The girl says her brother has seen a Volkswagon go by.

Up at Schooley Street a house was going under water. The pumping station for WVSA is about halfway gone and a truck is just about floating. From Schooley Street to Grant Street it continues

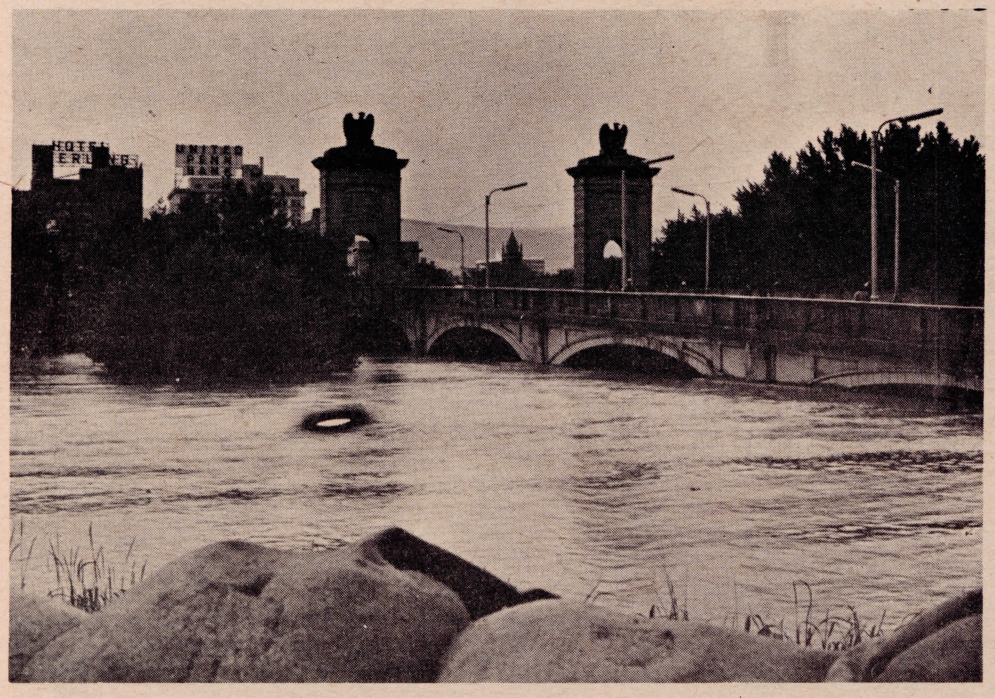
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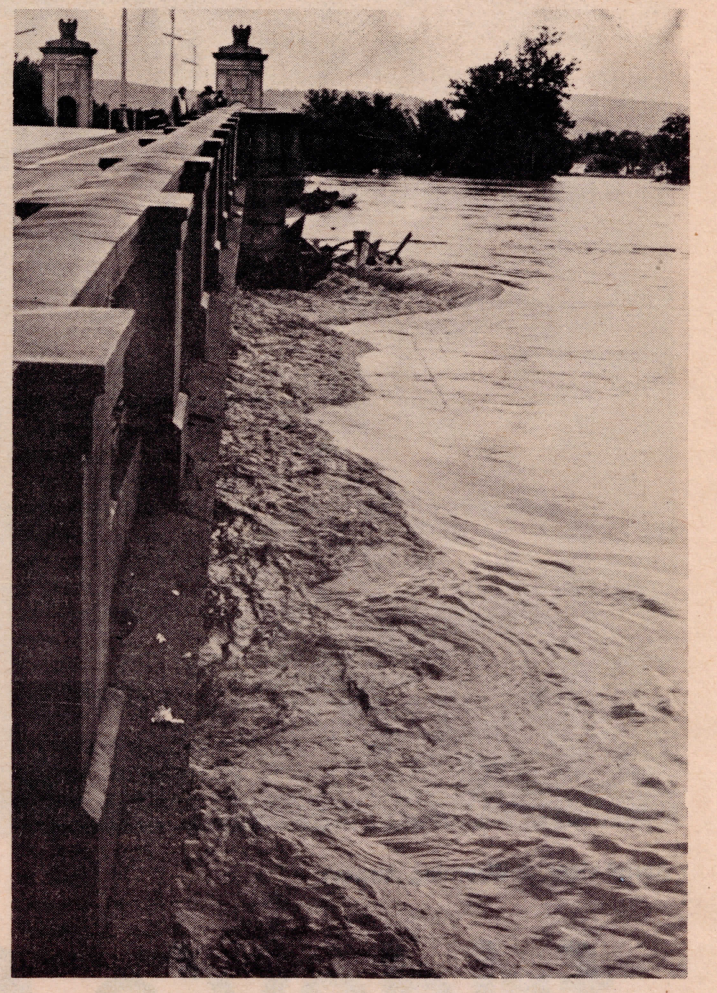
WBAX announcer broadcasts overlooking the flooded Arlans store in the Mark Plaza Shopping center in Edwardsville.



WBAX transformer shorted out by the inundating Susquehanna.



View of the Market Street bridge in Wilkes-Barre on Friday afternoon.



Debris accumulates along the base of the Market Street bridge as the River rises Friday afternoon.



Debris at the base of the Market Street bridge includes a wrecked motor and boat.



The Susquehanna, Friday afternoon, nearly touching the underside of the Market Street bridge.

to get worse. A truck is bringing fill to put in sandbags but the water is already on Susquehanna Avenue. It is now noon. South Wilkes-Barre, we hear, has been evacuated.

One Exeter man on traffic duty said he has been on duty since 7 a.m. He knows of no injuries. The sightseers are causing a problem. They want to get the cars as close to the river as they can and are not allowing trucks to get through.

The farms on the flats are just completely washed out for the year.

A man stops me to ask me for whom I work. He said he personally did not know what to do – should he evacuate his family or stay to try to stem the river or direct traffic. Just then a loudspeaker is heard telling people to move their furniture to the second floor and shut off all electrical connection

The rain starts to come down a bit heavier and more umbrellas pop into view.

I ride over to Exeter Park and find that Happy Valley Golf Course looks like a lake. There is some water visible in empty lots that have been filled. Children are out walking in puddles.

Coming toward West Wyoming on Slocum Street at about 12:30 p.m. there is dirt on the road around Browncrest development. On Eighth Street Abraham's Creek flows rapidly under the bridge.

Mail is being delivered and the Wyoming Bank is open.

At one o'clock in the afternoon the water in the dike is 14 feet high. People are stopping to look and standing around to talk. We hear that the bodies were washed out of the Forty Fort cemetery. A man from the gas company says he hopes the lines at the Wyoming



Overview of South Wilkes-Barre.

station will hold. Already there is no gas in Kingston and Wilkes-Barre. The gas line has flexible nipples to allow for some shifting.

Watching the water in the dike someone notices two beavers swimming around. The clown on the golf driving range is standing on his own special island. I get to the airport again just in time to see the water flood it out. Ray intended to ride his bike up Wyoming Avenue after his work was completed. He did not; had to hurry out as the waters were rising. The dike gives out and the entire Midway Shopping Center is under water.

sandbagger's account near pickering street

by Carole McGinley

Hundreds of Wilkes-Barre residents spent what could accumulate into a few thousand man hours early Friday morning in a steady effort to hold back the waters of the Susquehanna. The river rose steadily and seemed unaware of the work and dedication and in some cases, real valiance taking place on its banks.

The Observer spoke to Tom Zarenski, 21-year-old, long-haired resident of South Wilkes-Barre, who was no different from many other able men of the area during those early hours of Friday. Young and old and middle-aged, they were out building dikes, filling sandbags, attempting to save their homes and the homes of their friends. Tom arrived at the dike at 6:30 a.m. The workers had been out many hours by this time. What he noticed, he ways, was very little excitement. People were just working steadily, cooperating beautifully. Addy Asphalt trucks and city trucks dropped sand periodically. By this time the shortage of burlap bags was obvious to anyone listening to radios in the Wilkes-Barre area. Tom says he saw lots of plastic bags doubled and filled with sand.

Tom worked on the dike near Pickering and Locust Streets, in the shadow of the railroad bridge which connects with the lowlands behind Kirby Park. We asked him if he felt his efforts were in vain. "The part of the dike where I was working didn't break. The river broke through at Ross and the efforts of all those people who sandbagged and built up the dike gave people in that area a little more time to evacuate. No, I don't think it was useless effort."

Near Ross on Riverside Drive, just below the sanitation pumping station which flooded soon after the river came through, an incident was reported which expresses the mood of this group which gathered to fight the water. Sandbags were piled strong and high. The river broke through with not much force. It was a break that could be blocked if more sandbags could be piled on to reinforce the dike. But the crew there could not leave what they had already built up in order to get the bags needed for reinforcement. An older man, in an amazing bit of on-the-spot organizing, gathered a group of about 100 people, joined hands and braced the sandbag dike with their bodies until a reinforcing wall could be built. This story made its way up and down the dike, perhaps reinforcing the spirit of the other workers.

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Residents of the area, for the most part, evacuated early But some stayed on to provide coffee for the workers. The numbers of the crews, however, drank up all supplies within minutes after announcements of "coffee down one block," had made it up and down the dike. Failing to find coffee at any of the announced stations, Tom and the crew which worked with him finally imposed upon a West Academy Street resident with their request. Graciously, the woman agreed, went inside and put on the coffee. Within minutes a car with siren and loudspeaker drove past on its way up and down the stereets. This was the final chance. Evacuate NOW!



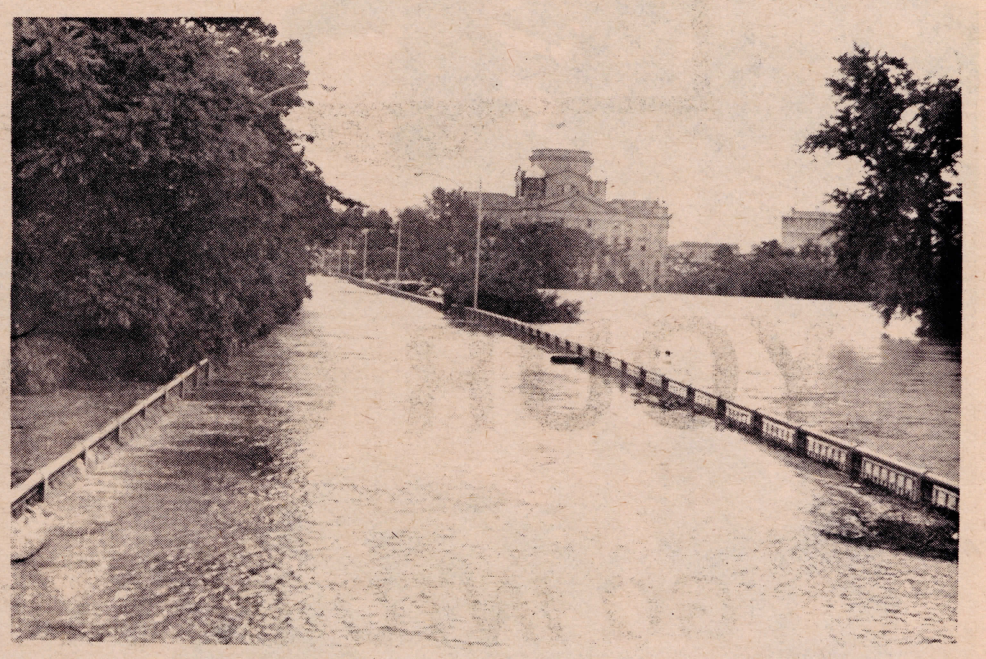
The Susquehanna River raging close to the Market St. bridge.



View of S. River St. from across the River.



The North St. Bridge, just a thin streak upon the water.



Close-up view of the North St. bridge Friday afternoon.



Measuring water height became a problem after guages floated away. Here workers lower a tape into the water until the attachee weight touches water Theu could then measure from the weight to the top of the bridge railing ot get river heights.



Sandbag levy holds back river across from Sterling Hotel.

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cave causes scare in wilkes-barre

by Dan McGinley

The gracious lady from W. Academy Street came out to let htem know that coffee was on as her husband was getting ready to grab a few things, jump into the car and get out. "Thank you very much; sorry we cannot stay around to enjoy it," was the reply from the crew who were not about to stay around for a cup of coffee.

The withdrawal of the workers was calm, according to Tom. People did evacuate immediately. Friday evening homes in the Riverside area roound St. Theresa's Church were sighted by a relative of Mr. O.J. Solomon of that area. The relative made the trip into the area by boat. Only the peaks of the roofs were visible.

Residents of North End Section of Wilkes-Barre, spared from flood waters, were given a scare when a cave-in was reported on Thompson Street, about 100 yards north of the Butler Street Bridge.

The cave occurred on the site of an old air shaft that had long been filled in. Apparent pressure from high underground water levels started the subsidence which was about six feet deep and ten feet around.

A car owned by Mrs. Margaret Fleitus, a resident of South Wilkes-Barre, was almost engulfed in the cave. The subsidence reportedly stopped just behind her rear tire.

After moving the woman's car, residents of Thompson Street roped-off the cave area.

spectators attracted by wilkes-barre flooding

by Clint Morse

While police, fire and civil defense rescue crews were helping with the evacuation of South Wilkes-Barre, people in other sections of the city were standing watch and giving their "expert" opinion. It seems that whenever disaster strikes, those in attendance become professionals. They have their own set of standards, their own rule of thumb for measuring effects and predicting events to come.

The windshield of a submerged panel truck became the measuring rod for some of the experts who were at the North Street Bridge near the County CourtHouse. "There it is. Now you could see it. You could see the bottom of the windshield." "I told you the water was receding." was the victory cry of one female bystander. The two panel trucks were parked at the rear of a gas station, near the railroad tracks across North Street from the CourtHouse. The water at that time (3:30 p.m., which we learned later was the approximate time of the crest of the river) was just about half way up the side of the trucks and lapping at the bottom of the windshield, just as the lady so vividly reported to her audience.

Strangely enough, she was correct in stating that the water was receding, for we learned later that it was.

The official river stage watchers, employed by the government, were not quite as certain as she was, however. They could not understand how their calculations and predictions had gone wrong. "The river should have reached a high point of near 42 feet, and it only reached 38.5 feet," one of them said. I'm sure the residents with water about to enter their dining rooms were happy that the forecaster's prediction was off by a few feet.

As our expert continued to stand watch on the water level on the panel truck, someone in the crowd noticed a large truck tire floating lazily to and fro near the tennis court behind the courthouse. There was a strong current of water across the courts and as soon as the tire neared the area, it picked up speed and in a matter of moments was on its way down the Susquehanna to the wide Atlantic.

The mystery of it all was the old North Street Bridge. Many motorists had long since ceased using the brided because they felt it about to collapse at any moment. It had been the subject of discussion in the state legislature and even on the federal level. "The old North Street Bridge has got to go," but not today! The old bridge just grinned as planks, trees, even buildings, came flying swiftly down the river and smashed into the underpilings of the bridge only to stick there in the grasp of the bridge for as much as an hour or more before the bridge left them go on down the river.

Above the bridge the water was swift and smooth, but after hitting hte bridge it became angry and violent as it continued on its way. One young fellow said to a policeman, "Do you think the bridge will go?"

The reply, "If it hasn't gone by now, it will never go."

This seemed to disappoint the man, "I hope so; get rid of the 'dam' thing. Whenever I can I avoid using it."

Perhaps the old bridge was listening because it hung on for dear life.

The policemen and civil defense volunteers on duty had their problems with sightseers and motorists. Many parked their cars and headed for the water's edge only to be called back curtly, "Other side of the street!"

One fellow, camera in hand, hid behind a bush and took a couple of flash shots. It appeared that his flash must have been good for around 15 feet at the most, but he was at least 50 yards from his target – old North Street Bridge. Other camera buffs with their high priced movie outfits in high gear, grinding away in the rain, in the almost darkness, and without the benefits of any lights someone will be sitting through rerun after rerun of Uncle Ted at the scene of the flood of 1972 got the pictures they wanted.

For a time the corner of North Street and River Street gave the appearance of an intersection of a boardwalk in Atlantic City as the picnickers swarmed around in fancy sports cars arriving with their high powered motor boats. One was a fetching lavender colored power boat pulled by a GTX sports car attended by two young couples that appeared to be headed for a day of fun in the sun. Of course, they may well have been volunteering their boat for use by the police rescue unit.

At one point the shrieking of an ambulance siren brought everyone to attention. Someone shouted, "get out of the way, you jerk," at a motorist. The ambulance pulled up to a stop and the cop seemed perplexed. "Where are you trying to go?" he asked.

After some haggling it was evident that the driver of the ambulance was confused. It turned out that the ambulance was from Olyphant and belonged to the hose company there, Excelsior Hose Co. No. 1, to be exact. We learned later that several units of various sorts had been volunteered from "up the line" to help out in Wilkes-Barre disaster area.

Not everyone was having fun waiting for the demise of the bridge. One fellow said to his girlfriend, "Once you've seen water, you've seen it. Let's go." And they went.

Travel in the different areas became somewhat confused as one-way streets were used both ways and cars were parked in all directions. The scene near the courthouse was a noisy one compared to other sections of the city.

A block down River Street at Union everyone seemed to stand in silence. Several police were on hand, a few Civil Defense workers, Father Adonizio who had help strengthen the dike in the early morning hours, and the owner of the property on the corner of Union and River. He was not sure of many of the details because he cut the power in his house for safety, and despite the fact his son is a bug on electronics, they do not have a transistorized radio in the house. All stereo and other electrically operated sets are on hand but useless. He said he had moved everything to the second floor because he had heard they expected a crest of more than 40 feet. "Back in 1936," he said, "the crest was only 33 feet." In 1936 the water found its way all the way back to Franklin Street but today it was barely across River Street. He felt that as long as the river level didn't tip over the sandbags on top of the dike and burst into the pool of water on the river common this side of the dike, everything would be all right. Most people did not say it, but they indicated a fear of impending disasters as though the dike, while protecting the city, was acting like a pressure-building device. If it should give out, the effects would be more severe than if there had been no dike.

Although there were a number of persons at all locations, it was surprising that there weren't more.Of course it was still a work day and apparently many did not get out to see the sights until after supper. When it grew darker at about 6 p.m., the traffic build-up started and the crowds enlarged. About that time City Manager Corbett announced an 8 p.m. curfew was in effect in the city. Along the top of the dike, from the Market Street Bridge to the CourgHouse, fancy colored sandbags were piled three or four high. The workers had tied pillow cases and plastic bags when they ran short of burlap but they just could not hold the heavy wet sand in place. A "job johnny" had been provided for the workers. It now lay on its side in the middle of the two or three foot deep lake along the common. Apparently the workers had eaten well as evident by a number of empty Krispy Creme donut boxes floating by the courthouse. The southern side of the Courthouse, tons and tons of fill had been dumped to keep the water in check. On the North Street side, sandbags had been piled. The water did not get far enough to actually test the sandbags.

As everyone stood almost silently at the Union Street intersection, a feeling of frustration was in the air. There seemed to be nothing anyone could do. It was like the residents of an old western town hiding in the doorway waiting for the shootout on Main Street. Jeeps passed through; there were several yellow hardhats in evidence, but no one was actually doing anything.

While rescue workers and police were busy in the South End of Wilkes-Barre, they were being observed from far off on the hills on the Heights in GAR secion. Several persons stood on the GAR steps with binoculars, trying to determine what was happening. About four smokey fires were evident in the city at that time. On the hills of South Hancock Street and South Grant Street others stood with binoculars. There were almost no parking spaces available. A few of the people were giving a play-by-play description. A different yardstick was used at this end of town. The water level was based on its approach to Nedoffs. "See, it was up near the railroad and now it's back much further," one girl said. She used this as her proof that the water level was dropping slowly.

The scene at the dead end of Lehigh Street below Park Avenue was different. There the water was deep. Most homes had been evacuated and the youngsters were having fun with inner tubes and other devices floating in the water. The water level varied from knee deep to waist high, depending on the location and the size of the youngster. One lady said, "They'll catch their deaths of colds." Another replied, "Those kids never get sick." A man shouted back, "They're playing in nothing but sewer water.

Earlier in the day the residents of Port Griffith Area had gathered at the water's edge to give their professional opinion. All seemed to agree that it was worse than "the last one." One fellow said, "Last time I remember walking along River Street all the way to the Legion. Now you cannot even start down the road."

A lady said she heard that the bartender at the Legion did not come out. They broke a window trying to get him, but he still would not come out, so she said.

There was a sign along River Street that said Johnny's Auto Parts. The sign was no doubt about five feet off the ground. Today it was only about five or six inches above the water. A boy, talking with a relative, said, "I got all the furniture and the rugs up to the second floor." He was talking about the home nearby that was completely surrounded by water, with the treat of water entering the first floor. In the front yard there must have been at least one hundred tiny fountains spurting water from underneath, "mine water," one of the experts said. "Who could imagine what is taking place down below." It did appear to be mine water under pressure. In another area the drain sewers were under pressure and spouting water almost like a fountain.

Although at times it appeared to be like a family picnic, the seriousness of the disaster was indicated by the radio news unit that came in from Philadelphia with WCAU radio news printed on its side.



Photographer John Rygiel of Rygiel Studios disembarks from the motor boat which transported him throughout the flood-stricken area to enable him to record the tragedy on film.



New homes in South Wilkes-Barre innundated.

reporter turns broadcaster

by John O'Malley

The Wyoming Valley is presently feeling the effects of a raging Susquehanna River. Teh sad note is that almost no one seemed to be prepared for such an emergency and by the time of the news of the flooding, it was already too late for much meaningful action. For example in Wilkes-Barre a mini-army of volunteers gathered to reinforce the dikes but could not keep pace with the ravaging river. In Pittston City at about 1:30 Friday morning police notified SanRon Dress Factory and residents of Towpath Court to move their cars because the water was expected to rise. The Azaravage Clan, living in four houses on the Court immediately set to work emptying their garages and cellars. By daybreak the water had reached their back yards and took only another hour and a half to flood the entire area, the houseses being filled above the level of the first floor.

This reporter was at the site early in the morning helping to move furniture in trucks. What the five families – John, Eddy, Leo, and Joe Azaravage all having large families, and Joe Orth and family had not been able to move above their first floors had been ruined.

We went around with one of Leo's sons, Alan, to try to salvage anything, but the first floor was filled with freezing water chest deep and the Azaravage family just stood by to see if the water would get any higher and if the level of the second floor would be reached. If so, everything would be ruined.

In downtown Pittston, cracking occurred in the Insalaco Parking Lot along Kennedy Boulevard. The safety of the Water Street bridge is questioned. The West Side was definitely off limits due to flooding and it appears to be bad from West Pittston down stream for as far as can be seen from Pittston.

A friend living less than a block from Wyoming Area High School in West Pittston, near Grablick's Dairy, told us that water was only a half block from his home and threatening to flood at 3 p.m. Other reports say that the Falls Bridge and Eighth Street Bridges have moved on their foundations and that the two Wilkes-Barre Bridges, especially the North Street Bridge are in trouble.

We have volunteered help at radio station WPTS, which will continue on the air for 24 hours of service with permission of the Federal Communications Commission. This is the first time in the history of the station that they are broadcasting for 24 hours, since they are a sunrise-to-sunset station. WILK was the last Wileks-Barre Station to leave the air. The reason was not immediately apparent since they had broadcast earlier

inside a mass care center

by Florence Eckert



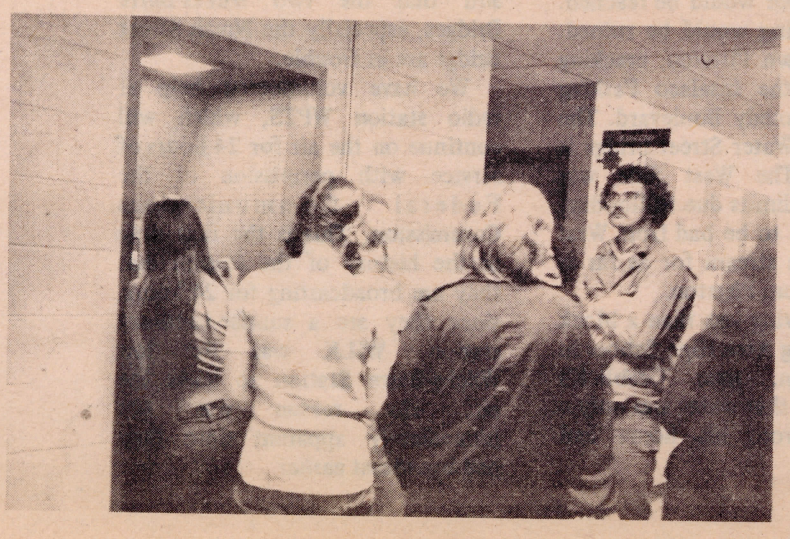














"I hope I wake up and find it was just a bad dream."

This was the expression of the majority of the people being housed at the Vo-Tech School on Pringle Hill.

Mr. George Pyle, chief administrator of Vo-Tech received a call at 5 a.m. to open the school for evacuees. Soon after his arrival people started streaming in and by 1:30 p.m. there were over 1500 families registered and several hundred more who did not realize they were to register.

The staff at Vo-Tech immediately set to work in the kitchen preparing coffee for the flood victims. Mr. Pyle said since school was not in session the supplies that normally would be available in he kitchen were almost depleted. Whatever was available in cold cuts, etc. was made into sandwiches for lunch. As the crowd of the kitchen staff were abated when truckloads of food poured in from Konefals of Edwardsville.

It appeared as though Ed Konefal simply emptied his restaurant of all the food he had in his freezers – seafood, meatballs, chicken, hamburg. You name it, he sent it all over.

Harters and Chase Dairies supplied the milk. Interstate Bakeries sent bread, rolls, cakes and baked goods of all kinds.

Mrs. Beatrice Ray, chief dietician of Vo-Tech and her two assistants Mrs. Rose Kalish and Mary Rinus are to be commended for an outstanding job.

The kitchen was run as efficiently as any large catering service. Volunteers poured in to assist wherever they were needed.

Food continued to pour in from neighbors and many anonymous donors. Vo-tech supplies their own power so the food was in no danger if general power failed.

We couldn't possibly do justice to all who helped if we tried to list names. It should suffice to say, "people were all heart."

People were seated in corridors, the cafeteria, the gymnasium and in all of the classrooms.

Little two-year-old Matthew Petrillo of Kingston slept in the corner of the cafeteria, oblivious to all. Seven-month old Jaqueline Richards lay on a cafeteria table enjoying her bottle and happy as a lark.

Until 4 p.m. there well over 1500 families were officially checked into the Vo-Tech building. Children were entertained in the gym with basketball and wrestling. Medical center was set up and was well staffed.

Right; top to bottom

Mr. George Pyle and Mrs. Kalish

Frank Lutz Jr. of the Freedom Ricers and Jasper F. Brigham.

The gym was a fascination for the children.

A ball game was soon in progress.

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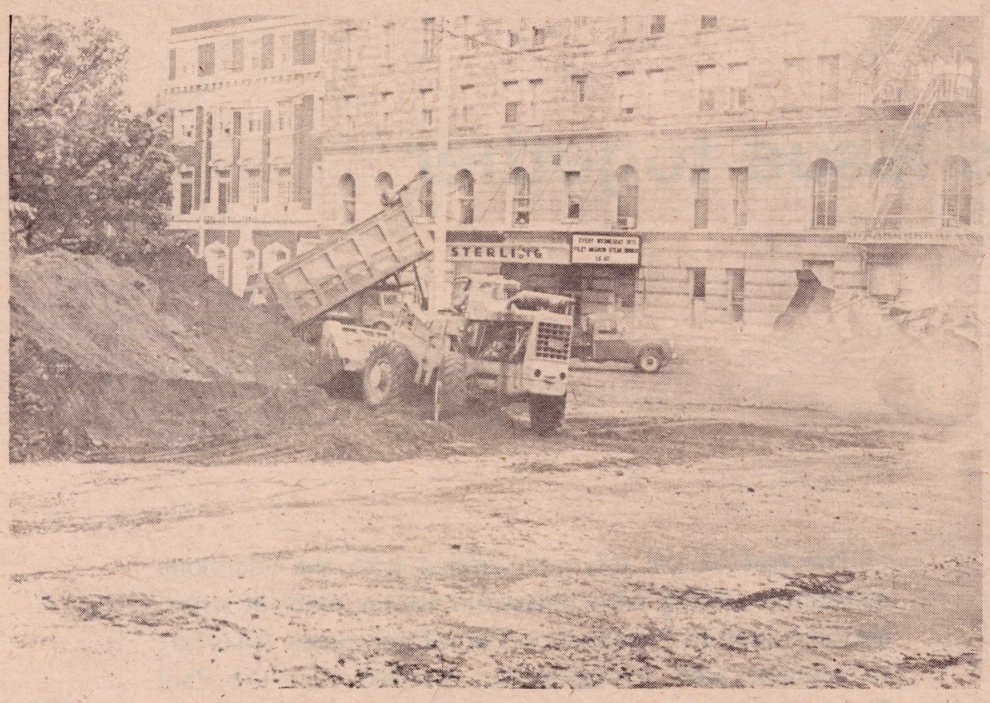
Buddie and Todd Rader of Carle Street, Kingston.

Mrs. Ray, dietician with her helpers.

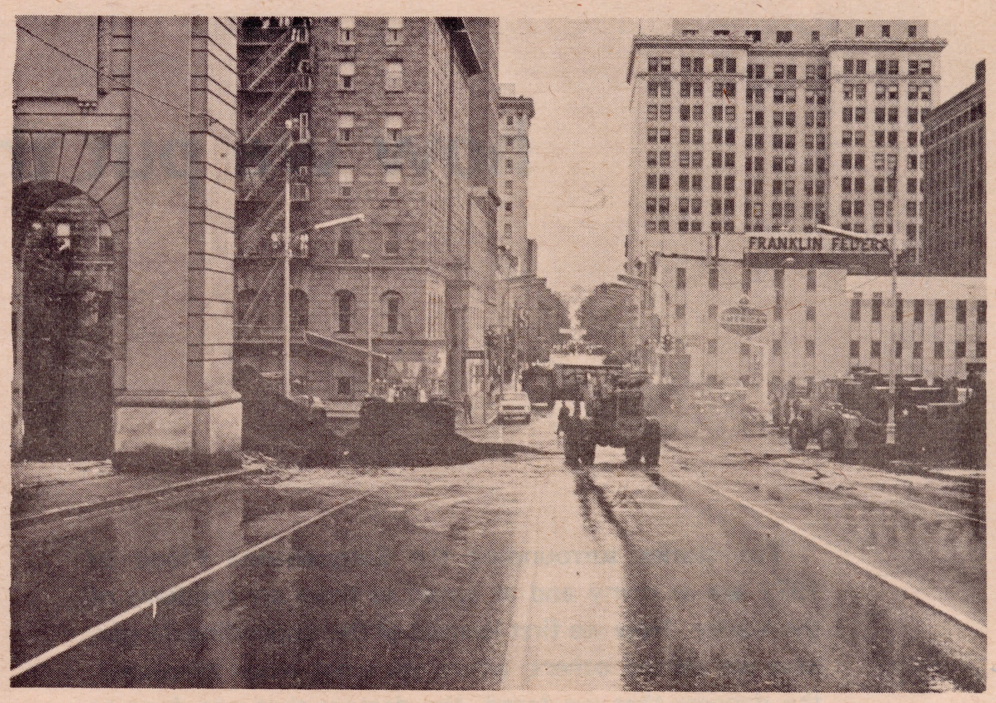
Serving the flood "refugees."

The line up for the phones

Photos by Rygiel Studios



Effort continues to stem the rising river in Wilkes-Barre



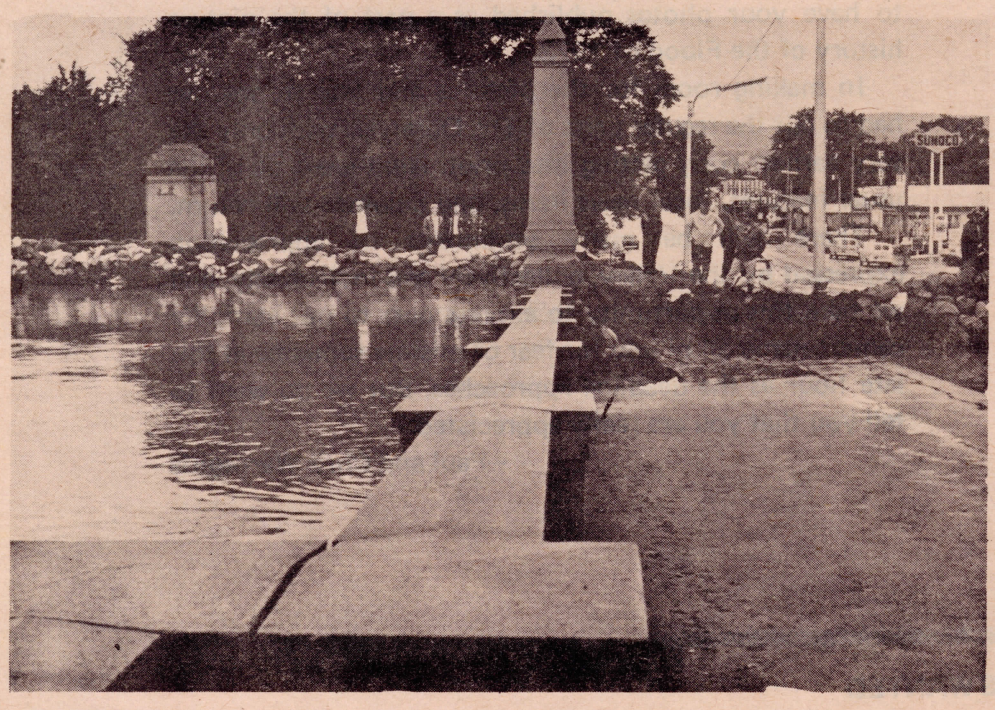
Looking into the heart of Wilkes-Barre from the Market Street Bridge.



Payloaders moving sand on South River and West Market Streets.



Sandbags piled across Kingston end of Market Street Bridge as photographer was last to leave Wilkes=Barre.



Sandbags hold back water on the left as the efforts continue on Market Street Bridge



River backing up South River Stret

send your pictures of the flood to the wyoming valley observer

how we put this issue together

The stories surrounding the Susquehanna Flood of 1972 are as many and as varied as there are residents of the Valley. How we first learned of the impending danger, how we alerted others, where we went when evacuated, the dangers that we faced, the damage that was done to our own belongings and property, the tragedies that were averted – all will be a part of our conversations for decades to come. Every individual with his own unique tale to tell; we will never become bored of such a topic that touched every individual in the Valley without exception.

The story of The Observer, Vol. VI, No. 25, will be one of those tales as well. We feel we have to share some of it with our readers.

Only two production staff members of The Observer, other than the editors, live on the West Side of the Susquehanna. When the editors arrived to begin the day at 5:30 p.m., the usual routine began in the usual way. At 6 a.m. a message was received from Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McGinley by way of a tape answering device, which was being monitored in the office. The McGinleys, having heard of evacuation in Wyoming, assumed the Observer offices were in danger. However, the Sixth Street area was in no danger at that time.

However, the McGinleys' interpretation of the newscast was not unique, we soon discovered. Each employee contacted by phone had the same thoughts of not attempting to reach the office which they believed to have been evacuated. Neither of the West Side employees could be reached, both having been evacuated earlier in the morning.

It was at this point that the editors began to wonder whether or not they could put together a representative sample of the usual Observer.

Then, at about 8 a.m. all of the pieces began to fall into place. The offices would be safe from the rising river; there would be no need to evacuate. The McGinleys, Dan and Carole both, were successful in getting over the Market Street Bridge just minutes before it was closed to regular traffic. Most of the news was already in with regular deadlines having been met. There would be a press crew available at the regular time. Observer No. 25, 1972 would hit the streets a little soggy, but just about on time.

The rest of the day was unique with the telephone constantly ringing with phoned-in stories most of which are contained in the front portion of this paper. An effort to contact area photographers revealed that the Paul Bieley Studio was under water, Paramount Studio of Plymouth was flooded but equipment had been moved to the second floor and could not be used, and many other photographers could not be reached by phone.

John Rygiel was the only photographer contacted who was in full operation in the Valley, or so we thought when we learned he had already snapped several pictures and had ideas for many more. We assigned him a midnight deadline and settled down to work, confident that a picture story would be recorded through the expert lenses of John Rygiel.

A little later, Sam Salinsky checked in and we asked him to board a previously arranged for airplane to fly the length of the Valley to record the rampaging river on her unlady-like trek through the Valley. Sam was ready and willing to perform.

Later in the evening Bill Harding of Wyoming called to see if we were in the market for any photos of the flood. He was welcomed with open arms.

The combination of the Rygiel, Salinsky, Harding efforts are pictured in the front of this paper. We hope to continue the picture history of an event not soon to be forgotten. If you have recorded your neighborhood's part in the 1972 Flood, please contact the Observer to arrange to have your photos published as a part of the picture history of the Flood of 1972.

In making room for the pictures and late stories, we had to cut the regular parts of The Observer, with only the very earliest copy getting into print. Next week all of the usual features, local news items, and columns will return.

There will be many sentiments of appreciation expressed by the Valley, collectively and individually, and we take this opportunity to experss ours to our staff. We cannot name all of you for fear of missing someone at this late hour as the deadline approaches. But we do want to tell you that you are really appreciated.

—Paul and Chris Warnagiris

PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

The Wyoming Valley Observer will continue its photographic record of the flood of 1972. All persons wishing to contribute photographs are asked to send them or deliver them to The Wyoming Valley Observer, 133 East Sixth Street, Wyoming, Pa. 18644, or call 693-1420. We cannot be responsible for any photos submitted but will make an effort to return any that are clearly labeled on the back of the photo. Black and white photos reproduce best and are preferred. Slides cannot be used.



Photos by Rygiel Studios

Efforts to secure Market Street Bridge continued all day Friday until Civil Defense "blew the whistle."



Symbol of the raging river

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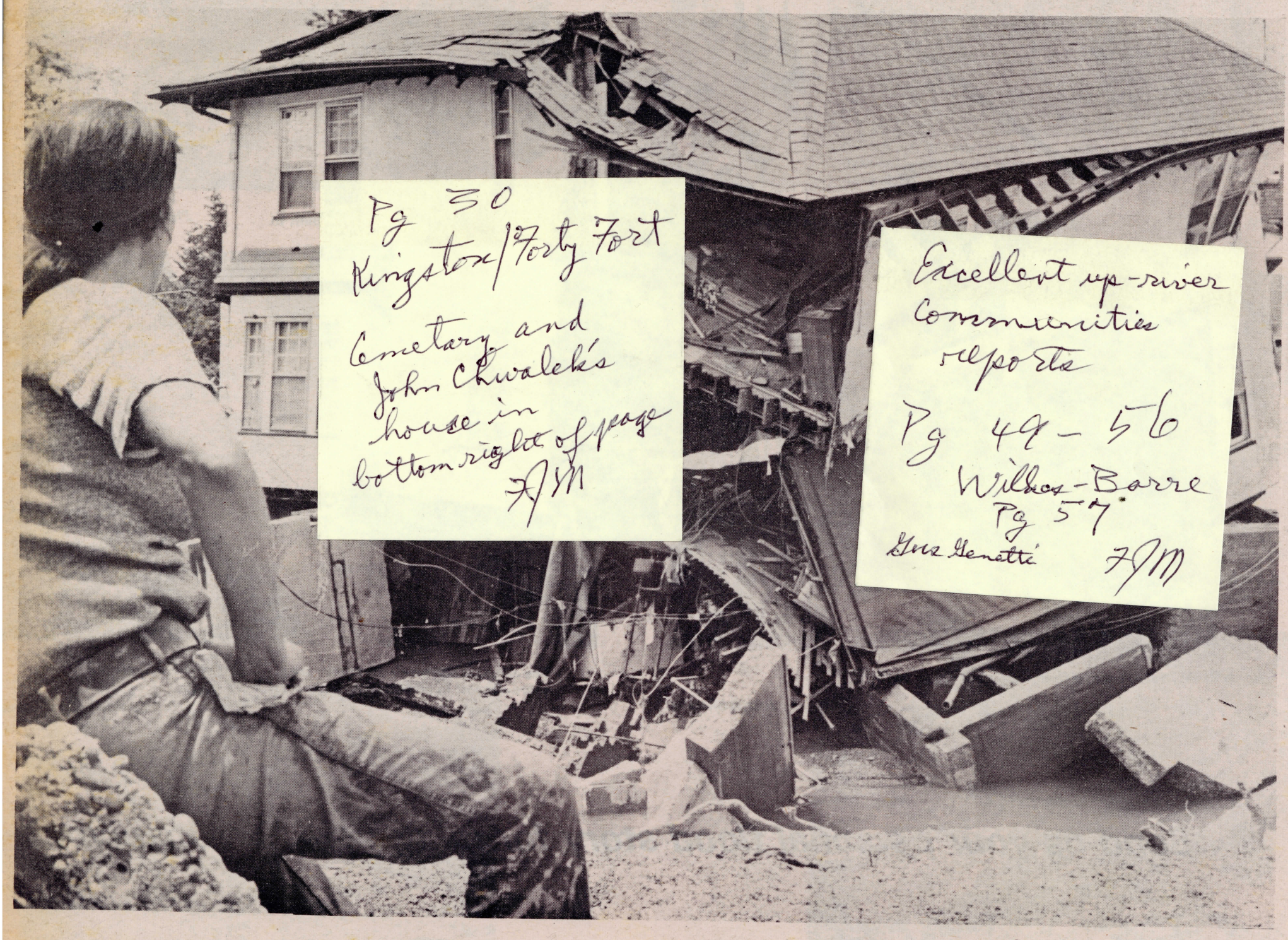
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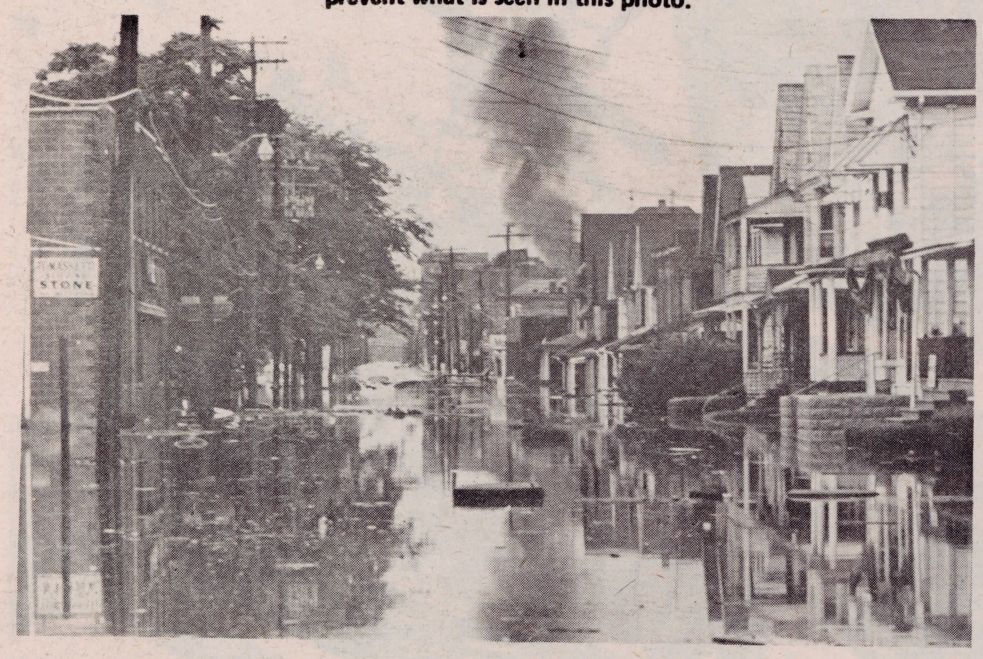
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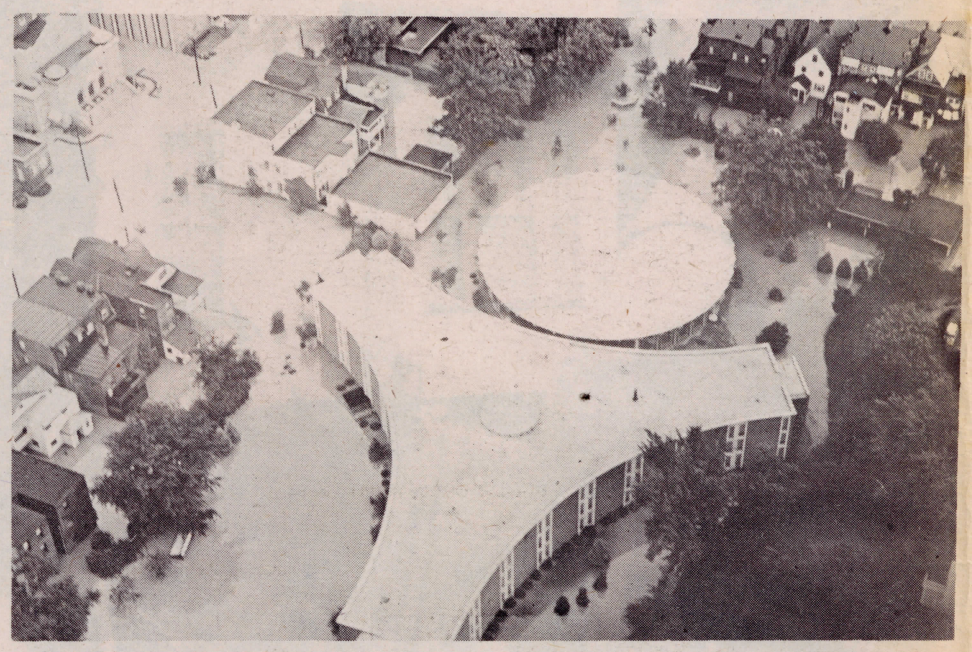
Riverside Drive is partially submerged as the rampaging Susquehanna River ignores the steel "fence" that was built to prevent what is seen in this photo.

Photo by Sam Salinsky



North Pennsylvania Avenue from Beaumont June 24, 1972.

Photo by Joseph Sharaba



The cafeteria and men's dormitory are just a part of Wilkes College's enormous loss in property and equipment.

Photo by Sam Salinsky

Send us your personal flood story for next week's ' Observer



Man walks through what used to be Old River Road near St. Theresa's Church looking toward where the river came through the dike.



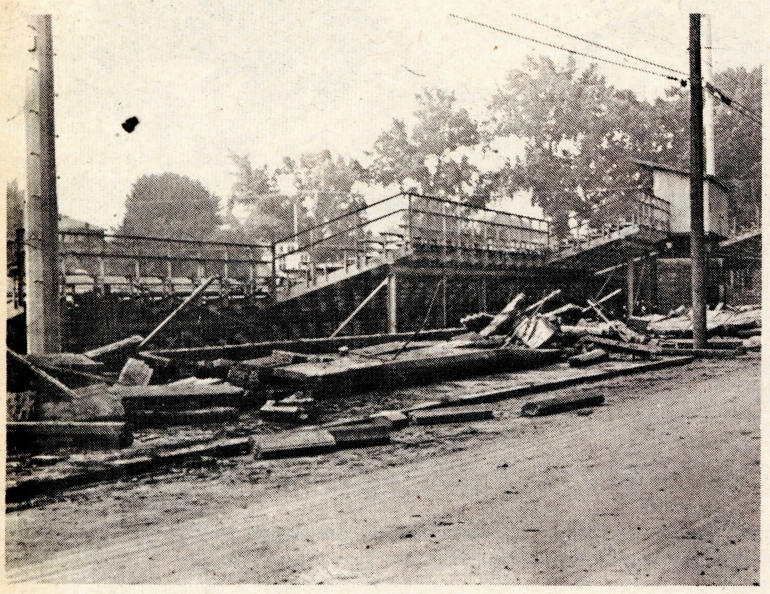
Where the river came in near St. Theresa's on Old River Road and Riverside Drive.



Piles of shoes on Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre wholesale district.



With a tear in their hearts but a smile on their faces, the Valley residents walk blocks to return to their homes to begin the long clean-up.



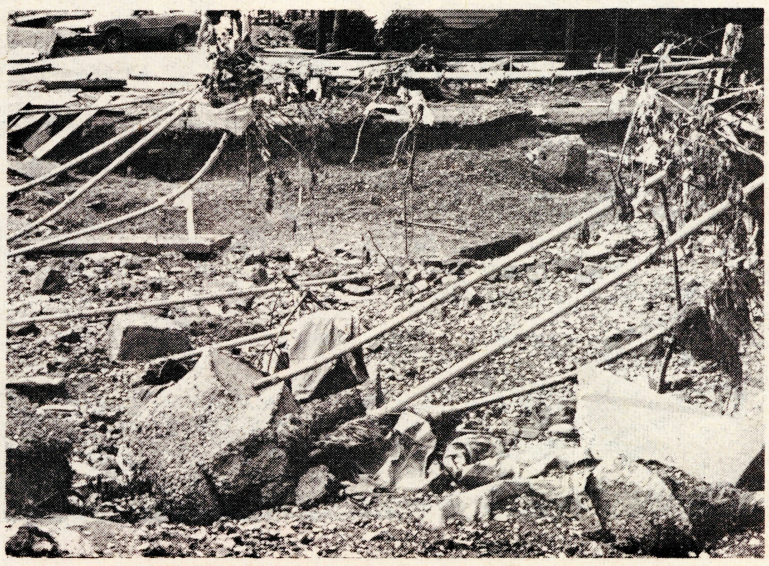
Brick wall of Meyers High School washed away.



Pavement and road bed dug out at Riverside Drive. Note circular hole in pavement that was around man hole.

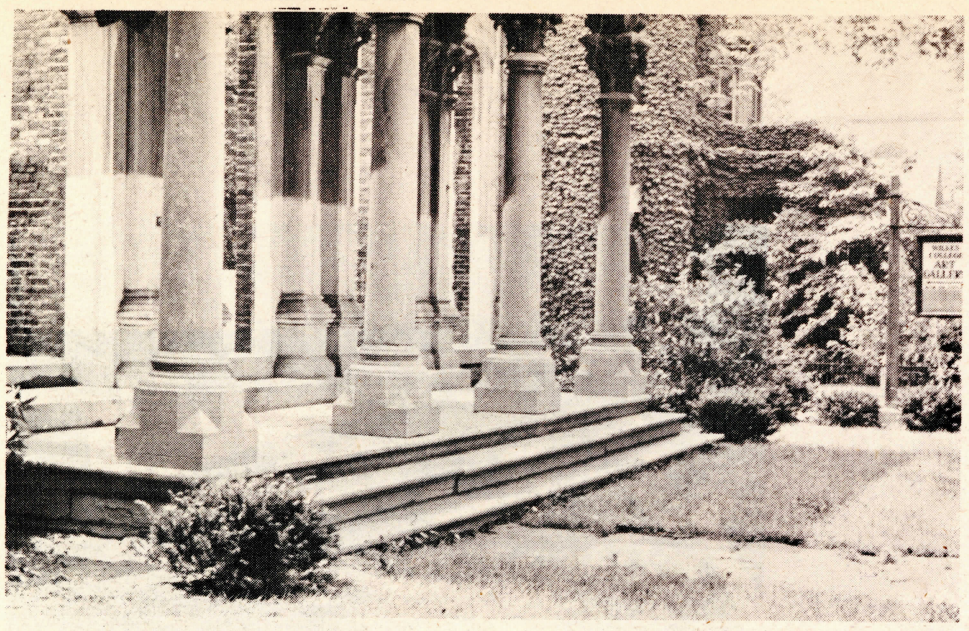


Percy Browns, Wilkes-Barre, empty of food gets ready to begin again.



Playground swings at St. Theresa's Church Wilkes-Barre, twisted like spaghetti.

Photos by Rygiel Studio



Absolute proof of water level on pillars of Wilkes College Building.



Paper, tons of paper, stand unusuable in front of Llewellyn Bros. Printing, Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.



Clean up at Hotel Sterling.



House stripped of its porches on Old River Road, Wilkes-Barre.



Atlas Mobile Homes, Old River Road Wilkes-Barre, carried into next block by flood.



Water from the broken dike dug holes and almost buried this home on Charles St., Wilkes-Barre, about 500 feet from the dike.



The Candleabra stands alone and lifeless in the once majestic lobby of the Hotel Sterling. The pillars, still doing their job, look on in disbelief.



Charles Street – the path of the water from the broken dike.



Dust and dirt on Public Square.



"Sidewalk Sale" appearance on West Market Street near Hotel Sterling.



Water upheaved the road near St. Theresa's Church, Old River Road. Playground swings stand twisted.



Photographer John Rygiel of Wyoming, returns after walking through most of Wilkes-Barre, photographing flood damage.

Photo by Rygiel Studio



Sandbags that could not hold back the river at pumping station on Old River Road and Riverside Drive.



Railroad tracks hang suspended near Atlas Mobile Homes and URGA offices on Old River Road.



Debris along Northampton Street, Wilkes-Barre. Foreground is in front of Lyons Photography.



Walk and carry – when you get home you start to work one of the many streets in Wilkes-Barre.



Fire which burned out of control in Wilkes-Barre. The entire block was destroyed form State St. to Pennsylvania Ave. Wilkes-Barre.



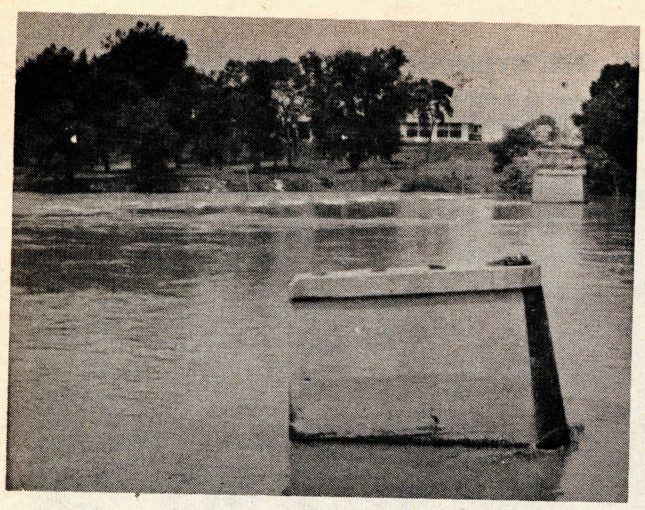
Homes that just could not withstand the tremendous force of the water at the beginning of Charles Street, Wilkes-Barre.



"The Path of the Mighty Susquehanna" where the dike broke on Charles Street and River Street Wilkes-Barre.

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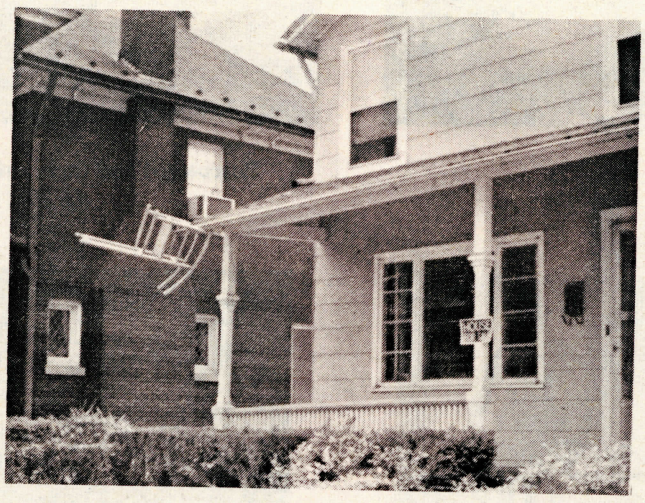
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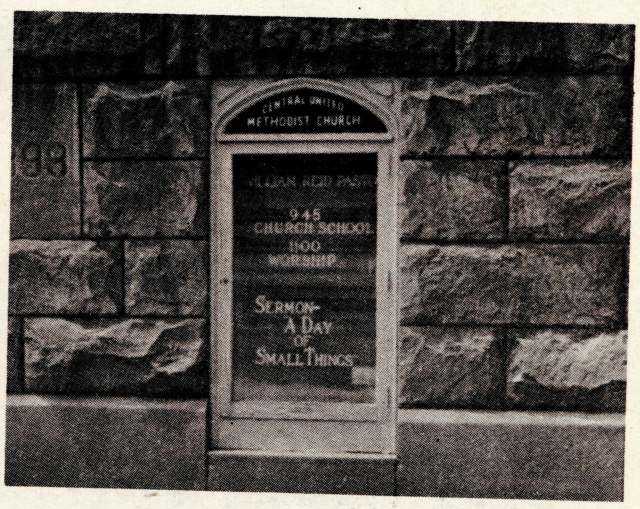




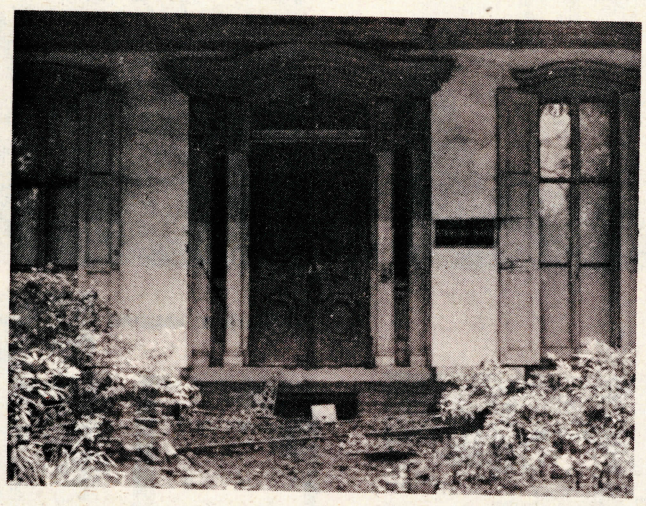














Left

Top to bottom:
GONE — The pillars of what once was the North Street Bridge.

An altogether un-prophet-able day — Below the water level of the Susquehanna until last Monday, the Central United Methodist Church proclaims that Rev. William Reid, pastor of the church and member of Wilkes-Barre's city council, was to have delivered a sermon last Sunday entitled, "A Day of Small Things." The photographer feels that he is not being disrespectful to Reverend Reid (or his sponsor) to suggest to Councilman Reid that he seek "political" advice elsewhere.

Tuesday on Market Street, looking toward the bridge as city merchants begin the long road to recovery.



Right

Top to bottom:
A wire-mesh fence is installed around the windows of The Hub, a clothing store on South Main Street.

Not entirely overjoyed at prospect of having her picture taken after hours in the downtown Wilkes-Barre mud, a girl breaks into a dance routine as the shutter clicks.

Not yet beaten, a South Main Street property owner surveys the destruction by Hurricane Agnes as clean-up operations get underway.

Photos by Jack Jarecki

Send us your flood stories, personal anecdotes, etc.

Center
Top to bottom:

The overturned vehicle, the pools of water and the cracked pavement in back of Luzerne County Court

An Academy Street scene that might be funny if it were not so tragic.

Decorative porch supports lie in front of Wilkes College's Sterling Hall, a girls' dormitory. The porch is gone.

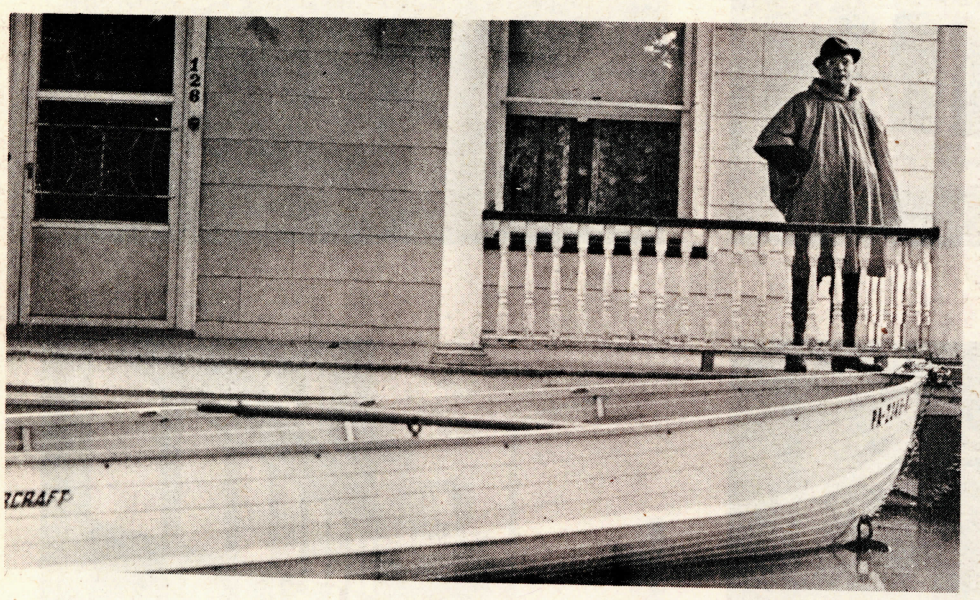
Off Academy Street in Wilkes-Barre where the slick and scum left by the river was more than ankle deep.



Railroad Bridge, West Pittston. Note the water level.



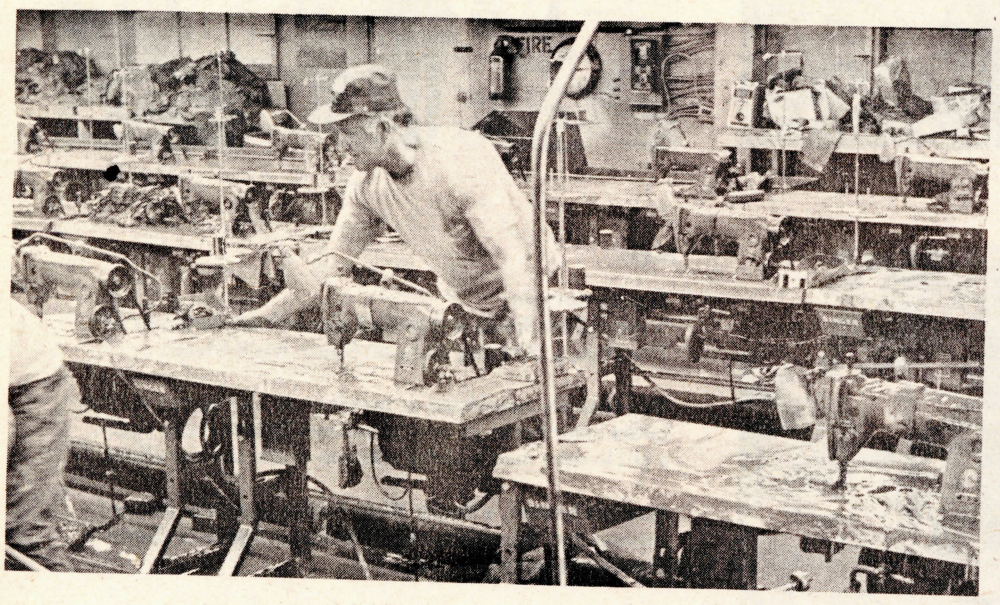
Rescue girl and three cats on Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston.



West Pittston resident used a boat to evacuate his home.



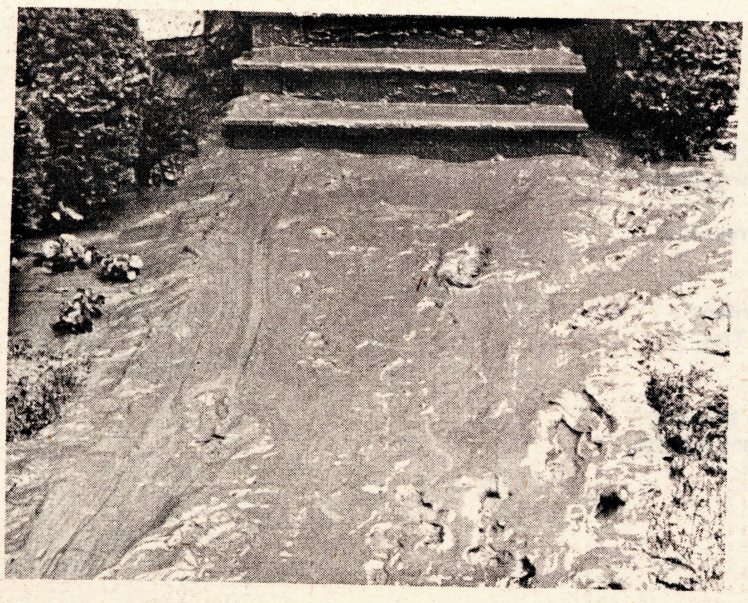
Muskrat washed up at Susquehanna Avenue, West Pittston.



Star Garment, Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston, begins the work of cleaning up machinery and plant.



Mr. Rube Switzgable, owner of West Side Shoe Repair Bldg., Luzerne Ave., West Pittston., just spent $4,000 to $5,000 remodeling his store. He did most of the work himself. "All I had to finish was the front."



Typical entrance to home, Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston.

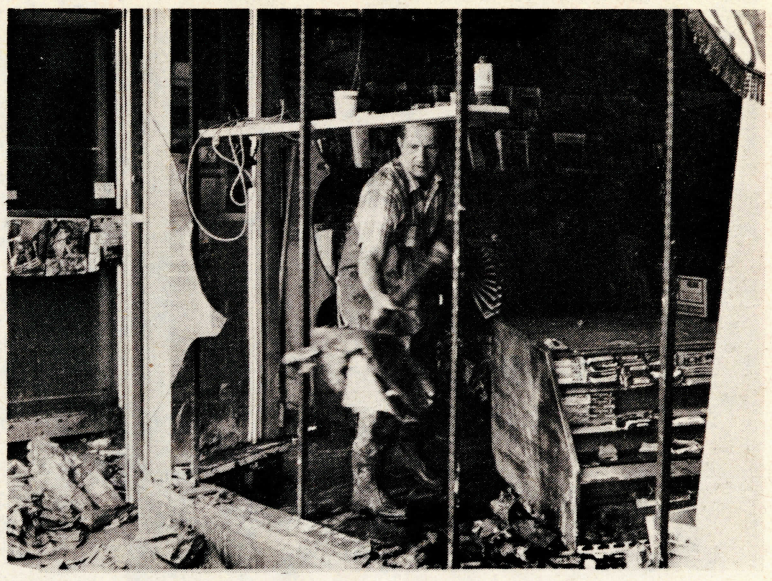


Carp on sidewalk found two blocks from the river on Luzerne Avenue.

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Tired worker sleeps in front of Wilkes Center for Performing Arts.



Mr. Ransom shovels out Matus Newsstand, Public Square Wilkes-Barre.



North Main from North Street.



Hazle Avenue at High Street.



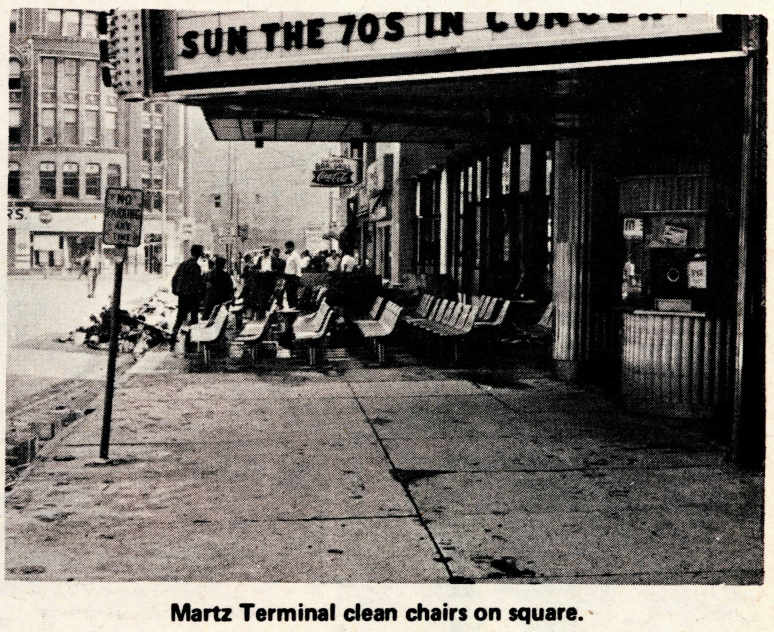
North Street looking east.



South Street bridge, looking from O'Karma Apartments.

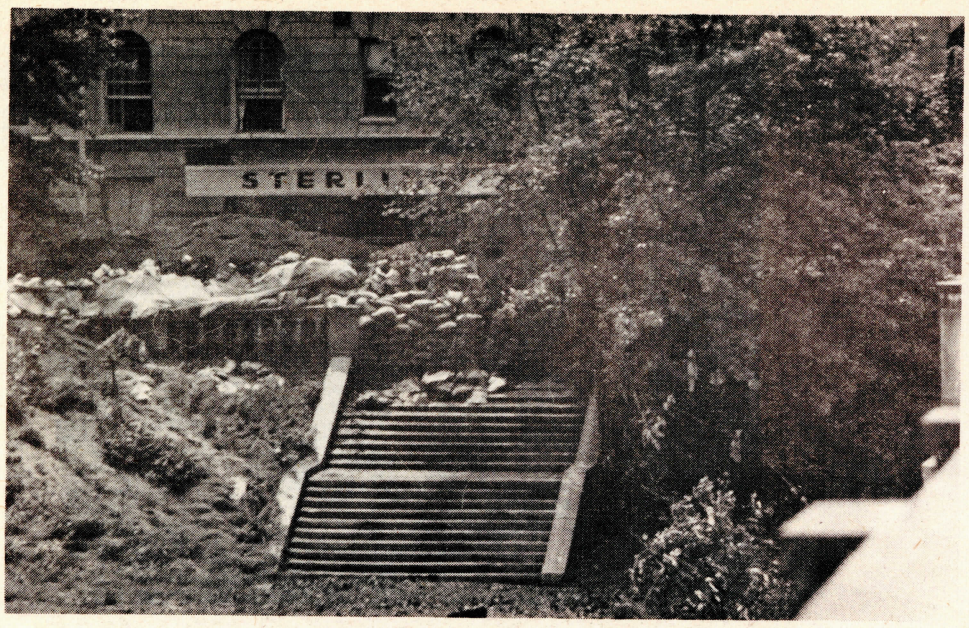


Thousands of man hours went into filling sandbags that now look like a wash drying in the sun as water came over dike across from Wilkes College, River Street, Wilkes-Barre.

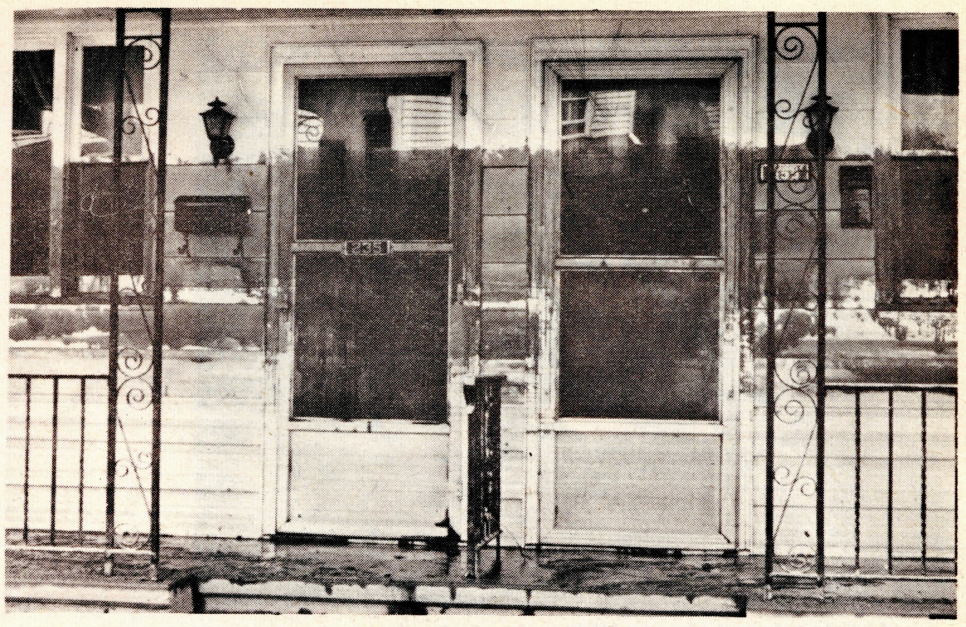


Martz Terminal clean chairs on square.

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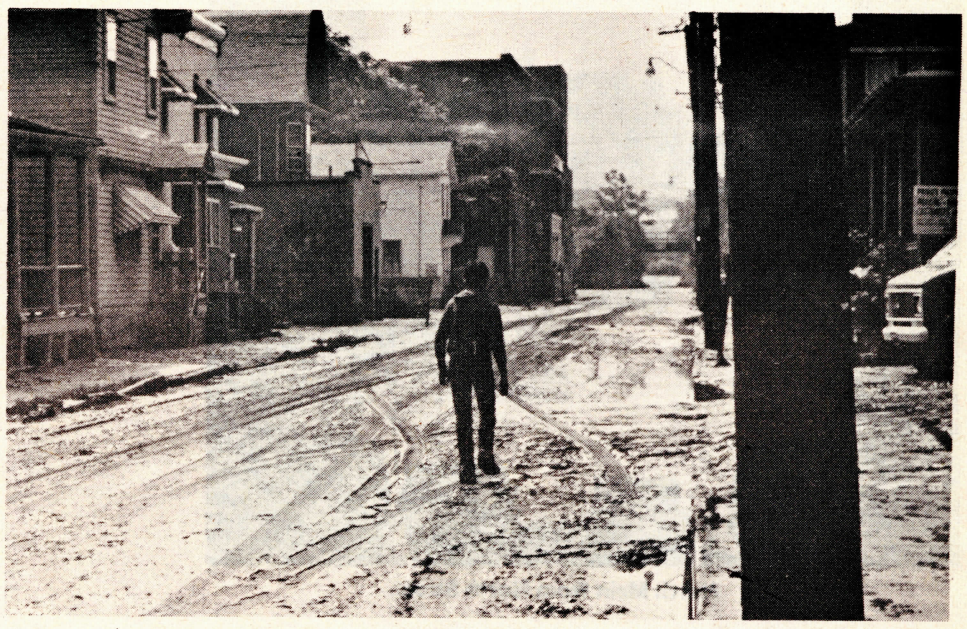
The barricades at Hotel Sterling.



Oil carried by water leaves its mark on N. Washington St. homes.



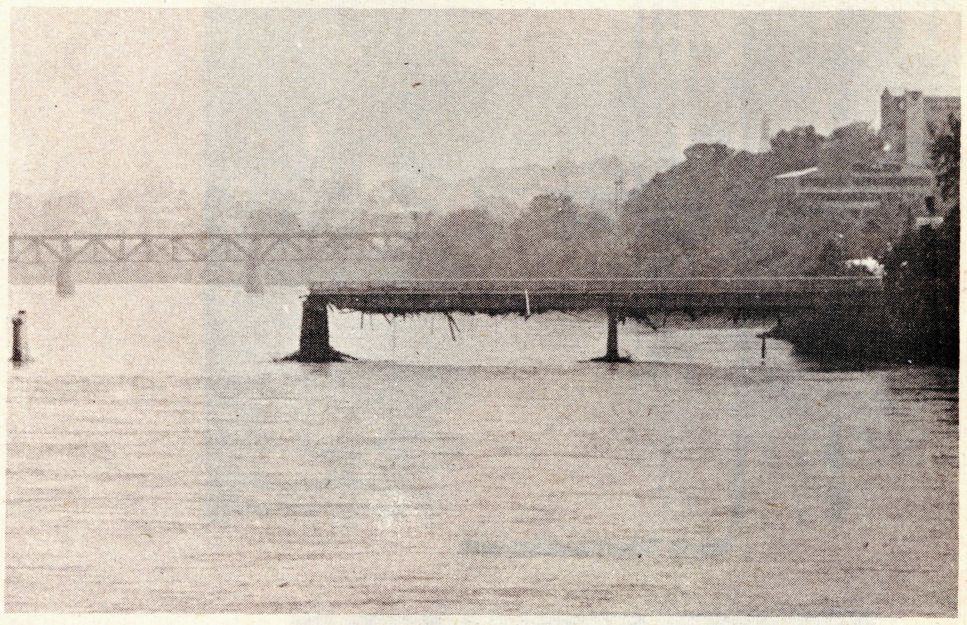
Saturday June 24, N. Washington Street looking South from Beaumont.



Walking down Jackson Street Wilkes-Barre, in the slime and mud.



River drove telephone pole through car on N. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre.



North Street Bridge.



Wyoming Street Wilkes-Barre

Photos by Joseph Sharaba



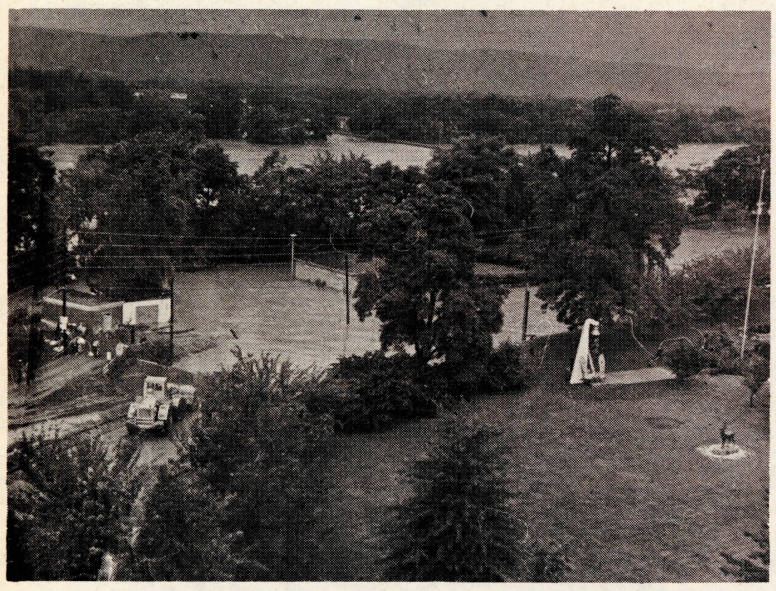
North Street School, Wilkes-Barre.



Practically all evacuations have been carried out as this helicopter carries out another assignment. At this point the water looks peaceful in front of Hi Grade Tire located on Pennsylvania Avenue just North of Market Street. As water recedes layers of dark, thick oily mud remain and the area takes on a true disaster area appearance. The tall building to the right of photo is Coughlin High School.



Practically all display windows in the flood area were completely knocked out by the swirling waters. The Leo Matus Newsstand was no exception. The four or five feet of water on Public Square has subsided and workers have started the tremendous clean up effort.



Memorial anchor remains high and dry on the lawn of the Luzerne County Court House as payloader attempts to keep enough soil between the rising Susquehanna River and the tracks leading out on to North River Street. Spanning the river near the upper center of the photo is the approach to the North Street Bridge which was destroyed by the rampaging water. The Court House is just off the photo to the right. Men are busy at work filling and placing sand bags in futile effort to control the river.



The ferocity of the swirling water, inside first floor levels of downtown buildings is indicated by the jumbled pile of rubbish taken from the offices of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, located adjacent to the Hotel Sterling on West Market Street almost across the street from the familiar clock of Franklin Federal. Water is being pumped out at rapid rate from cellars of buildings in all parts of the city through the cooperation of hundreds of fire companies from all sections of the state. Cellars must be pumped dry before electric and gas service can be put back into operation.



"Downtown End" of South Street Bridge is underwater as boatload of men travel over the newly widened section of South Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and S. Main Street. Large building in the center of photo is the former post office building, now the Federal Building. To the right is the name "Jimmy's" on the front of Jimmy's Bowling Lanes located on South Main Street.



Windows out all along South Main Street. Boston Store hauls out ruined merchandise.



Photo by Frank Kashuda

A front porch now marks the once-beautiful entrance to the Gateway Apartments in Edwardsville.



Photo by Frank Kashuda

The day of the disaster. Photo taken near the rear of the Gateway Apartments shows the early moments of the tragedy. In the center background, water gushes over the dike, and in moments, all cars were completely covered.



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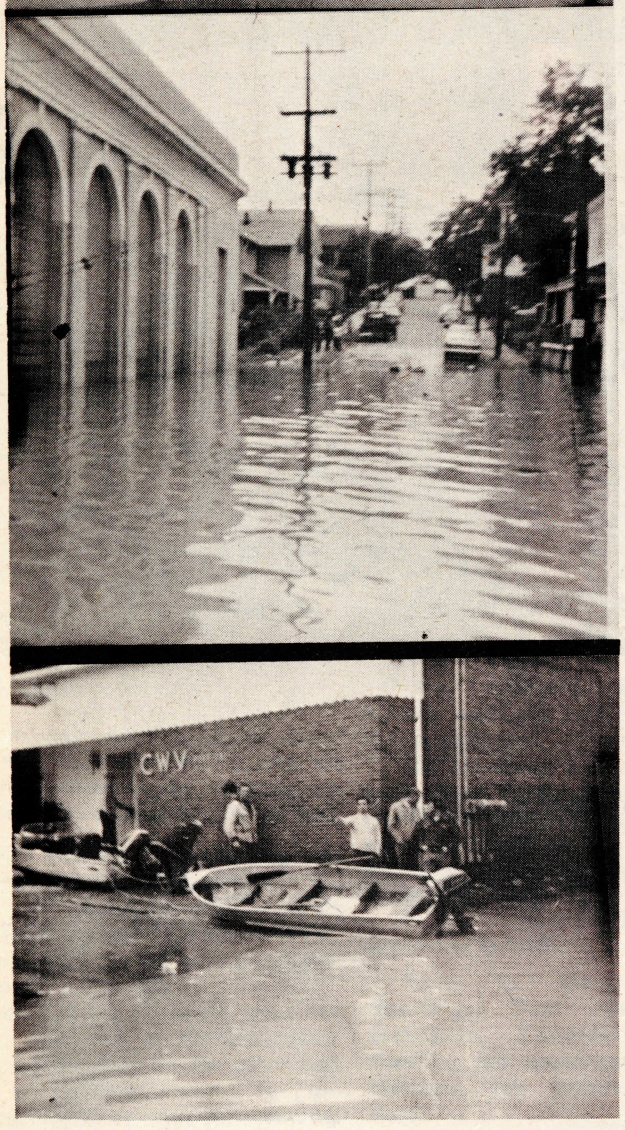
After four days of watching the water come up, residents at last had a chance to look at Main Street from Hillside Avenue.

Fletcher store on Main Street, Edwardsville.

Clean up begins in Edwardsville.





















Photos by Frank Hullihen

LEFT Top to bottom:

Shopping Center at Narrows - Gateway, from the Acme roof. Picture was snapped as the water began to drop.

Russell Street, Edwardsville – No one believed the water could come this high.

High point of water on Hillside Avenue, Edwardsville.

CWV during high point of water.

CENTER Top to bottom:

Police kept watch day and night along with firemen and boats.

Clean up begins in Edwardsville.

Patrolmen William Lewis takes time for a coke. He found his home in his driveway when the water receded.

RIGHT Top to bottom:

Determined to clean up as fast as possible and lacking film himself, Mr. Show asked us to snap these pictures for the proof he needs to claim compensation.

Garage rooftop washed off and into the middle of the street in Edwardsville.

Center of town, Edwardsville.

Fataicher store on Main Street, Edwardsville.



Scene from roof of Jrzymski house on Lower Broadway.



Clean-up has begun on Lower Broadway.



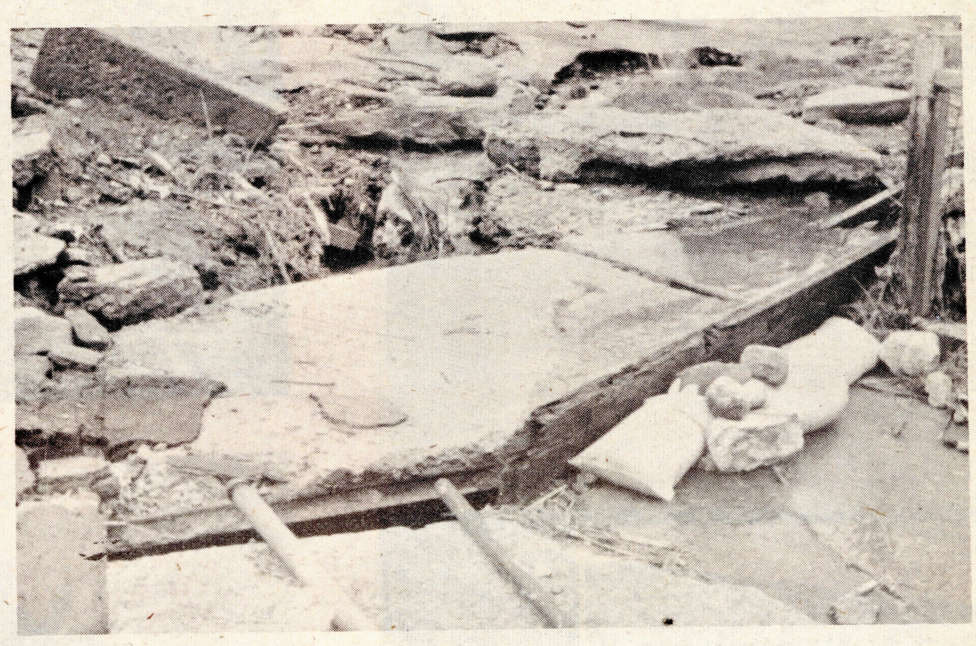
Railroad ties piled between the houses on Lower Broadway.



Route 29 – A giant nibbled at the road.



The task of clean-up has begun.



Church Street, Shickshinny



Colonial Village Shopping Center, Lower Broadway, Nanticoke.

Photos by Daniel Kotsko

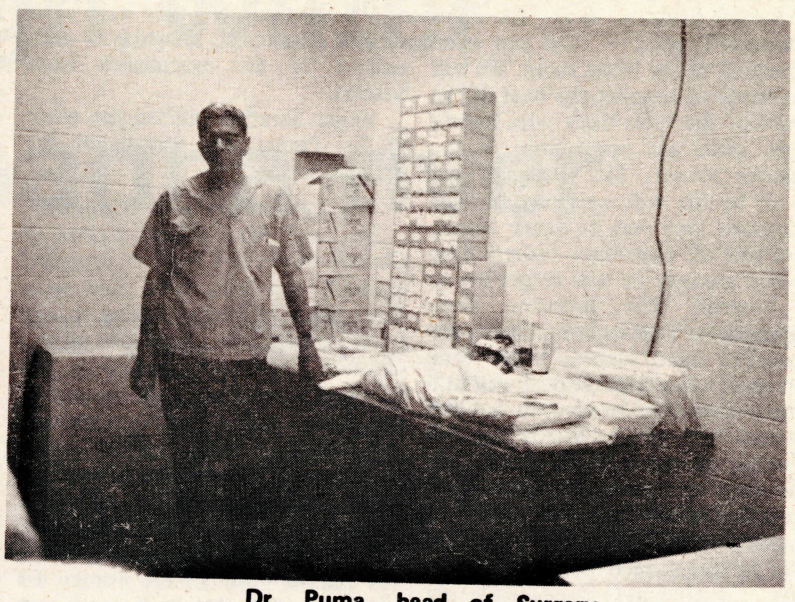


Shickshinny Creek Bridge on Route 11 suffered more damage than during the 1936 flood.

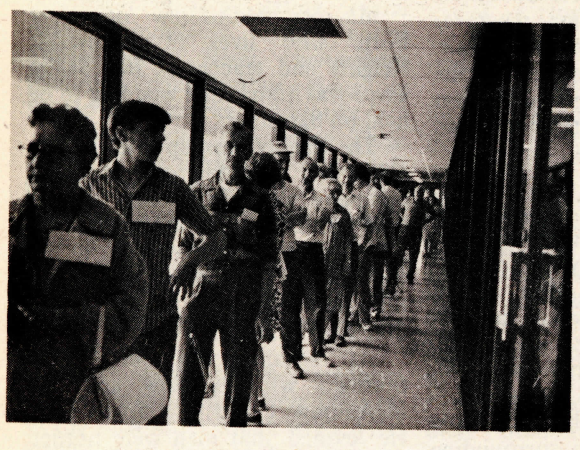
misericordia functions as







Dr. Puma, head of Surgery stands in the operating room by supplies.







Dr. Krivenko points out the anethesia unit and the operating table.











Sister Ann Turnbach, R.N. at the nurses' station on third floor of Alumnae Hall which is now the Hospital Center.

Left top to bottom:

Hundreds upon hundreds are fed daily in the cafeteria. Through the glass windows in the cafeteria can be seen the endless line in the hall.

No pushing or shoving, all waited their turns at mealtime.

The salad table reminded one of happier times when dining out was the order of the day.

Betty Abraham looks after her mom and dad in the temporary sleeping quarters on the other half of the dining room. In the background are cots for sleeping. Mrs. Baird, R.N. on duty is kept busy caring for the elderly.

Weary, confused, tired and hungry evacuees look forward to the lunch hours.

The sun shone today and spirits were lifted. Little groups gathered outside on the beautiful campus to exchange stories. In the foreground are the Jenkins and McAndrew families of Forty Fort.

Right top to bottom:

Busy in the laboratory. Standing, Dave Oravitz, lab technician, Edwardsville; Verge Serafine, lab supervisor; and Carla Williams, lab technician, Forty Fort.

Nurses Mary Pries and Eleanor Mullen with two new arrivals.

Nurses Christine Ostrowski and Charmaine Evans bring babies to overjoyed Moms. May Livezey and Dawn Dotter.

Dorothy Tribus, head nurse of obstetrics, listening to baby's heartbeat with new equipment. The calm expectant Mom is Mrs. Beverly Bronson of Hunlock Creek; Dad sists nearby.

by Florence Eckert

"I'm scared!! I'm scared!! This is not my house. The water's coming!! I'm scared!!"

It's 4 a.m. in the morning. Margaret appears to be in her 60's or 70's. We know very little about her, other than the information she has supplied to us. Since she appears confused or senile, the information is not necessarily correct. The best that can be done for Margaret is to put her under light sedation until she is calm. Margaret is an evacuee staying at College Misericordia.

There are many Margarets scattered throughout all of the refugee centers around the valley. Natural disasters give little warning and cause much havoc.

We talked with several of the evacuees who were housed at Misericordia and the general expression of all who were making this a temporary home was that a very special award of some kind should be given to the Religious Sisters of Mercy of the Union who conduct the College. It is the consensus of most everyone that because of the efforts of the Sisters, many very serious problems were avoided. Many of the elderly were confused and frightened and could have very easily gone into a state of shock. The Sisters worked hard to maintain a normal, homelike atmosphere and were most successful in their efforts. Three cooked meals a day were served to the evacuees in Holiday style while dinner music played softly over the intercom. All of the buildings were kept immaculately clean with custodians cleaning and supplying lounges every three hours. Local beauticians from Elizabeth's Beauty Salon at the Dallas Shopping Center came up to wash the heads of the elderly and to boost morals. Games were provided for the young and there was a colored T.V. in the lounge which drew a full crowd at newstime.

Sleeping quarters were private where available and most comfortable. Dorms were set up with plenty of cots and blankets for all. Nurses were on duty in all dorms around the clock.

One complete building was used as a hospital and operated most efficiently. The entire staff and all of the patients at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital in Kingston were moved to this building.

As of Tuesday morning nine babies had been delivered and one woman was in labor. Eleanor Mullen, Mary Pries, Christine Ostrowski, and Charmaine Evans, nurses in the Maternity Ward and themselves evacuees, showed off the new babies. (See photo)

One premature infant was brought to Misericordia by helicopter early Saturday morning after first being taken to Vo-Tech School in Pringle. The baby was kept warm by wrapping it in aluminum foil and being cuddled close to the bodies of the attending nurses.

Dorothy Tribus, head nurse of obstetrics at the Nesbitt, was using an instrument to detect the baby's

emergency center

heartbeat when Mrs. James (Beverly) Bronson, R.D. No. 2, of Hunlock Creek had just been admitted to the labor room. We had the thrill of hearing the beat of the heart of the little baby who hadn't even made his appearance in the outside world. Mr. Bronson sat close by his wife and related how reluctant she was to leave home, and like all expectant fathers how overly anxious he was to get her to a hospital. The Bronsons were married on Thanksgiving during the record snowstorm and Mrs. Bronson was the guest of honor at a bridal shower that was snowed out earlier that year. "My friends all kidded me that I'd probably have my baby during a hurricane. They were not very wrong!"

Mrs. DeWitt, director of nurses was kept occupied seeing that there were sufficient nurses at all stations. Dr. Puma, head of surgeons was busy in the emergency room and the O.R. "We have been sending our surgical patients to the V.A. and the General Hospital since both of these facilities have plenty of room and are able to use the regular Operating Rooms in their buildings. However, we are ready and able to operate here if necessary."

Sister Ann Turnback, R.N., who teaches Public Health Nursing at Misericordia was in charge on the third floor. "We have 40 acutely ill and confused elderly here. There are two nurses' stations, a diet therapy department, kitchen, pharmacy and communications center, all housed on this floor."

Stopping by the laboratory, we talked with Verge Serafine, lab supervisor. "We have been able to man the hospital with our own personnel plus a few volunteers." Working with him were Carla Williams of Forty Fort and Dave Oravitz of Edwardsville, both lab technicians at the Nesbitt and also evacuees.

Mr. Serafine said they have been working since Thursday and assisted in the evacuation from Nesbitt.

Verge Serafine praised the work of Dr. Peters who organized the evacuation.

The Lyons Family of Kingston

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lyons of Church Street in Kingston struggled through the long food line with their seven children ranging in age from two to nine years. One of the children, Tina, was a patient in the hospital. Mr. Lyons is on social security and partial welfare assistance.

"We were being evicted from our home and now this," said Mr. Lyons. "All of our furniture, clothing and everything – gone." The Lyons family was forced to pile into the station wagon and abandon their homes when the river started pouring in. They began to drive but did not know where they were going. Some nuns found them on the Plymouth Mountain and directed them to Misericordia. "They (the nuns) were driving by and spotted us. If it weren't for them, I don't know what would have happened."

The Lyons family is being housed in Rosary Hall, are well fed and cared for. They had nothing but praise for the nuns at Misericordia.

Mrs. Kathryn Nicholls

Mrs. Kathryn Nicholls lives alone at 29 S. Welles Street, Kingston. She was up late Thursday night and received a frantic phone call from a friend at 3:30 a.m. advising her of the impending danger from the river.

"I moved all I could carry to the second floor as we were told to be out by eight," she said.

Along with her brother and sister Mildred and David Griffiths of Welles Street, they drove to the home of cousins Mary and Ray Nash of East Bennett Street, Kingston where they felt they would be safe. A warning of flooding in the Kingston Area around Bennett Street was sounded around 5 p.m. just about the time the water started pouring in the first floor of the Nash home. "We weren't worried because we didn't get in the '36 flood which was one of the worst in history so we stayed."

The little group gathered in the Nash home, remained calm until a flash fire broke out at the May Bryden Nursery School close by. They did not hesitate when a motorboat came to evacuate them. From there they rode in the Pringle Ambulance to College Misericordia.

Mrs. Nichols said, "The men in the motorboat, the Pringle Ambulance Crew and all the nuns at Misericordia were "Angels of Mercy."

Marcy Bisher

Stopping in the kitchen around 2 a.m. for a cup of coffee, we struck up a conversation with a very attractive young lady who was helping on the night shift. Marcy Bisher has been living with her family in Media, Pa., and was in town staying at Grandma's house. The Bishers are planning to purchase the home on Vaughn Street, Kingston, which belongs to Marcy's Grandma, a patient at the Leader Nursing Home in Kingston.

Marcy smiled as she related the following. "We bought a 15 gallon aquarium and filled it yesterday. We also bought paint. I'm glad we didn't tackle the paint job. All my teaching supplies and records were stored here at grandma's, though. Everything is gone."

The Bishers were playing cards and up rather late when a neighbor alerted them to evacuate. The Bisher family including the dog all left for the home of relatives in Dallas. Mr. Bisher is employed by the Federal Water Board in Media and is in charge of setting up clean up procedures here in the stricken areas. Marcy is working as a volunteer at Misericordia.

John Abraham Family

John Abraham operated a shoe repair shop near Kingston Corners for over 50 years. He and his wife along with daughter Betty and son Sheffe live above the shop.

Sheffe, who works for U.G.I. was called out at 3 a.m. The Abrahams were awakened and upon learning of the possible danger of flooding began moving whatever they could to the second floor. Betty who is employed by the Valley Bank at Kingston Corners went over to assist them and remained at the bank until about 5 a.m.

Upon returning home and listening to radio announcements, she tried desperately to get her parents to evacuate. Mom agreed; however, Dad reacted as the majority of the older people in the area. His continuous reply was, "We did not get it in '36, so we won't get it now." When the dike broke and the water began surrounding Kingston Corners and climbing, the Abrahams, including Dad, were overjoyed to see the arrival of a motorboat to evacuate the family. They were first moved to the Nesbitt Hospital and then to the College.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins

Mr. and Mrs. George Jenkins, 49 Sullivan Street, Forty Fort, said they heard their neighbors moving furniture next door. After he learned of the danger of flooding, Mr. Jenkins got up and called Dairylea, where he works; they told him not to come to work.

Forty Fort residents were told to evacuate when they heard seven blasts from the town hall siren.

Mrs. Jenkins' mother lives in an apartment above them and her daughter Diane lives with her. Diane moved in when her husband was sent overseas. Word of their safety was sent to him by the Red Cross. Diane and Jan celebrated their first wedding anniversary June 19. All of the Jenkins furniture is stored in the basement of her mother's home at Sullivan Street in Forty Fort. "At about 10:45 we heard the seven blasts and evacuated," said Mrs. Jenkins. "It wasn't much of a warning; there wasn't a chance to do anything."

Maureen McAndrew of Forty Fort, who lives in Cornwallis Heights and teaches at Ben Salem Twp. was home for a wedding to be held on Saturday.

The family was up late playing cards and enjoying one another's company when Maureen's brother who was listening to the radio in his room came down at 3 a.m. to tell them what was developing. Ten thousand men were needed at the dike to sandbag, they heard.

At 4 a.m. the Forty Fort borough whistles blew and Mr. McAndrew called the Town Hall. He learned that men were needed to sandbag at 6 a.m. at the dike in Forty Fort.

"My brothers went to the dike while we began moving whatever we could upstairs," said Maureen. "The boys came home at 8:30, both had something to eat and lay down. My older brother sensed the danger and about an hour and a half later, we all left for higher ground at Pringle Hill. We returned home and left again at 12:30. The water was at the cemetery gate. From Pringle Hill, Mom called College Misericordia to see if they could house us and at 3 p.m. along with neighbors we left for the College. The whole thing seems unbelievable."

Photos by Bill Harding



Rugs being cleared out of Nardone's in Jenkins Twp.



Bar by 8th Street Bridge.



Jenkins Twp. residents begin sorting and cleaning.



East side of Wyoming Bridge. Car from other side of bridge in Used CAr Lot.

200 years of high water along the susquehanna river

by Charles A. McCarthy

The most appalling and devastating catastrophe in the history of Northeastern Pennsylvania, measured in property loss, commenced Wednesday, June 21, 1972, when a persistently heavy downpour of rain, lasting several days, inundated the entire Susquehanna River watershed, including communities along its feeder rivers, creeks and brooks.

Water of the thundering Tioga River, in the northern section, left homes, bridges, and other structures awash in its wild dash to join the mighty Susquehanna River. Sayre, Towanda, Blossburg, and Laurenceville were among the towns there which suffered severe damage.

Heavy rains in the northern sector contributed in large measure to the high water which swelled the Susquehanna River in its downward flow – wrecking much of Wyoming Valley, including the elimination of North Street Bridge in Wilkes-Barre.

Wilkes-Barre Hardest Hit

Wilkes-Barre was the hardest hit city in the area drained by the Susquehanna River, in a deluge which swept many portions of the nation. Thousands of persons in Wyoming Valley were evacuated from their homes, especially in the Wilkes-Barre, Kingston enclave, where at least one drowning and several deaths attributed to the storm were reported. Property damage in Wyoming Valley and nearby settlements was estimated in the millions of dollars.

Cities, boroughs, towns, villages, and hamlets extending from the mouth of the Susquehanna River to the point where it empties into Chesapeake Bay suffered as nature unleashed its awesome power. At this moment it is impossible to comprehend or assess the dollar value of the losses suffered by residents in each stricken community involved.

Tunkhannock, Falls, Harding section, West Pittston, Pittston, Port Blanchard, Hanover Township, Exeter, Wyoming, Forty Fort, Swoyersville, Edwardsville, Plymouth, Shickshinny, Bloomsburg, and Danville are also among the close-in municipalities which the turbulent waters made victims of its irrestible force.

Senator Schweiker

Initial broad move to aid victims and municipalities in rehabilitation of homes, properties, and facilities, came with the prompt introduction in the United States Senate of a general aid bill by U.S. Senator Richard S. Schweiker.

Governor Milton Shapp promised aid to those afflicted and he immediately named Lieut. Governor Ernest Kline to develop plans for cooperation among state agencies.

On the local level, Luzerne County Commissioners moved swiftly and ordered its various departments into action. Mayors and other officials of cities, boroughs, and townships also took actions deemed proper to the occasion.

Civic organizations, members of labor unions, and individuals answered the more immediate call of General Frank Townend, Director of Civil Defense, and "pitched in" to help. General Townend's deputy, John McDonald, played an important role in utilizing the talents of these persons.

In contradiction to an old Indian legend that heavy waters struck the Susquehanna River in fourteen-year cycles, historical records indicate clearly that storms occurred on the river more frequently.

Among the more important high-water conditions taking place in Wyoming Valley and elsewhere, were: the 1772 high water which caused the postponement of a Town Meeting scheduled for Kingston on February 25, 1772; and the high water in 1783, caused by the melting of ice after a most severe winter, which inundated the entire valley compelling inhabitants to flee to the nearby mountains, from which point many watched as their homesteads were washed away.

First Big One

Initial great flood of record in Wyoming Valley, on March 15, 1784, raised the Susquehanna River to a crest of 30 feet at Wilkes-Barre, resulting in damage to ammunition powder stored in Fort Wyoming on the River Common.

This calamity followed two days of heavy rains that released large ice-floes which then became lodged along the river banks – forcing the river to overflow. A total of about 150 homes in Wyoming Valley, including 15 buildings in Pittston, where some inhabitants were buried in their homes, were carried away in the surging waters. There were large accumulations of ice at Nanticoke; and piles of ice remained in the central portion of Wilkes-Barre for most of the summer season. Asa Jackson of Forty Fort was drowned in this flood and a horse was drowned in Wilkes-Barre.

The Pumpkin Flood of October 5, 1786, when the Susquehanna River reached a height of 29 feet at Wilkes-Barre, remains as perhaps the rarest sight ever seen during an overflow of the Susquehanna River. Freshets caused the waters to leave its bounds near lowlands where farmers planted pumpkins. Thousands of these were then carried off by the rushing waters, which rose six feet in 24 hours. Accredited reports claim the river was covered from bank to bank with pumpkins.

Blanchard cabin, erected prior to he Revolutionary War by Jeremiah Blanchard, at the present site of 1650 River Road, in the Port Blanchard section of Jenkins Township, as a summer-time shelter for workers engaged in clearning lands for occupancy by Connecticut settlers, was washed down the river to Monockonock Island during this flood.

Later the Blanchard cabin was retrieved and was removed to its original location where it was used as a dwelling for a short period, being subsequently owned by John and Sarah Blanchard.

In its early days, the Blanchard cabin was occupied by an elderly couple, relatives of the Blanchards. They befriended a young Indial boy by taking him in to live with them. Later, he killed them both.

High water mark of April, 1807, flood was 30 feet. This overflow was mentioned in the Harvey-Smith History of Wilkes-Barre and Wyoming Valley. In this note James Sinton reported the incident to a



Charles A. McCarthy, Historian

friend, Steuben Jenkins, then learning the printing trade in Doylestown, with Asher Miner. He said: "The water came up Market St. (Wilkes-Barre) and was around the horse block in front of the Sinton Store (present site of Wyoming National Bank)." Cold weather checked the river's rise in Wyoming Valley.

High water mark of May 14, 1833, was 28 feet; and additional flood conditions were felt in 1841, 1842, and 1843.

Ice gorge of March 13, 1846, placed water three and one-half feet deep on the Wilkes-Barre River Common, the highest since 1807. It was a disastrous flood. It carried away bridges constructed over the river, below Pittston.

A flood in July, 1850, extending throughout Wyoming Valley, prevented mail from being delivered to Wilkes-Barre for several days. Two months later, in September, 1850, heavy water covered Kingston flats necessitating the use of boats in that region. Much damage was done by this flood in the area below Wilkes-Barre, when Solomon's Creek ran over its banks. Wapwallopen Creek swirled out of its channel and destroyed two powder mills owned by Knapp and Parrish. Nescopeck Creek broke the dam situated above S.F. Headley's Forge and washed away a house in which 22 men, women, and children had sought refuge, resulting in the drowning of them all. In Tamaqua, 40 homes were destroyed and 33 persons, including 16 members of one family, were drowned.

Ice flood in the spring of 1861, the highest in half a century, did much damage in Wyoming Valley.

Greatest flood to ravage this region up to that time struck here on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, 1865. Places presumed safe for sanctuary were inundated. Houses, barns, canal boats, lumber, trees, fences, cattle, horses, sheep, pigs, chickens, and other valuable property was swept away. Crest in Wilkes-Barre reached about 33 feet, where water was extended to White Horse Inn, and completely covered most of adjacent territory. According to William Brewster, noted historian, Kingston Corners was under water and property of Wyoming Seminary was damaged. There were no residences on Kingston Flats at this time, where the raging waters plowed up the land. Deep water was reported at Stone Bridge in Forty Fort. A serious ice-gorge occurred in February, 1866.

One of the most serious rain and ice storms to strike Wyoming Valley began when copious rains fell on the region on Friday and Saturday, February 8 and 9, 1867, causing the Susquehanna River to rise rapidly. Railroad trains along the river's banks were halted for two days. West side flatlands were inundated. River was chocked with ice.

Ice commenced moving in the Pittston region Saturday, February 9, 1867, a few miles above and a short distance below that town. By Tuesday, February 12, 1867, the water level rose quickly and commenced leaving its normal channel, in the upper Luzerne County region. Water was three feet deep in the Pittston Water Company pump house, situated near the present site of Fort Jenkins Bridge, on Carbondale Road.

When the ice movement struck Wilkes-Barre, ice breakers on the piles of the Wilkes-Barre bridge were damaged to some extent by the heavy impact of the large ice floes. A tremendous deposit of ice was left on Kingston flats and on Wilkes-Barre railroad trackage. In that section, walls of ice formed on both sides of the river. A drop in the river's depth was noticeable Thursday, February 14, 1867.

On Wednesday, February 27, 1867, water rose ten feet in a short period of time at Danville. Cellars and saloons were swamped with water At 2 a.m., the court house bell in Danville was rung as a warning to citizens to prepare for the worst, as the ice dame was then breaking up above the community. By morning the river was back to its normal channel in the Columbia County region.

Publishers of Luzerne Advocate of Wilkes-Barre were unable to publish the issue of Thursday, February 28, 1867, due to the non-arrival of newsprint.

Highest Yet

The flood of Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, 1875, which resulted when an ice gorge at Ransom gave way, is reported to have caused the highest recording ever reached at the Wilkes-Barre river measuring station up to that time, 35.6 feet.

When the river gorged at Ransom, formerly known as Gardner's Ferry, water ran over the flat section completely demolishing the home of William Ives, ferryman. His boats were carried away in the big wash. Another residence in that vicinity was upset. D. Regan and his family vacated their home and, as a precautionery measure, removed the doors and windows from the building. However, the house stood upright, uninjured.

This flood was as sudden as it was severe. Coxton Yard of Lehigh Valley Railroad, and the adjacent village, both situated in lower Duryea, were completely covered with four to six feed of ice. Over five hundred railroad cars in Coxton Yard had to be dug out by pick and axe. Trains on sidings were buried from sight.

The Lackawanna and Bloomsburg Railroad bridge (D.L.&W.) at Pittston Junction was lifted form its moorings and carried down stream. When the wreckage of the railroad bridge hit near the eastern terminal of the Ferry Bridge in Pittston (present site of Fort Jenkins Bridge) it lifted it from its piers as a ten pin is bowled over by the pin ahead of it. The double amount of wreckage traveled down the turbulent stream where it folded under the Water Street Bridge (Pittston) which it removed from its piers. Wreckage of the three bridges was later found on the west river bank, opposite Plains Township, three miles north of Wilkes-Barre.

When the railroad bridge went down, several persons who had scurried to it for safety scrambled off of it. Two persons went down with one of the spans, but they saved themselves by clambering back up the hanging wreck.

All that remained of the recently built Water Street Bridge after the storm was one span on the east side of the bridge and the pier which supported it.

Kingston's Market Street was covered with ice. A cut had to be made through it to allow passage of horse cars and other vehicles.

In recalling the 1875 flood, as it affected the upper Luzerne County area, an old-timer stated: "The ice broke up with a noise resembling the roar of artillery. Huge pieces of ice rose high above the river enbankment. Yet, as destructive and terrible as it was, the sight was as grand as it was terrible."

Not in the memory of the oldest inhabitant had such an appalling sight occurred. Communication between Pittston and the west side of the river was maintained by steamers, flats, and row boats. There was lively competition for business, with the fare charged being ten cents each way.

In the high water and ice flow flood on Friday, February 11, 1881, a bridge from up country was seen that evening floating down the Susquehanna River in the vicinity of Wilkes-Barre. Additional floods took place January 24, 1891, with a crest of 26.8 feet, caused by an ice blockade; and on March 11, 1893, when another ice storm prevailed. Crest at this time measured 28.7 feet.

West Pittston suffered much damage in the 1893 mishap. Susquehanna Avenue was under water from York Avenue to Montgomery Avenue. Huge cakes of ice were carried to Wyoming Avenue. Fifteen minutes after the ice blockade broke, the water began to recede here. In one hour the water was three feet below the top of the river bank.

During this period West Pittston looked like an Eskimo village. Tremendous size cakes of ice filled Susquehanna Avenue, and the region from York Avenue to Exeter Avenue was completely blocked by solid ice. Eagle Hose Company, No. 1 of Pittston, was pressed into service pumping water from cellars along Susquehanna Avenue, where water reached to first floors in many homes. The town was in darkness, electric wires having been broken by the heavy ice and sleet.

It was stated that in West Pittston this flood reached a point one inch higher than the flood of 1865 and six inches higher than the 1875 flood.

Kingston and Wilkes-Barre bore the brunt of the 1893 storm. Both towns were well "watered." Some

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200 years of high water along the susquehanna river *(From previous page)*

overflow took place in residential areas near North River Street, Wilkes-Barre. Wilkes-Barre Railroad and electric trolley lines were halted in the region. Telephone communication between Wilkes-Barre and Kingston was stopped.

Conyngham, Prospect and Oakwood collieries were shut down due to fear of inundation. Joe Hendler's scow was trapped under a bridge he was erecting there for Wilkes-Barre and Eastern Railroad. Edwardsville and Plymouth were hard hit. D.L.&W. Railroad track north of Wyoming was washed out.

At Stone Bridge, Forty Fort, where the water reportedly stood at seven feet, an amusing incident took place. During the high water at this point a barrel of cider was discovered floating down the river. It lodged against the shore at the upper end of Forty Fort on land farmed by Jacob Rish. The barrel was carefully removed from the swollen stream and was tapped by some "boys" - who later asserted the contents were of high quality.

In Pittston about 30 feet of walkway of Ferry Bridge was washed away.

When the water commenced digging at the foot of a culm embankment in Port Griffith section of Jenkins Township, and the debris commenced to move, the Widow Griffith, who resided at the end of a railroad bridge there, was rescued with difficulty. Unable to immediately save several pigs she was raising, she carried them to an upper part of the house for safe-keeping until her return.

Shoot-Out in Plains

In the Plainsville and Port Bowkley area, large blocks of ice there resembled works of art. Water was from three to four feet deep on the Lehigh Valley Railroad track between these villages. Drifting logs, ice floes, etc, hampered the movement of the special train of Superintendent Essex of LVRR which raced the ice jam from this point to Wilkes-Barre. Plainsville railroad depot, one half-mile from the river, had cakes of ice, each weighing several tons, piled against it.

At Plainsville, many muskrats driven from their usual habitat by the swirling waters were shot or clubbed by regional residents as they (the muskrats) scampered about the village.

An ice gorge, which crested at 27 feet, occurred here March 3, 1895. Flood of April 1, 1896, crested at 24 feet. An ice gorge crested at 25 feet January 7, 1899.

A 24 hour rainstorm amounting to 2.2 inches, one of the heaviest downpours in the history of Wyoming Valley, accompanied by high winds aided in the formation of an ice gorge in the Susquehanna River, December 14-15, 1901. The right-of-way of regional railroads were damaged and trolley service to Dallas and Harvey's Lake was suspended for one week. By the second night, water was over the enbankment on South River Street, in Wilkes-Barre.

The 1901 flood reached a crest of 27 feet, measured on the new guage, or nearly 24 feet on the old guage painted on the Wilkes-Barre Market Street Bridge.

Kingston, Westmoor, Irving Park, and portions of Riverside Park and Firwood were inundated. Residents of some areas were removed in boats. Provisions and coal were s6pplied by boat to those remaining in their beleagured homes.

Many coal mines were deluged with water which drowned several hundred mules stabled underground.

High water, in the flood of March 2, 1902, crested at 31.4 feet. According to William Brewster, Kinston's distinguished historian, a man named Riley lost his life on the Kingston lowlands during this storm.

West Pittston was again hit by flood waters on March 9, 1904. It was reported the water reached as far as Linden Street in that borough, causing grave concern to the inhabitants. One of the serious effects of this torrent of rain was the washing out of the water course on the Lackawanna River, which eliminated Ewerhart Island, situated in the lower limits of Duryea Borough.

Other regional floods occurred on March 3, 1910, March 28, 1913, March 29, 1914, and March 1916. Crest for the 1916 flood noted a recording of 26.65 feet on April 2, 1916.

George Kuzmar, an Edwardsville boy, was drowned March 31, 1916, after falling into the swollen waters of Toby's Creek .A flood, which swirled through the region in the Spring of 1920, accounted for much damage regionally. Canfield's Island, north of later site of Falls bridge, disappeared in the 1920 flood.

One of the heaviest downpours of rain in many years, totalling 2.07 inches in one day, fell on Wyoming Valley November 16, 1926, accounting for widespread damage in the region. Creeks and brooks also overflowed and the Susquehanna River rose to 23 feet, flood stage. Slides and washouts hampered railroad and other traffic. Lowlands were inundated and families residing in the Brookside section of Wilkes-Barre were forced to seek shelter in a school building.

High water alerts were reported in October, 1927, when after four days of steady rain, estimated at four inches, the river crested above 25 feet on October 20, 1927. Lowlands were covered with the precipitation and traffic over Wilkes-Barre's Market Street bridge was halted. High water from tributaries resulted in much damage in those areas.

Following several days of steady rain the river guage in Wilkes-Barre touched 26.5 feet, the highest in 13 years, on April 22, 1929. When his automobile was caught in this flood Edward Boroski, 23, of Edwardsville, was smothered by carbon monoxide which came from the running motor of the car. Kirby Park was mostly covered with water. Wilkes-Barre policemen removed residents from Firwood section in boats. Trolley cars were stopped at the Stone Bridge, Forty Fort, due to high water.

Worst local rampage on the Susquehanna River in 19 years, on July 9, 1935, followed a cloud burst in New York State and several days of regional rain which caused the Susquehanna to rise to a crest of 25.62 feet in Wilkes-Barre. As usual, Kingston, Plymouth, Westmoor and other lowlands were doused. On the next day, Wednesday July 10, 1935, when the river commenced to subside, William Cassidy, 36, of Larksville, took his nine year old son, Thomas, to view the spectacle. Standing on a regional railroad bridge, as the youngster was hurling stones into the water he slipped and his father immediately leaped into the water in an attempted rescue. Both were drowned.

The worst flood to strike this area in almost three-quarters of a century, which occurred on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, 1936, crested at a peak of 33.32 feet, an all time high for the guage measuring device in Wilkes-Barre. In addition to being responsible for the loss of seven lives, the water from this flood devastated many regional mines. Federal, state and county officials were prompt in bringing aid and assistance. Millions of gallons of water poured into Kehoe-Berge Coal Company mines in Duryea and vicinity. John C. Kehoe, prominent in county and state affairs and president of the coal company, which employed several thousand men, was stricken ill while helping to fill sand bags being utilized to hold back the swirling waters of the Lackawanna River, a tributary of the Susquehanna River. Governor George H. Earle later sent pumps to dewater these mines.

In the April 1, 1940 flood which struck Wyoming Valley, Kingston and Westmoor section were hard hit by the collapse of the dike at Toby's Creek. The Crest of this was 31.27 feet. Fear became widespread that afternoon when gas storage tanks on Narrows Road, below Kingston, became ignited. Fort Jenkins bridge at Pittston was the only structure remaining open to traffic across the Susquehanna River in Wyoming Valley. James McCarthy, 22 of Luzerne, was drowned while endeavoring to salvage lumber floating in the turbulent Toby's Creek. State Police Private George J. Yasher died of injuries incurred while directing traffic at Market Street Bridge.

Cresting at 23.93 feet, the flood of April 7, 1941, did little damage in Wyoming Valley. Flood control system and the newly installed pumping stations were credited with holding back the seething waters. A flood crest of 20.55 feet was reached on the 11th of March in 1942. Duryea Borough was ravaged by the roaring torrent on the Lackawanna River, soon after that date.

Hurricane Diane

Hurricane Diane, which blew into this region August 18, 1955, caused the death of about 100 persons in Northeastern Pennsylvania, most of them occurring in Monroe County. Again Duryea Borough, alongside the Lackawanna River, was hard hit by the torrential downpour and strong winds.

Wilkes-Barre, Nanticoke, Newport Township, Ashley, Plymouth, Edwardsville, Pringle, Courtdale, Luzerne, and Swoyersville received much damage.

Military helicopters came to the region and helped in the evacuation of many persons unable to otherwise escape the storm's wrath. These "flyers" also delivered much needed provisions and medical supplies to affected areas. Water was delivered in milk "tankers" to communities where normal facilities were not in working order.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower flew over the area on an inspection trip. Governor George M. Leader made several trips to various sections of the stricken areas.

Mayor Slattery

One decade ago, Mayor Frank P. Slattery of Wilkes-Barre was a leader among civic groups and organizations associated with representatives of New York and Maryland in a plan to prevent damage from high water on the Susquehanna River, and to convert this waterway and its shores as places for industrial and recreational development. Not much has been heard of the Susquehanna River Basin Association in late years.

former city manager frank vanore fears in-laws may be flood victims

By JOHN A. HEMPHILL
Daily Advance Reporter

DENVILLE — The township's business administrator of two months is waiting for word of his mother and father-in-law who were victims of the flood waters that decimated Wilkes-Barre, Pa. last week.

Frank Vanore himself was also affected by the flood, even though he has not yet visited the city he once managed since the disaster. "Everything I own, in all probability, is gone," he said in his Denville office yesterday.

Vanore estimated that he has lost $16-17,000 worth of furnishings, the fruit of 24 years of accumulation. It was all stored in the five-bedroom house he rented on Riverside Drive on the Pennsylvania city's south side, all of which, he said, is under water.

The Denville official said he got a call late Sunday night from his 18-year-old son, Michael, who was living in the Wilkes-Barre home with his grandparents. This has been the only contact Vanore has had from his relatives.

Michael reported to his father that he made an attempt on Friday to go back to the house and try to salvage some of the family's furniture and belongings by moving the material up to the second floor. However, the flooding thwarted his efforts and forced him to swim out of the house with some of his friends who were helping him.

Vanore said that his son told him the damage was "unbelievable." Even though Vanore said that he was considering going up to Wilkes-Barre today, he said that his son warned him that he wouldn't want to see the house.

Michael had even worse news for his father though — he had no word on the whereabouts of his grandparents, who, Vanore said, are in their late 70's.

All Vanore knows is that his parents-in-law moved into Genetti's Hotel when the disaster struck. But the 12-story hotel was later evacuated.

Vanore said that a list of those evacuated and their locations is being compiled, but that the waiting for the list is "terrible."

He said that the only way to find his relatives' whereabouts sooner would be to get through to officials and have them check the individual schools and churches where victims are being housed. However, he said that he has been unable to get through on the telephone.

Vanore could take comfort only in the fact that only two people have been killed in the Wilkes-Barre disaster, a statistic that he called "a miracle."

"Things could be worse," Vanore sighed, although it seemed that he could not imagine how.

As administrator of a township that is recognized as one of the most flood-prone in the area, Vanore said that everything is relative and that Denville citizens should realize how lucky they were to escape the rains with such minimal damage.

In viewing television clips of the Wilkes-Barre disaster, Vanore said that he recognized a lot of the scenes of the city he managed for two and a half years.

He bemoaned the fact that he had to rent the Riverside Drive home at all. Vanore explained that he had been renting a townhouse which was only about 200 yards outside the city boundary.

He said that the city council was trying to force him to move to within the city boundaries, which prompted the rental of his now-destroyed home last Oct. 1 on a year's lease. He said that he learned of his dismissal as city manager by the council just six weeks later.

Vanore said that the council probably was planning subsequent action when he rented the house, and it could have saved him the trouble of renting the house by so informing him of its intentions.

Vanore said that he expects to buy a house in Denville soon, and had planned on a move when his children got out of school for the summer. But the flood got to his belongings before he did.

The business administrator's wife and other four children have been living in Long Beach Island since school let out, and thus avoided the Wilkes-Barre tragedy.

Meanwhile, the Vanores sit and wait for word of their relatives. 'It almost numbs you — this state of not knowing," Vanore said.

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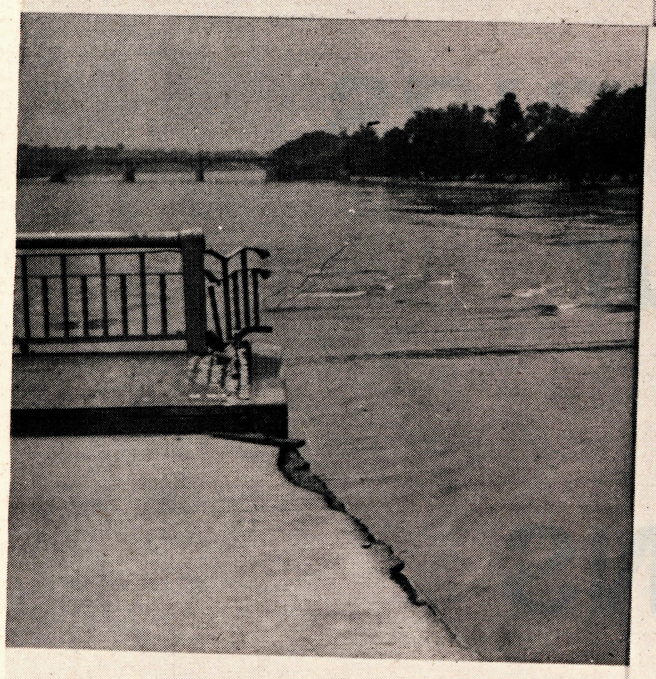
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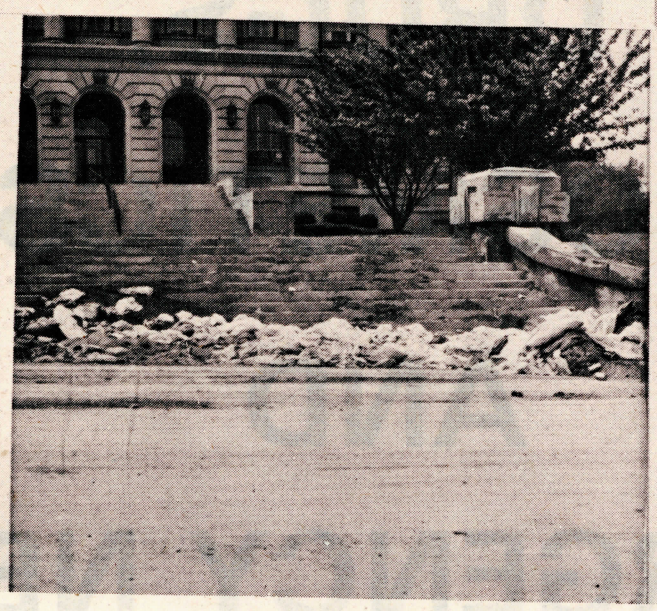














Photos by Jack Jarecki

Left, top to bottom:

People returning to their homes on Academy Street.

Spot where the North Street Bridge was separated by a surge in the water.

Part of the damage which King's College sustained is indicated in Regina Court of the Sheehy Student Center.

Center, top to bottom:

Gas tank was found lying on Public Square when the waters receded. It was removed to the corner of Market and River Streets. Here it rests just in front of a large cave-in.

WILK Radio, surrounded by snadbags, was the last Wilkes-Barre radio station to leave the airwaves.

Snadbags strewn along the North Street entrance to the CourtHouse.

Right, top to bottom:

Outside of a home on Academy Street.

Car found upside-down with the Courthouse in the background.

Archway of beautiful Weckesser Hall, administration building of Wilkes College.

by John J. O'Malley

Thursday, June 22

"This is going to be the meanest flood that anybody has ever seen."

Tonight I opened the 10 p.m. - 1 a.m. shift on WRKC-FM, King's College Radio, with the song, "Down in the Flood," by Bob Dylan, from which the above line is taken. Opening the show with something to fit the mood, this song was chosen because of a very strong rain falling at the time. The only notice received all evening was a message to motorists to keep off routes 80 and 81. Ironically, therefore, this song was the only real warning given that evening. The show ended at 1 a.m. and I never believed that a disaster would occur in just a few hours.

Friday Morning

The next day began with a rather abrupt awakening at 8 a.m. Leaving my house, at 707 No. Main Street in the Pittston Junction, I could see that the flats were flooded and also farms across the Lackawanna River. Towpath Court is a little-known section of Pittston across from the old Detato Supermarket. It is the setting of four homes, all owned by four Azaravich brothers – Ed, Leo, John, and Joe – and families. Bob and Margie Orth live in the other half of Leo's house. When I arrived, water had filled the first floor of the four houses, and it was still rising. I helped the Azaraviches, who had been working since 1 a.m. filling trucks and moving goods to friends' homes. The SanRon dress factory, also on the court, was surrounded with water. This factory was built on the high water mark of the 1936 flood, but would later receive 10 feet of water during the 1972 flood.

Beginning to wonder how the rest of the Valley looked, we took a

walk downtown. The dirty brown water was flowing very rapidly, only feet below the deck of the Fort Jenkins Bridge. The water was carrying all types of debris, including houses, cars, bathtubs, and a Piper Cub airplane. Downtown Pittston City was spared so far from the flood, but water was threatening Kennedy Boulevard.

Moving to Duryea, the Coxton bridge was completely inundated, covered with debris. All types of material were racing beneath the D&L Bridge. Among the many spectators was Mayor Robert Loftus of Pittston. Going back to the Court, I volunteered to go into the home of Leo Azaravich to search for valuables along with his son, Allan. After a boat ride to the porch, we jumped into the freezing water and found the living room filled with over four feet of water and beyond recognition. Food was floating throughout the house because the refrigerator opened because of the pressure. Allan threw me a steak dinner, left over from last night, so I offered him some breakfast in half a dozen eggs. The valuables we had hoped to find were submerged. We saved what we could and then it was a relief to get out of the freezing water.

Friday Afternoon

Along Kennedy Boulevard, a wall was threatening to cave in and the Insalaco Parking Lot showed signs of cracking. The Bureau of Employment Security, with a good view of the river, had become the scene for WPTS news coverage.

Throughout the remainder of the afternoon, I helped Joe Azaravich prepare to evacuate the second floor of his house, as water was up to about two feet of it. All the while that we were working, spectators jammed the scene, just gaping and offering very unencouraging comments. Although the Pittston Police had imposed a curfew on the area, the only person stopped was a long-haired friend of the family who had been working very hard. Ed Azaravich also told me that the police ordered him to move his car at the height of the emergency, as it was parked on the side of the street. (There weren't any no parking signs posted.) The policeman did not chase four cars on the other side of the street, all of which were owned by spectators.

Late in the afternoon, I received a call from Joe Columbus, who lives in the lower Hieghts section of Wilkes-Barre. He said that things were fine at his home. The irony is that a few hours later he was evacuated and his home inundated.

Friday Evening

Local radio had been doing a commendable job covering the disaster. One by one, all Wilkes-Barre and Nanticoke stations had been knocked off the air by the raging river. By afternoon, only WILK remained. Bill Dennis did a fantastic job, along with personnel of other stations. At 6 p.m. WILK was forced off the air, and the only stations left were WARM and WPTS. Due to the emergency, WPTS, a sunrise to sunset station, was granted permission from the FCC in Washington to remain on the air 24 hours. Being a former WPTS employee, I volunteered my services. The studio was beseiged with phone calls, many of which were genuine emergencies, such as locations of stranded people, oe of them a heart patient in Kingston. Duryea councilman Lucy Marziarz issued a plea for pumps. Al Costelli, general manager of the station, took charge of the situation and was responsible for very fine coverage. Wanting to serve the people in the best possible manner, he agreed with WARM to air emergency news which that station had received. We received a call for a food donation from the Italian Citizens Club in Browntown. As there was enough food in the studio, Thom Welby and I decided to donate it to the airport. The airport was very busy, and an attendant said no more food was needed. Shortly after midnight, Mr. Costelli decided to leave Scott McAndrews and Norman David in charge and asked me and several others to call in any news.

Remembering the call from Duryea, I decided to try to make it that far. It was a desperate situation, with water backing up from the Susquehanna and forcing families to evacuate. After checking with police officials, I went on the air over WPTS and asked for volunteers, sand and sandbags. The volunteers had been using garbage can liners, which are very weak. Soon many volunteers and a truck filled with army sandbags arrived. This helped make things easier in Duryea. Joe Kreseski, president of Goodwill Fire Department, was in charge of the situation. He had been named Agony instead of Agnes. He added that President Nixon was flying over Harrisburg, inspecting the damage. This last statement casued much excitement among members of the press, because of the possibility of the President's coming to the area. I met two men from the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, John Busch and Harrison Smith, and went to Congressman Flood's Headquarters. Although we had our hopes up, word came through that Nixon returned to Camp David after flying over Harrisburg. I have heard reports that Nixon was in this area – these were not true as reports were in error.

All of the radio stations still in service, with the notable exception of WARM, had teamed up to best serve the area as a network. I met Dave Garrett of WICK, who contacted the network to arrange a time schedule. It was a shock and a disappointment when I heard that WARM did not join the network – showing a lack of the spirit of



Photo by Yezolitus

Leo and Coleen Azaravich of Towpath Court in Pittston survey their evacuated home along with Observer reporter John O'Malley.

portions of Main, Chittenden, and Watt Streets and the Stevenson Street Bridge sandbagged. In addition to Moosic, Greenwood, Moscow, Dupont and Avoca fire companies, about 4 to 5 hundred volunteered. He stated, "They hollar about the hippie kids, but they really do a bang-up job." I stayed in Duryea until about 4 a.m., helping snadbag and calling WPTS to keep the public aware of happenings.

Saturday Morning

Because the area was literally split in two, with no bridges usable, it was difficult to imagine how the flood was affecting the lower areas that could not be personally observed. I decided to go to Wilkes-Barre to give some food to GAR High School. Enroute, there were radio reports that the Market Street Bridge had caved in; it subsequently turned out that the North Street Bridge. An immense fire was raging in the city, and water was only about a block from GAR in the Heights. There were about 700 refugees in that High School. Next I went to the Wilkes-Barre Scranton airport which was even more crowded than the night before. The place was a beehive of activity, with people coming and going, trucks being loaded and unloaded, and helicopters coming in and out. The armed services were very hard at work, flying people and goods to and from the cut-off West Side. They were also trying to locate the believed 600 stranded in Wilkes-Barre.

I was able to meet the Governor of Pennsylvania, Milton Shapp. I was startled at his stature, as he stands only about 5'6". The Governor stated that he was shocked at the situation, and he said that Wilkes-Barre was the hardest hit area he had seen. He said that the storm should have

cooperation

Evacuees continued to stream into the airport, and I had a chance to talk talk to many of them while helping out. One of them was Eugene Peters, Mayor of Scranton. He said that all the work was worth the effort when he saw the gratification of the victims. He said that all the work was worth the effort when he saw the gratification of the victims. He was thankful for the cooperation of the people of his city, who, although spared the flood, had joined in. He believed that the entire valley have to work hard for the flooded areas to recover, and that the flooded City of Wilkes-Barre would not be able to recover without outside help. He hoped that the people of Scranton would continue to pitch in and help.

Back at Towpath Court, the residents were both amused and infuriated by reports over local radio. One of these was an interview over WARM which stated that Pittston was very fortunate to receive only slight damage, the only damage being the caved wall along the Boulevard and the sanitation building being surrounded by water. Another report, the station of origin in doubt, said that Towpath Court was being ordered to evacuate. "If we had waited for that report, we would have drowned," and "nobody came to tell us to evacuate," were spoken by several of the residents.

Tragedy continued to mount, as the sad news that a friend's father had just died of a heart attack. The victim, Doctor Francis Blaum, ahd just returned from his honeymoon in California and was overcome by chock when he had learned what had happened to the valley.

The only good news of the day came late at night when I could see that the river was beginning to receed.

Sunday

I went to Towpath Court to see how far the water had fallen. Water still surrounded the home of Leo Azaravich, but had fallen beneath first floor level. Taking a ride over in a boat to check the interior, I found it covered with a layer of mud. Food, garbage and valuables were tangled in this mud. Leo asked me, "Where do I begin?"

Next, to the city of Wilkes-Barre, and the home of George Nackley, who had been with me Thursday night on WRKC, along with Joe Christopher. He told the bad news that Joe Christopher had lost his home. While still at his house, which had just missed being evacuated, the Ellis brothers, Dave and Steve, entered. They both had signed up for the Civil Defense, and were off to work.

Getting on Route 81, I could tell that the airport was much more crowded than yesterday by the tremendous amount of cars. The headquarters for the flood control network was WSCR, Scranton. As mentioned earlier, this network was set up for the good of the people in the Valley. Over 400 people took part in the effort with the braodcast being aired on thirteen stations: WSCR, WCBL Carbondale, WYZZ, WEJL AM and FM, WPTS, WBRX Berwick, WAZL AM, WVCD FM Hazleton, WICK and WGBI AM and FM. Also, volunteers from three stations off the air, WILK, WNAK, and WRKC helped out. Other people on duty included Vince Alberts, program director of WSCR; Dave Garrett, of WICK; Don Bruce, Mike Kaye and Joe Montione of WILK; Mike Stevens of WNAK; and Scotty Young and Bruce Michaels, also of WSCR.

The network was busy relaying messages to listeners, including messages from Civil Defense headquarters, needs of distribution centers, and urgent calls for needed people. Spectators were constantly reminded to keep off the roads and away from the airport and disaster areas. One real emergency developed when someone rushed in with the news that Retreat State Hospital was burning. Although this message was not for airing, 50 men were asked to report to Scranton State Hospital in fifteen minutes to stand fire watch. Later it was discovered that there was a gas leak, not a fire, but the building was being evacuated and 200 men, 150 more than needed, did arrive to help.

Don Bruce heard that the WILK transmitter had been destroyed by the flood and was floating down the river. He had been in central city Wilkes-Barre, and said that the water was off Public Square.

Bob Neilson, WNAK owner, was in his usual cheerful mood despite the bad times. He was hoping to save his transmitter, located on the river at West Nanticoke. He had never been able to get WNAK on the air Friday morning because of the water. With the news that the typhoid vaccine was available, Scotty Young and Mike Stevens urged me to get a shot and kidded about my carrying the dangerous disease.

On Sunday evening West Pittston was both muddy and dusty. A taxicab near the entrance of the Fort Jenkins Bridge had its windows open throughout the flood and was filled with mud. Many of the homes in the Borough were hit hard by the deluge.

One bright spot occurred in Pittston. Leo Azaravich and his family, along with the Boy Scouts of Troop 303, Pittston, had worked hard all day and as a result, the Azaravich family spent the night in their home, which had been filled with water only a day earlier.

Monday and Tuesday

Two days were spent talking to people directly affected by the flood. At the SanRon Dress Factory, Pittston, Larry Rome, one of the owners, told how he lost at least $100,000 in material alone. All the machines in the plant were ruined in addition. He was forced to leave the building at 6:15, after an all-night watch, never believing that the water would get any higher. He said he took in several feet of water in the next hour and at 6:40 the power was knocked out by the water. In all, the factory, built on the high water mark of the '36 flood, took in 10 feet of water.

Representative Ray Musto was hard at work in the area, helping residents affected by the disaster. For example, he helped residents of Towpath Court get back the use of phones; he also aided in securing a pump.

Mrs. Stanley Yanik and her son, Paul, took us on a tour of West Pittston. Many new homes were completely destroyed. One of them, the home of Clayton Kinsey, lost the entire foundation except the four corners. A several-ton block of cement, the steps, had been moved several feet by the water. Vince "Bananas" LaNunziata of the Goodwill Fire Department had been one of the heroes of the flood. He saved a woman and child by boat, and helped deliver a baby. School Director Stanley Yanik also helped make the West Pittston High School suitable for evacuees, even down to the cleaning out of toilets at times. The Consolidated Cigar Corporation saved five million dollars worth of tobacco. However, the plant lost a multitude of cigar tips, which were littered over much of the borough.

In Wilkes-Barre, water still covered part of the Heights section on Monday morning. Some of the sights upon entering the city included beached rowboats, sidewalks covered with slimy mud, stores with plate glass windows broken, assorted debris everywhere. WGAR-TV cameramen were photographinc Congressman Dan Flood for use on Channel 28, which was moved to temporary headquarters due to the inundation of North Franklin Street. Dean Rudolph Scheich of King's College stated that the college would work hard to reopen for summer school next week. The first floors of all the buildings took in 13 inches of water, and the library and student center basements were hit hard. East Hall, the newest dormitory, was ordered evacuated when it was believed that the foundation was collapsing. Dr. Schleich assured us that it was only a sidewalk that was, in fact, just sagging.

The main centers of evacuation in the City were GAR and Wilkes-Barre Township High Schools. Jerry Naperkowski took us on a tour of the Georgetown Center. The people seemed anxious to return home, but they were fearful of what they might find.

On Tuesday, Jack Jarecki, Observer columnist turned photographer in the flood, and I toured the city. We found severe setback, but a spirit that would overcome the destruction. Hard work was in progress everywhere. Although recovery work had just begun, the flooding had ceased and the river that had forced the Valley to flee from its path was now almost back to a normal level.



Looking like the aftermath of a nuclear attack, the entire Gateway Shopping Center lies in ruins.



A lifetime of saving for furniture and the better things in life now pile up on the curbs, awaiting pickup for the dump. Scene is on Elm Street, but can be seen on most streets in the Valley.



Two tractor trailors, unloading merchandise at the Gateway Shopping Center are carried away and hurtled against homes a block away on the opposite side of Northampton Street.



The remaining rubble of someone's garage is dropped on the front yard of a Chestnut Street home.

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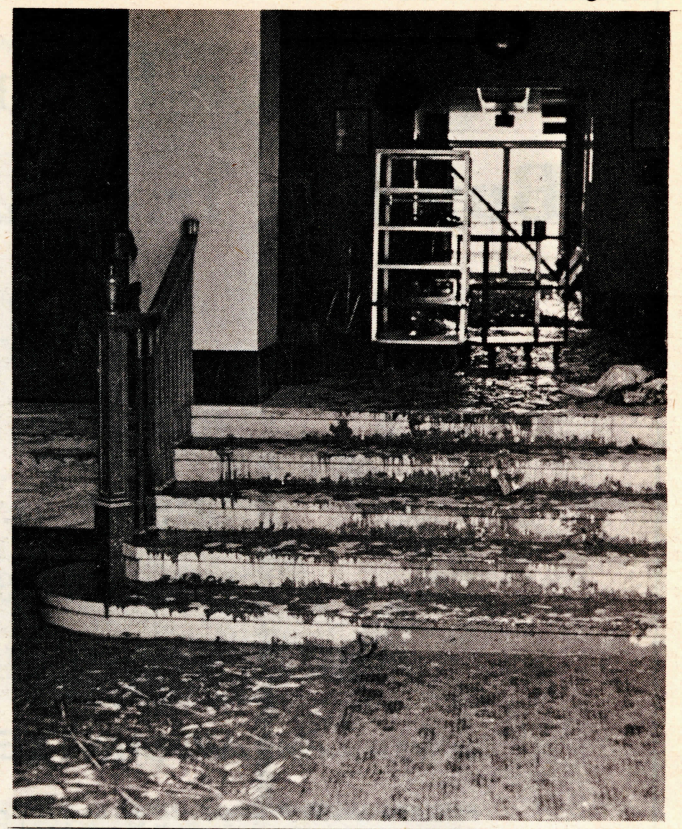
Upper portion of someone's garage rests silently on a North Thomas Street sidewalk.



Nesbitt Hospital Lobby, Kingston



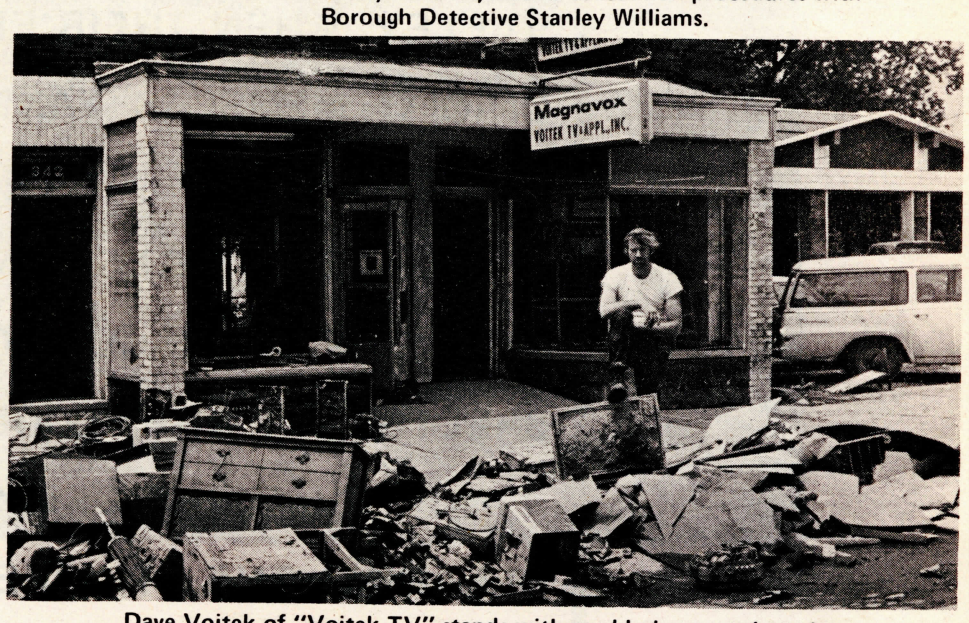
Village Ice Cream, Wyoming Ave., Kingston.



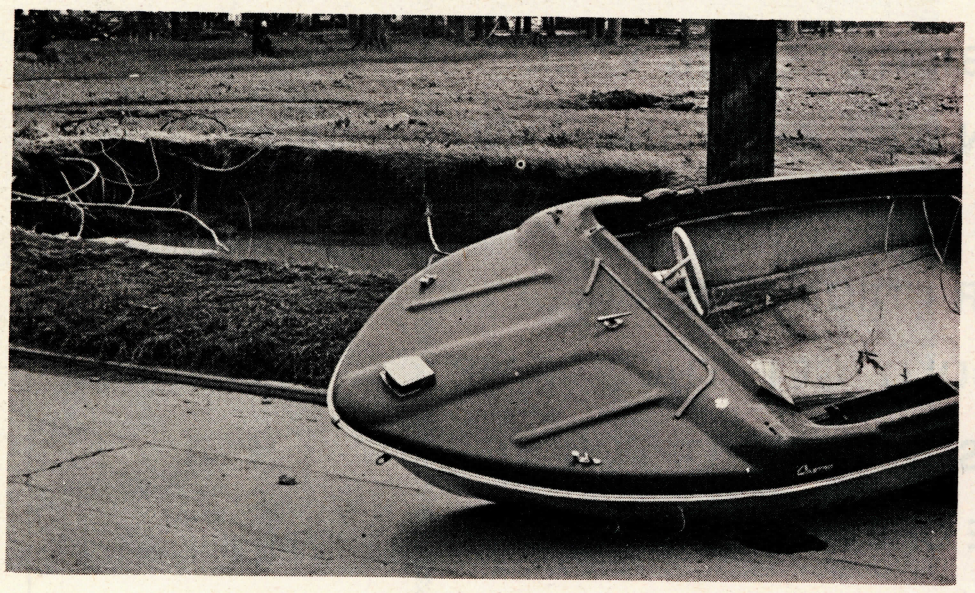
Kingston Mayor Charles Bankes, Councilman and Mrs. Henry Billman, discuss evacuation procedures with Borough Detective Stanley Williams.



An unidentified roof comes to rest at Phillips Sea Food near Bennett Street on Wyoming Avenue, Kingston.



Dave Voitek of "Voitek TV" stands with muddy boot on the color TV set that was inside his Wyoming Avenue store. Dave was one of many small businessmen who lost all of his merchandise in the flood.



No parking – for boats – Scanlon Field – Bennett Street, Kingston.

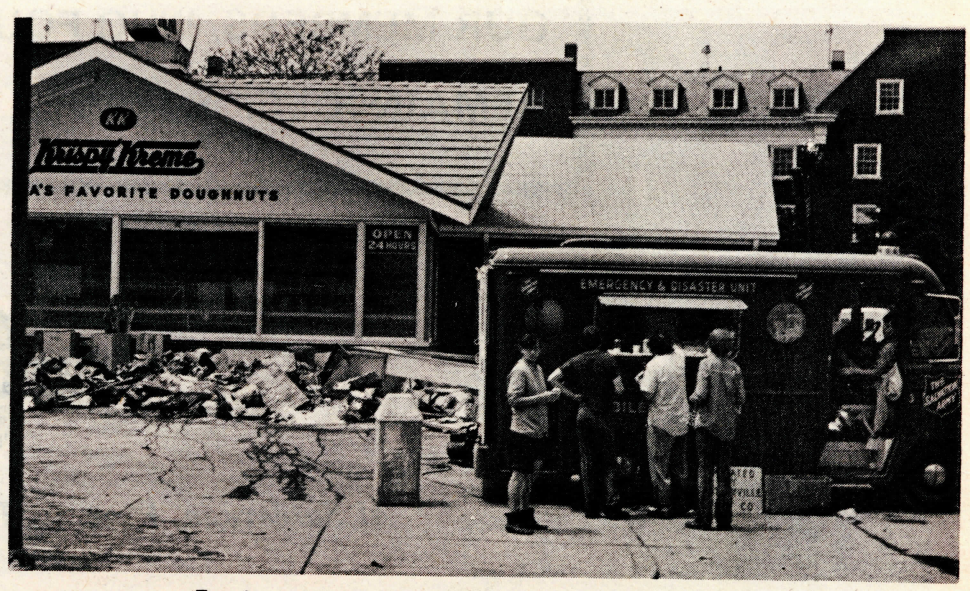


Looking from Burt Husband Studio, Kingston, as the fire department begins to pump out buildings.



Bleachers wash over the fence at Wyoming Valley West Stadium.

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Food truck at Krispy Kreme, Wyoming Ave., Kingston.

A Message From Building trades members and union contractors.

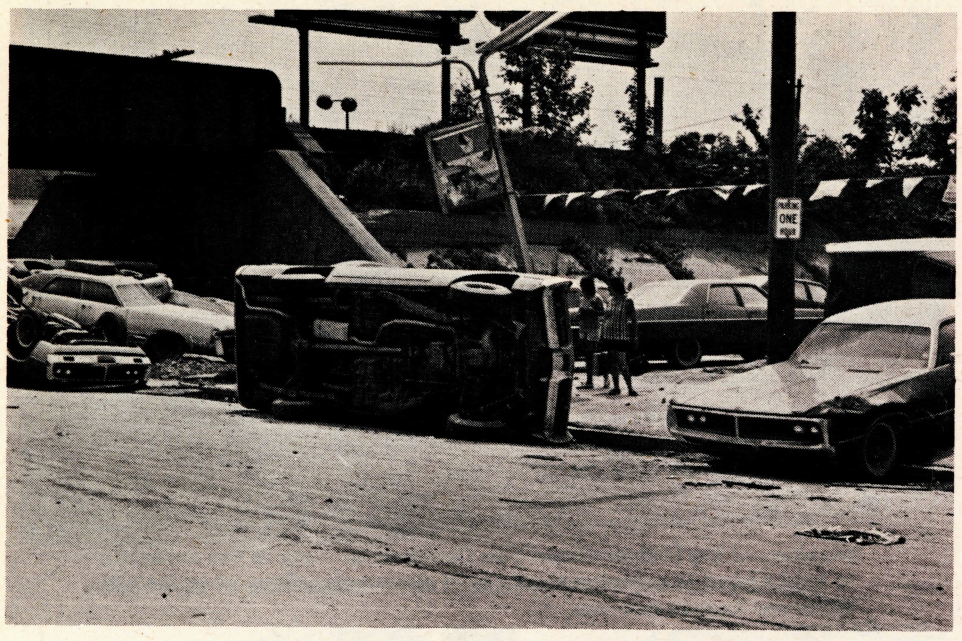
DURING THE EMERGENCY THAT DEVELOPED IN OUR VALLEY DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS, HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF BUILDING TRADES MEMBERS AND UNION CONTRACTORS VOLUNTEERED THEIR SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT TO HELP SAVE THE DIKE SYSTEM THAT PROTECTS OUR VALLEY. WHEN THEIR EFFORTS BECAME VAIN, THE UNION MEMBERS AND UNION CONTRACTORS CONTINUED TO OFFER THEIR SERVICES TO EVACUATE RESIDENCES AND ESTABLISH EMERGENCY EVACUATION CENTERS TO PROVIDE SHELTER FOR THE FLOOD VICTIMS.

NOW THAT THE CRISIS IS OVER AND THE JOB OF CLEANING THE STRICKEN AREA IS AT HAND, OUR BUILDING CONTRACTORS AND MEMBERS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP REHABILITATE OUR VALLEY.

THE JOB OF RESTORATION WILL BE MASSIVE AND AS MUCH HELP AS POSSIBLE WILL BE NEEDED. THIS WE REALIZE. HOWEVER, OUR UNION MEMBERS AND UNION CONTRACTORS SHOULD GET THEIR FAIR SHARE OF THE WORK. IT IS NOT RIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE IN CONTROL OF THE CLEAN-UP PROJECT TO HIRE OUT OF TOWN PEOPLE TO DO THE WORK WHEN OUR MEMBERS, WHO FOUGHT TO SAVE THE VALLEY, REMAIN IDLE.

WYOMING VALLEY BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL AFL-CIO

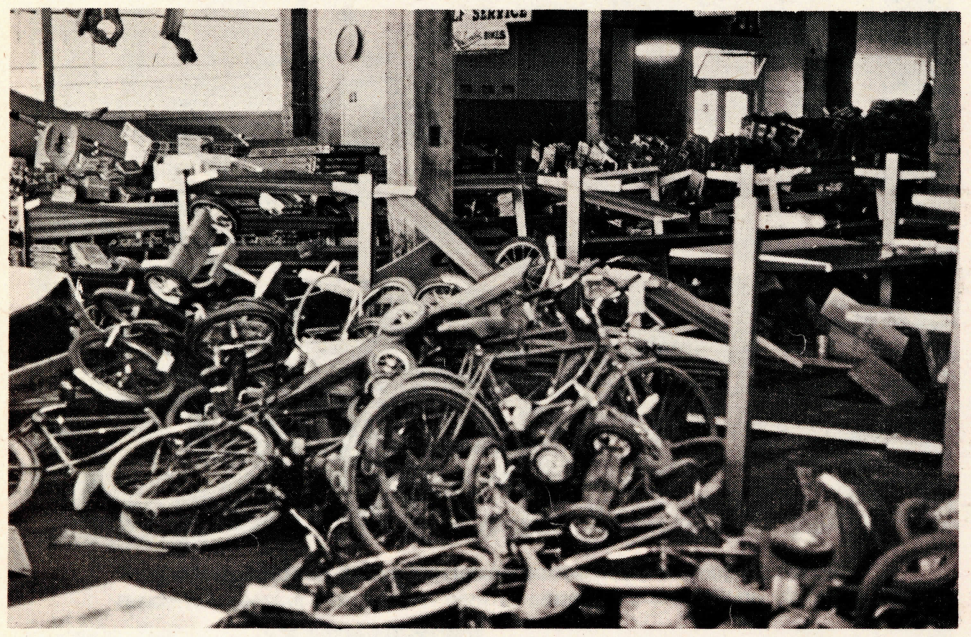
Al Sutcavage, Pres. -- Henry DePolo, Secy. Treas.



Overturned cars from Superior Motors Market Street Kingston, pile up on opposite side of street.



Eight inch pavement lifted, Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, at Eley St



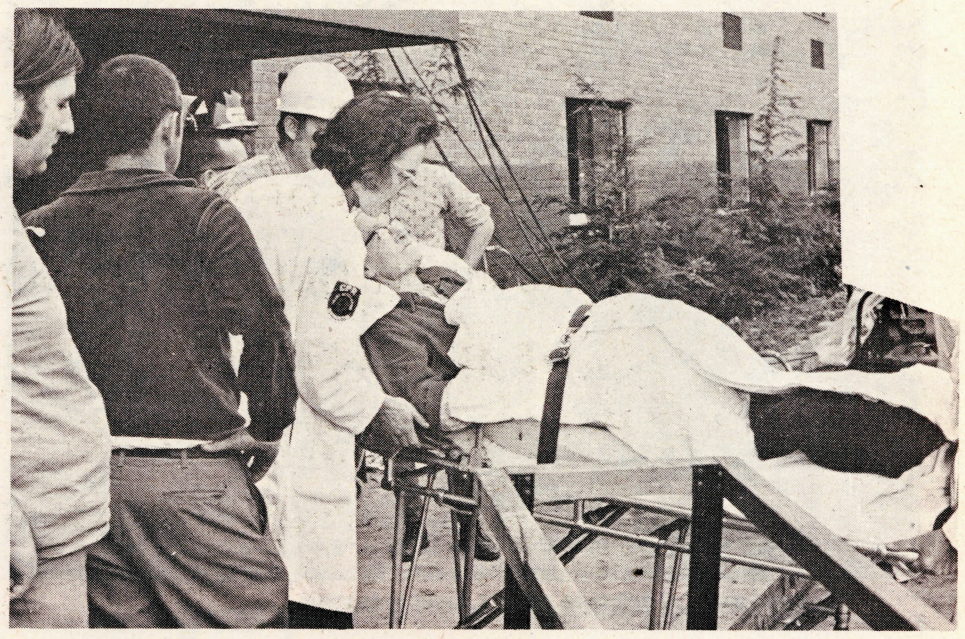
Inside of Stull Brothers, Wyoming Ave., Kingston.



Cooks Pharmacy, Whoming Avenue, Kingston.



"Elevated Railway" of Penn State Seed, Wyoming Ave., Kingston.



Leader Nursing Home.

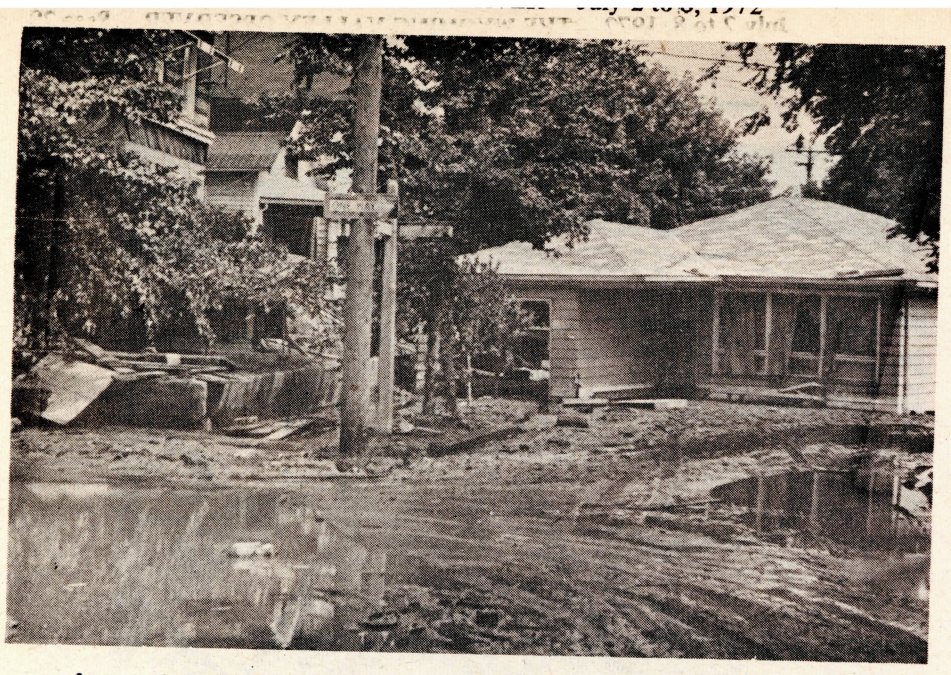


Eley Street and Wyoming Avenue, Kingston.

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Leader Nursing Home of Kingston being evacuated.



A recently-built home is plucked from its foundation and violently deposited in middle of intersection at Northampton and S. Thomas.



Members of the Richlandtown Fire Company brought in fire apparatus to lend a hand in pumping hundreds of thousands gallons of water from Wyoming Avenue business.



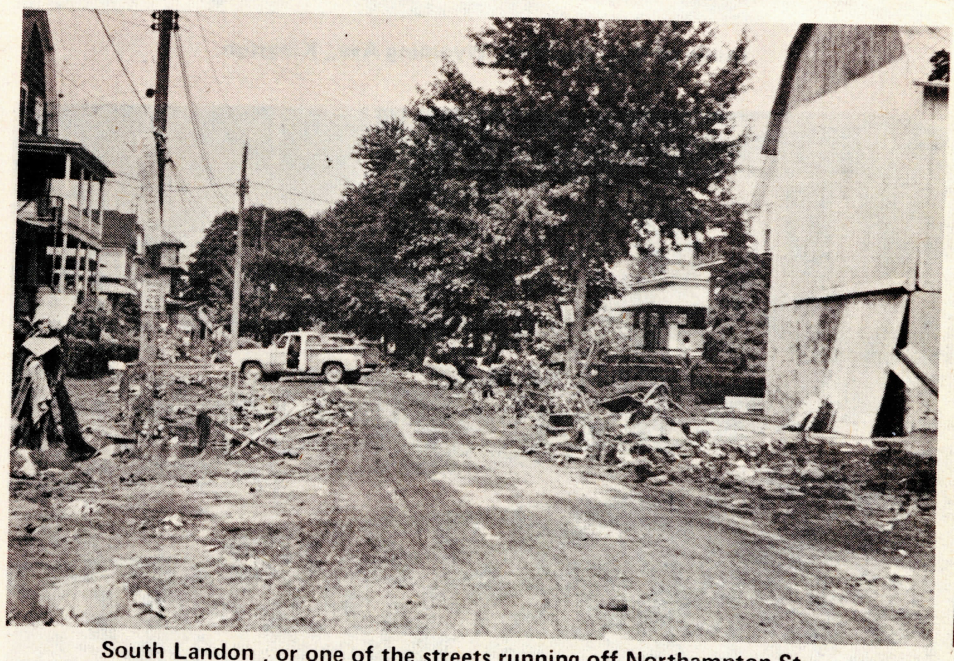
A new car is carried by the floodwaters from a Market Street showroom and dropped upon another auto almost a block away.



Sidewalks give way in front of Boat Hardware & Woolberts Marine Supply on Wyoming Avenue



Waters recede and the First Valley Bank on Wyoming Avenue near Kingston Corners is in shambles inside. Two National Guardsmen stand guard at entrance against possible looting.



South Landon , or one of the streets running off Northampton St. Devastation was so paramount in this immediate area, one street could barely be distinguished from another.

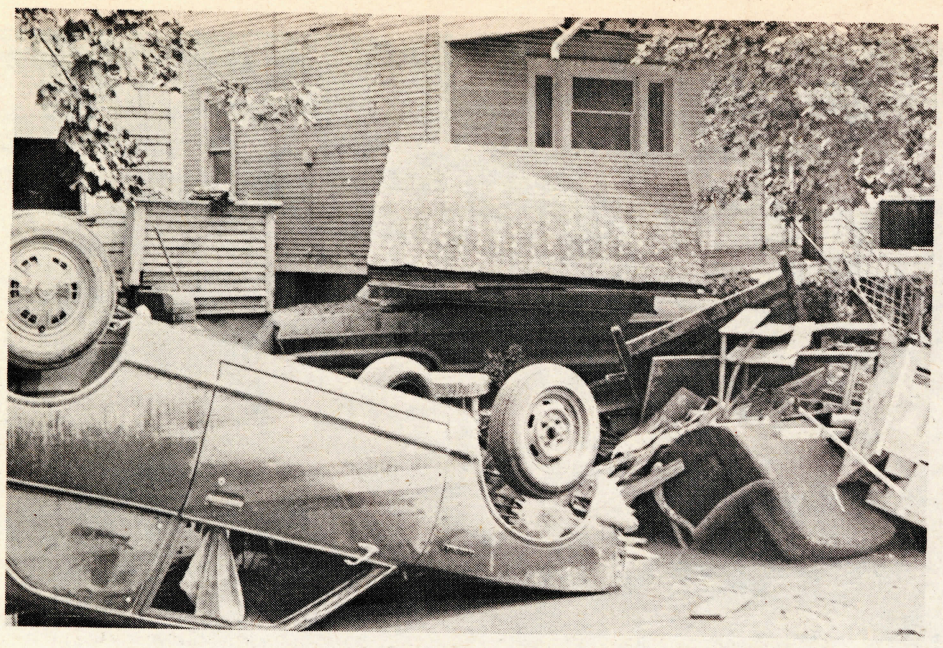


The intersection of Market Street and S. Thomas is a gruesome preview of the devastation that lies within the next few blocks.

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Playground area of Pringle Street School begins to crumble and cave after water recedes. A few feet away on Pringle Street, gas sperts four feet in the air from a ruptured main.



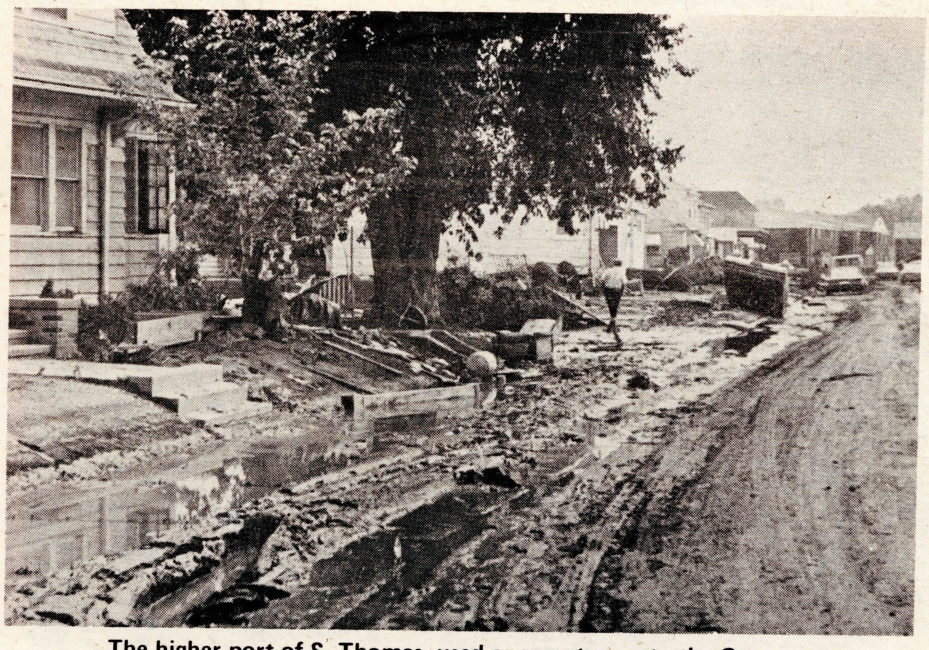
Roofs, debris and twisted autos in front of North Thomas residence.



The fury of the Susquehanna is graphically shown in this photo taken on Northampton Street. Utter devastation dominated the entire area.



Fury of raging floodwaters hurtles auto into front of South Thomas residence, causing entire lower roof to collapse.



The higher port of S. Thomas, used as an entrance to the Gateway Apartments is a literal path of destruction. Porches were ripped clean of the homes, cars were overturned and battered into massive hunks of steel.



A mass of debris and twisted rubble funnels its way out of the front of the Wayne Department Store.



City Chevrolet stands a shambles after floodwaters recede on Market Street.



Water is shown gushing up from a sewer line on Brook Street. Though protected by a second dike, this immediate area was quickly submerged in water.

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Light standards and stop signs toppled under the current and battering debris at the intersection of Wyoming Avenue and W. Vaughn Ave.



Happy motoring – a roof from somewhere, now on Wyoming Avenue.
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Sdiewalks and part of Wyoming Ave. cave in near the Kingston-Forty-Fort border.
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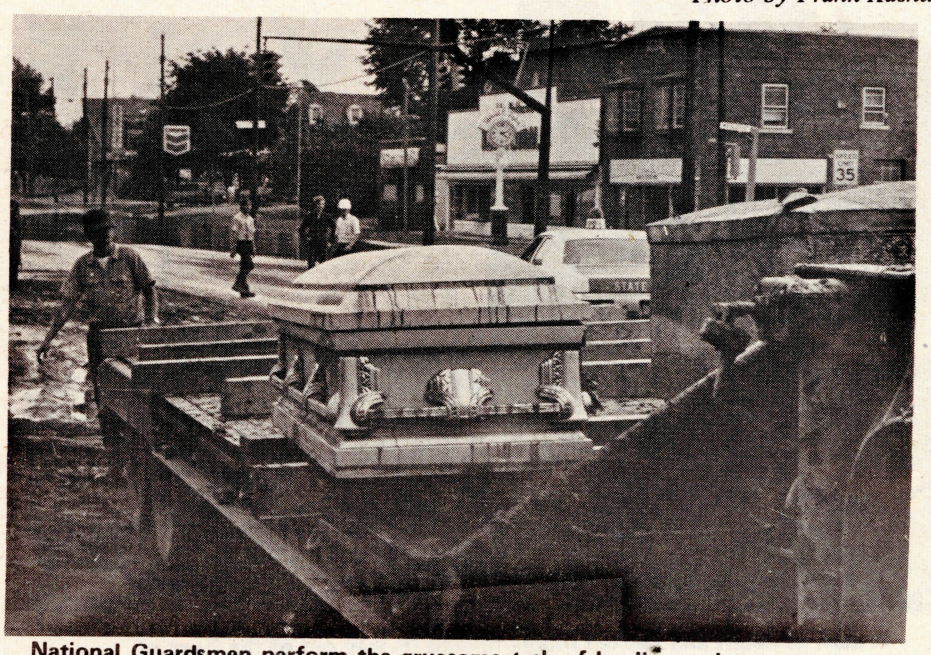
People in center (background) are trying to come into Kingston by way of the railroad tracks.
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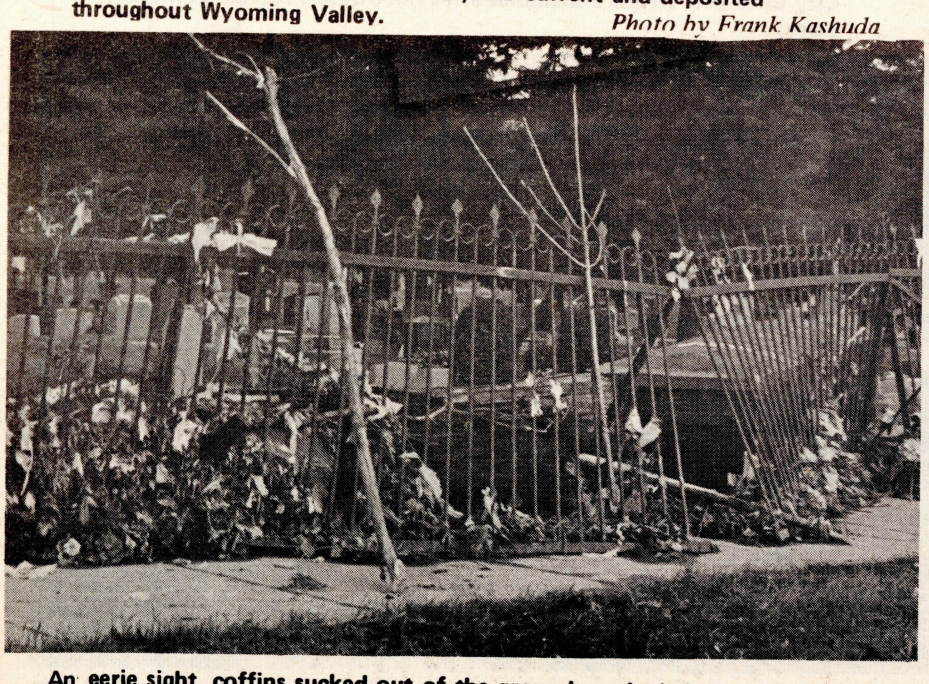
Three coffins rest in single file after being uprooted from their plots by the flood. Scene is Forty-Fort Cemetery.
Photo by Frank Kashuda



Trenches now dominate the Forty-Fort Cemetary. Many coffins buried in these areas were carried by the current and deposited throughout Wyoming Valley.
Photo by Frank Kashuda



National Guardsmen perform the gruesome task of loading caskets onto truck. Caskets were torn by raging waters from their resting place in the Forty-Fort Cemetery and strewn about the Valley. *Photo by Kashuda*



An eerie sight, coffins sucked out of the ground, push their way through the fence surrounding the Forty-Fort Cemetery.
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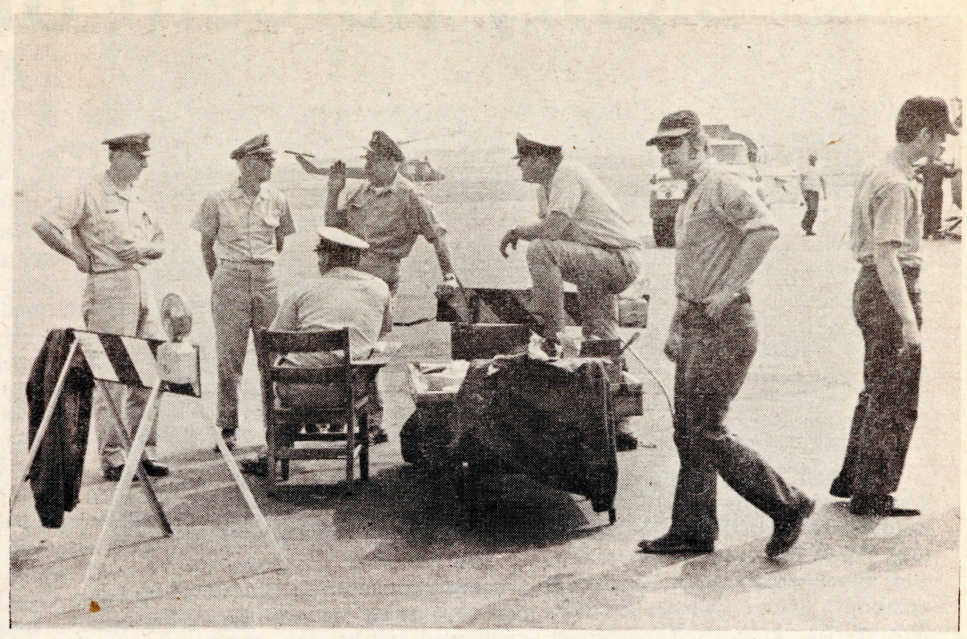


Forty-Fort town hall. Cemetery on left that was partially washed out.
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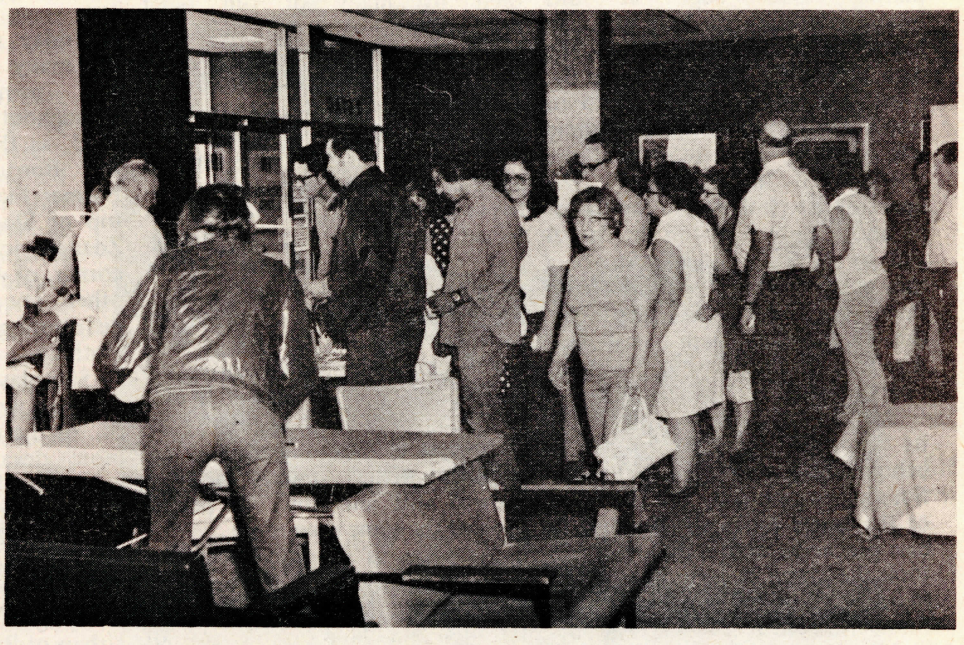
Youth sorts clothes late in the evening at Wyoming Area High School evacuation center.



Command post for air control of military aircraft.



Evacuees are transferred from West Side Tech to Dallas.



Immunization shots given to evacuees at airport.



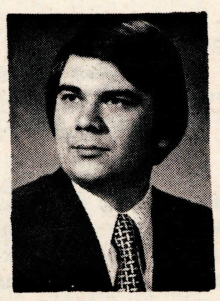
State trooper watching clothing at airport.



Observer photographer Bill Harding at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Airport.

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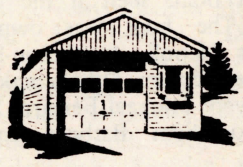
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eighty percent of swoyersville flooded

By Joe Gula

Friday June 23, was a nightmare for the whole town of Swoyersville as 80% of the Borough was flooded by the rampant waters which broke through the Forty Fort Dike near the cemetery. Many of our men who were working there had to run for their lives as it proceeded to come up Shoemater Street at a fast rate, in fact a Volkswagon was picked pu off the lot of Larry Kiwak on Shoemaker St. and it floated with ease down Murray St., Forty Fort.

It was around 12:30 p.m. Friday when many of the Swoyersville residents were at the tracks leading into Forty Fort at the Shoemaker and Slocum St. exits. The first break into Swoyersville came at the Slocum St. area as Councilman Andy Barilla Jr. his son Dave and other workers were working hard placing sand bags at this intersection with the help of a pay loader when the break came. The men behing the payloader saw the break and made a break for it to save thwir lives and the only three left were Barilla, his son and the operator of the payloader. The operator then hollared to Barilla for he and his son to get in the shovel and he rode up Slocum St.where they were allerting the residents on their way to get out. The rush of the water was at such a fast pace that they just made it to the hill of Chapel Street

About 3:30 p.m. the water made its big push through the tracks behind the Catholic War Veterans Building on Simpson St. The force of the water broke the Building in half proceeded across the street and took the home of John Katchko of Simpson St. right off the foundation and brought it in the parking lot of Eddie Volack on Watkins St.; the rest of the borough was swallowed up in a matter of about a half hour.

Thursday evening, June 22, about 11 p.m., the creek at Creek St. overflowed and it flooded the cellars of Mrs. Mary Michaels, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Michaels, Mr. and Mrs. EDward Bronsberg and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gavlick, with the Gavlick residence getting the brunt of it.

Many of the men in that area along with the No. 1 Hose Company worked hare this evening up until about 4 a.m. Many of the men decided to retire for the evening and had their radios on and got the alert about the flash flood and they wer asking for volunteers to go to the dikes alone the Susquehanna River to help pack sandbags. Many of then did and the alerted others to do so because many of our residents were asleep and did not know what was happening. In fact many of our residents alerted many of the residents and friends of Forty Fort and Kingston as the radio announcers urged them to do so.

Borough residnets just could not get with it that the water was going to reach Swoyersville as many of our middle class and older residents who saw the 1936 flood figured that this would be the same. Swoyersville was spared in 1936 and many of the residents refused to leave their homes until the last minute as many of them went through alleys with their cars Infact, many of them had to leave their cars and go on foot just excaping the water and again many of them were up to their hips before they got to higher grounds.

Two families had to be evacuated by helicopter. They were Mrs. Josephine Brominski, mother of Judge Bernard Brominski and relations of Watkins St. and the families of Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Nawrocki, Mrs. Pauline Stanks and Mrs. Edna Novroski of McHale St.

Many resdients were evacuated by the treee Fire Companies and the No. 1 Hose Co. Rescue team consisted of younger men who did a fantastic job through the disastrous emergency. Also other residents from Swoyersville and surrounding boroughs evacuated our residents with their boats. The biggest surprise is that no one panicked and although confusion existed which followed into the remaining days, things seemed to follow through as if it were planned and every one rehearsed for this catastrophe.

The sorriest feeling Firday evening was watching the residents just looking at their homes being swallowed up by the water, and you just could visualize what they were thinking, working hard all of their lives,many of our older residents who paid off their homes, many who were almost paid off and the younger ones who just built their beautiful homes, go down the drain. This writer, who like many of the rest of the residents was just another one who was a victim of the swallowing waters, tried his best to get around and get the feelings and impressions of his fellow neighbors. Many of them felt sorry for themselves and yet they felt sorry for everyove else as they took the feeling that if they were the only ones, they would look for sympathy. Talk about guts, Swoyersville for many years through their Athletic abilities showed this and now our people showed the same even more.

As soon as everyone began to re-group themselves, plans began to fall into place as the new Borough Building on the top of Shoemaker and Main which incidently was to be dedicated this past week became the new Borough building and the Headquarters of the Borough with Mayor Henry Novroski as the head officer. What a way to be dedicated. The Borough officials have to be complimented for the fine job that they did on the building.

This building more than served its purpose and still is as it was the headquarters as all of the food, clothing were shipped there by trucks and helicopters and through the fine work of Jim Galasso, Joe Urban, Councilmen Michael Emershaw and Andy Barilla, got it off and running, with a little confusion at first, but as soon as they started to get the knack of running it, it started to run as best that they could do.

A clinic was set up at the Borough Building with the following local doctors, nurses and nurses and doctors from the Navy, Army and Reserves chipping in and keeping the residnets in good health. In fact these wonderful professional men and women, distributed 8,000 typhoid shots and countless tetnus shots

Before I mention who the out of town professional men and service men, I would like to mention how they happened to pick out Swoyersville. It happened that this team was up at College Misericordia which was the hub of the Medical Center of the West Side and they were named and when Swoyersville came up, Evelyn R. Nemetz Compton RN of Philadelphia, who donated her services, is a former resident of Swoyersville. When she heard the name of Swoyersville she urged the group to come to Swoyersville and set up their Headquarters.

Others are D. Forsyth, HMC, of Plymouth Meeting, Pa., William Bryant, HM2 of Willow Grove, Naval Air Station, Ed Robey, HMC, NAS Willow Grove, Phyliss Ruoff, RN of Rosemant, Pa. Margaret Ducjia, RN from the Foster Wheeler Plant in Mt. Top., Chief Carl J. Huhn, Nas Willow Grove, Pa., and Capt. Willoughby Goin III of Lakehurst, New Jersey, U.S. Army who piloted the Helicopter which made all of the food and clothing drops in Swoyersville. In fact, Capt. Goin celebrated his birthday on June 25.

When the Borough Building was set up, two other centers were set up in the Brodericks Section with Joe Siracuse, Councilman Joe Piazza, Civil Defense Director as the heads, and in the Maltby Section with Felix Wawer, Joe A. Asklar, John Chacko, councilmen, as the heads. Councilman Frank Santee was the go between between the three and did a fine job and is continuing to do so as are all of the rest.

Friday night, plans were made and many of the residents, women and men alike stayed up throughout the night preparing food, as they fed the residents at the Borough Building, at the Former Fieldman's Building at the top of Slocum and Main at Tom Zdanciewicz's Gas Station on the corner of Owen and Main. These other two places were the distributing places for the food and clothing.

Saturday morning as most of the residnets were on the top of Main St., or the dumps and hills looking, more devasting things began to happen as the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Breitinstein of Scott St. near the No. 1 Hose Co., burned to the ground. The home of Mrs. Dorothy Jeving of Poland St. exploded, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards Urban of Birch Drive, exploded and burned down. The force of this explosion blew their roof onto their neighbors' roof.

In the Urban explosion, two of our younger men almost lost their lives as they tried to save some of the furniture inside. They are members of the No. 1 Rescue team, Rich Callahan of Watkins St. and Kerry Urban of Railroad St. Thank God both came out of it okay as they were both treated at College Misericordia. When released they both went back to all night duty patrolling the streets.

Also damaged by fire on Saturday was the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Piazza of Slocum St.

SAturday found many of the residents trying to get to their homes on the second floor to at least get their clothing and other valuables. Some were successful and other were not.

This writer had the privilege of touring the flooded areas in the Birch Village, Foothills Manor, Kossack, Sidney, Simpson and Poland Street areas in one of the biggest boats seen at the flooded area. The boat was owned by Casper Napoli, brother-in-law of Michael Ferraro. Others making the tour were Michael Ferraro, Samuel Ferraro, Sam Barbose and the owner.

While on this tour this boat had a device on it which showed the depth of the water and if this writer remembers correctly, it was around 14 to 15 feet in the Birch Village area, 17 at the corner of Kossack and Sidney St. area and when we tried to get past the Sidney St and Hazle St. area it was almost 18 feet. The wires were about one foot higher than the water which forced us to come back.

The rest of the day found the residnets trying to find shelter for themselves and this id when the former Little "Bill" Phillips famous saying came to light: "The Valley with a Heart," as the residents who live on the hill section of Swoyersville, just mentioning a few and I hope that I don't affent anyone. They are the families of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kolojejchick near the Russian Cemetery who had over twenty people in their home besides their big families which was also the quarters of Druggist Ted Fischer who transferred his Durg Store up there and giving out perscriptions for the many sick and aged. This man did 500% more than could be asked of him as his Maltby Drug Store received damage and his brand new home at Green Acres which he recently moved in was wiped out. 'This did not hamper him and he continued to plug to help our residents. Others families are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kolojejchick and Mr. and Mrs. George Tomchak, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Tressa and others of Warsaw St. Mr. and Mrs. Charley Shisson of Owen St. and many others too numerous to mention at this time but this writer promises that everyone will be mentioned next week in this column. Many of our residents were also housed at the West Wyoming Elementary School on Shoemaker Avenue, West Side Vo-Tech in Pringle, Dallas Area High, College Misericordia, Lake Lehman and even some in the Watres Armory in Scranton.

Saturday was also the tensest day as we were just hoping and praying that ther was not any fatal tragedies. As of this date, Thank God, although we lost our life savings and everything, all of us are here.

The food and clothing and Clinic areas were working feverishly and although again confusion was there, we lived through it as the residents, which is only natural , began to lose their tempers and started to blame the borough officials such as the Mayor and Council, Civil Defense Director, for the troubles that occurred. There were quite a few residents who lost their temper but when they got over their shock they will realize that they will find that everyone tried to do the best they could with what they had to work with.

In fact, within the next few days, sort of a turmoil was starting because it was rumored that the Mayor forbid th National Guard from coming into Swoyersville for Security reasons. This was a big rumor and still is because this writer, Councilman Barilla and Romanowski and others were with the Mayor when he was promised 200 Reservists first thing Sunday morning but as yet they hav not arrived. The next night another official met with the Mayor and he was promised pumps, security guards again and they were not here either. The Mayor and other Borough officials worked hard and had very few hours of sleep if any and it just isn't right to put them to the task of putting the blame on them. In fact, the Mayor, Councilmen, Barilla, Romanowski, Santee and Chacko were victims and were thinking of the residents along with Councilmen Joe Piazza and Machael Emershaw first.

Saturday night found a few looters in town as some of our flooded homes were looted. God bless any of them if they ever get caught.

Sunday morning found Father Christopher Petruska holding Mass at the Russian Cemetery. This is about the first Sunday that many of our residents missed Mass.

In the afternoon, another fire tradegy came about as the building on the corner of Shoemaker and Church Streets exploded and burned to the ground. Nobody could get to it to try to save it although many endeavoring efforts were made by the three Fire Companies. The home was owned by Mrs. Michael WArtella and housed Chimock's Cafe and Mr. and Mrs. Maz Chipego.

Also on Sunday, there were many Gas Breaks and the State Police, which did a fantastic job in helping our local Police and Civilian Defense Police, had quite a time truing to keep the residents out of the various areas where the gas leaks and breaks were. Also in the afternoon, typhoid vaccine was flown into Swoyersville and landed on the Barber Terrace Land and brought in over 8,000 shots and these were administered by the Medical help at the Borough Building. Traffic was so crowded that many resdnets had to walk from the Maltby and Broderick St. Areas. This mass innoculation went off perfect although again one or two residents figured that there shoud have been any priorits given to anyone. In fact one of our hard working Councilmen was rapped severly by one of the residents for doing so because she had to wait because two men who worked for the PP&L were pushed up to the front of the line. These men worked hard all day getting power to the building and one of them had to be flown to his home town to get home. By the way, this certain woman was not even involved in the Flood.

Sunday evening found trailors and trucks coming from East Nen Bruinswick, New Jersey, Northampton, Pa. with Food and Clothing along with trucks and trailors dispatched from the Wilkes-Barre - Scranton Airport which was the headquarters. Men and women long hours in keeping the people fed and made sure that they were getting enough milk, bread and canned foods and clothing.

Monday found the water lowering and many of the resdnets trying to get back to their homes to start cleaning up. Again they were stopped by gas leaks and breaks and this again infurriated them and again some of them lost their cool. And in another instance, traffic was stopped at both the West Wyoming and Luzerne entrances because it was reported that there was a sniper shooting at the people in the streets from the hillside. The State Police investigated and it was found that two youngsters were target practicing and this ended another escapade.

After this was over, there was another gas leak and this again caused the stop of traffic and another scare to the people.

Monday evening was spent again feeding and clothing the residents.

Tuesday was the day that was the most sorrowful as the water receeded and the residents starting going from the hills to their homes and finding out what took place. **They expected** the worst and the worst is what **they** got. Incidently, before they went down to their homes, Inspectors along with Michael Moses, Building Inspector of Swoyersville, inspected the homes to see if they were safe to enter. Many were given the word that it was okay but many were also given the word that they could not, for reasons that their foundations caved in, that their gas lines were leaking and other similar reasons.

Getting back to seeing their homes, what they saw was their furniture piled on top of each other, mud, muck and you name it all through the home, furniture soaked that it weighed about a ton. Then the residents around the foothills Manor, Hughes St., Birch Village, Shoemaker St., Barber St.



8,000 mass innoculation typhoid shots in Swoyersville on Sunday.



Councilman Andrew Barilla, Mayor Henry Novroski, And Joseph Stralka making plans for Civil Defense.

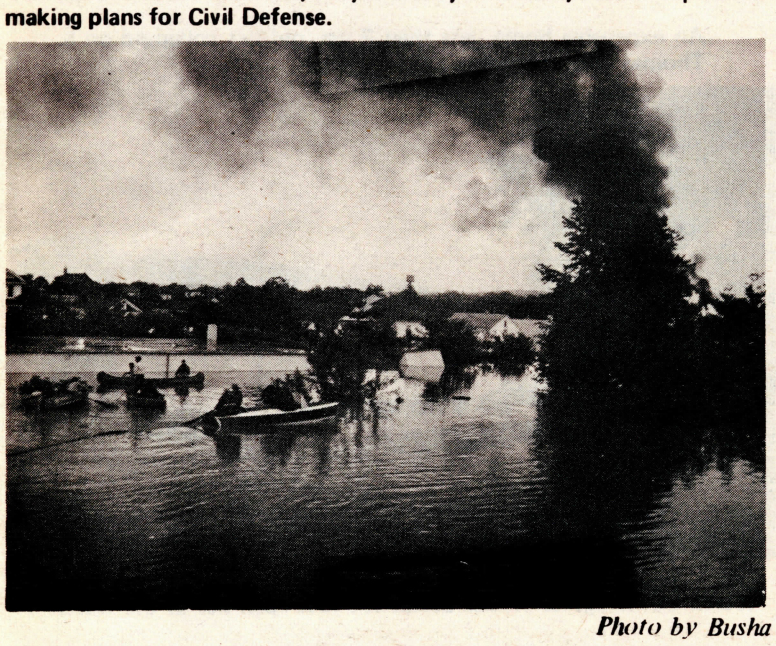


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Scene at the rear of Slocum Street Swoyersville, behind Edward's Garage.

and other areas which were dried began cleaning out everything that could not be saved.

The residents were asked to put everything on their front lawns and it would be hauled away by trucks owned by John Connolly and others. The debris was hauled up to the Shoemaker St. Hill where it is being dumped into the big holes up there and will be covered afterwards.

Wednesday and Thursday it was just about the same as everyone continued to clean up. But on Thursday, another scare was given to the residents as it was brought out that two tanks of Chlorine Gas was ready to explode and the residents were alerted to evacuate again which again brought about angered people because many of their families were down in the sections where the alert came from. This was taken care of and everyone went back to their cleaning.

All of the residents are asked to watch themselves as far as the electricity is considered. There is a pamphlet put out by the UGI and everyone is asked to read it and follow the instructions because we have been fortunate that we did not have a fatality and we do not want to havt one now.

Getting back to bulletins, 7000 Bulletins on "What to do after the Flood" were printed through the generosity of Joe Gayeski, of Wiertel Press of Second Street in Wyoming, many thanks to him.

Some of the highlights of this past week's tragedy are as follows: some sad, a few humorous and some that gets your blood boiling where it turned out in a few instances that food and clothing that were being distributed was taken by the greedy and not the needy.

The sad parts were seeing the older people who had their homes paid off and wondering what they are goint to do. Most of them are retired and then there are widows, widowers amongst others. One of the older women remarked that while they were going through the lines to get their food that this reminded them of the days of the Bread Lines in the late twenties and early thirties.

The humorous stories which were not many but it is good to mention a few are when Grandma Mrs. Edna Novroski was evacuated from her home on McHale St. by a helicopter, when she came down to earth, her son, Mayor Henry Novroski met her by the Legion Home on Shoemaker Street. Waiting to pick her up in his station wagon he asked her after 83 years how her first plane ride was and she replied, Henry, I was embarrassed because the wind kept blowing her skirt up and she had a hard time trying to keep it down.

Another was when Leo Gavlick went to see his home on Creek St. and found a big barn in front of his home which was brought in by the water from Sidney St.

Getting back to the Greedy and not the Needy, enough should be said about this but these few who know who they are, if they have a concience,some day they will realize that it does not pay to be selfish.

The neighboring boroughs of West Wyoming, Luzerne, Pringle, Larksville, Edwardsville, Wyoming, Dallas were very good to our residents as many of our residnets were put up by their relatives and friends.

Many of our hard working residents tried to keep the town together and here is as much as this writer saw and if I miss anyone I will make sure that credit is given where it is due in subsequent columns. We say thanks to the following residents: Mayor Novroski, Council President Joe Piazza, Councilmen, Andy Barilla, Fred Romanowski, Frank Santee, John Chacko, Michael Emershaw, Matt Collura, Civil Defense Director, Fred Dorman, president of the Auxiliary Police, Borough Police, Sgt. Edward Zukosky, Patrolmen, Bill Dorman and Eugene Mullay, Fire Chiefs,Mike Sentigar, Jim Hawk, Bucky Amos, Joe Pugh, Eddie Zvonchek, Street Commissioner Socky Saxon, Ambulance Drivers, Lindy Berti, Michael Shanpack and his son Michael Jr., Borough Engineer Leo Gavlick, Joe Yzgoginski, John Verhanovitz, Patrolmen Anthony Stefanosky and Morgan Madar, Felix Wawer, Joseph Asklar, Steve Bebey, and Frank Bebey who was injured when he was directing traffic and was hit by a vehicle on the corner of Owen and Main St. Frank is coming along fine and everyone is wishing him a speedy recovery and hope to see him up and around soon.

Also Charley Jacien, Joe Cicero, Len Pesta, Len Pesta Jr., Fred Cousin, John Cicero, Joe Siracuse, Jim Galassom, Joe Urban, John and Andy Holena, Joe Cacciatore, Lou Michaels, Condy Inamorati, Joe Molchan, George Mochin, Eddie Kulbacki, Chicky Romanchick, George Bobb, Rudy Fanti, Sam Pete BAyo Sr. and Pete Jr., Joe Manta, Frank Krakosky, Mike BEny, Eddie Volack, George Sitar, Tom Sobeleski, Joe Podskoch, Rocky Nawricki, CArl Shymanski, Andy Gulla, Tom Gulla, Bill Michaels, Mrs. Anity Simko, Mike Simko, Al Lopuhovsky, Doe Gonglesky, Ed Gonglesky, Ed Jr., Bob Gonglesky, Paul Suda, Steve Yaglowski, Rich Stefanides, John Chipego, John Dzurek, John Jr.,, Stephen Adamchak, Stephen Jr., Ron Gula, Bernie Kriso, Andy Stuka, John Forgach, Pete Caprari, Bert Greco, Mary Holena, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blower, and many of the wives of the above mentioned men, John "Wolly" Wolensky, Sonny Kemzura, Joe Hanuscin, Trigger Doletcki, Joe Karaginas, Leo Agresti, Max Chipego, Ed Zofcin, John Gulla, George Gulla, Steve Gaydosh, Joe Gonglesky Jr., Jim Pugh, Vince Grytcko, Walt Grycko, Carl Rusnak, Frank Stack, Chet Stachnewicz, Herb Simms, Herb Jr., Mrs. Herb Simm, Smiler Naperski, Frank Zim, Mike Zim, Don Petty, Steve Ollock, Joe Wolensky, Tony Ference, Joe Kurpis, George Gutch, Al Timko, Tony Munley, John Bubryckie, Joe Pugh Jr., Joe and Dave Olejnick, Tom Matinas, Dan Lukasavage, Bob Worlinsky, Larry Worlinsky, Frank Kiwak Jr., Duke Stelma, Puggy Mescan, Bob Hospodar, John Hospodar, Corky Thorek, Mike Thorek Jr., Joe and Steve Stralka, Dan, Al and Tom Brace, Ted Songalia, and Bob Blessing.

One good thing that this brought out was that it showed how we can pull together in a crisis and we hope that this will never happen again.

If any nmae was missed, it will appear in next week's column.

Finally, the residents are asked to use caution in cleaning their homes. This is not aweek'sjob, it is going to take months before each home will be put in the shape that they hope to get it in.

This writer made a tour around the town and was very surprised to see many foundations knocked into their cellars and in some instances, in fact many were knocked off of the foundations.

Take your time, do a good job and for God's sake take care of yourselves and your families because we went through enough now to last ua a lifetime.



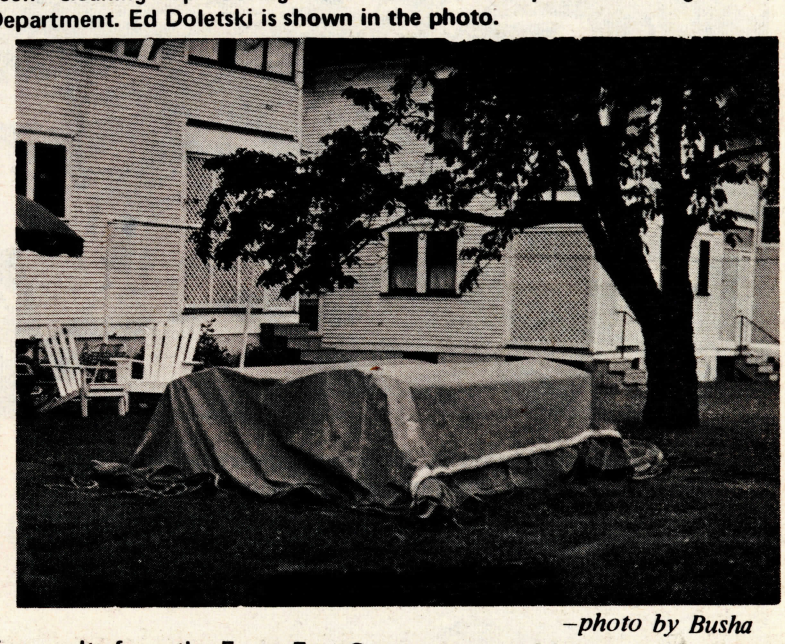
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Flood at its heighth at Slocum and Chapel Streets in Swoyersville on Friday evening, June 23, 1972.



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Seen cleaning up during the flood is Swoyersville's Engineering Department. Ed Doletski is shown in the photo.



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Two vaults from the Forty Fort Cemetery were picked up at the corner of Chapel and Slocum Sts., Swoyersville. They were stored in the back of Lehman Funeral Home in Swoyersville.

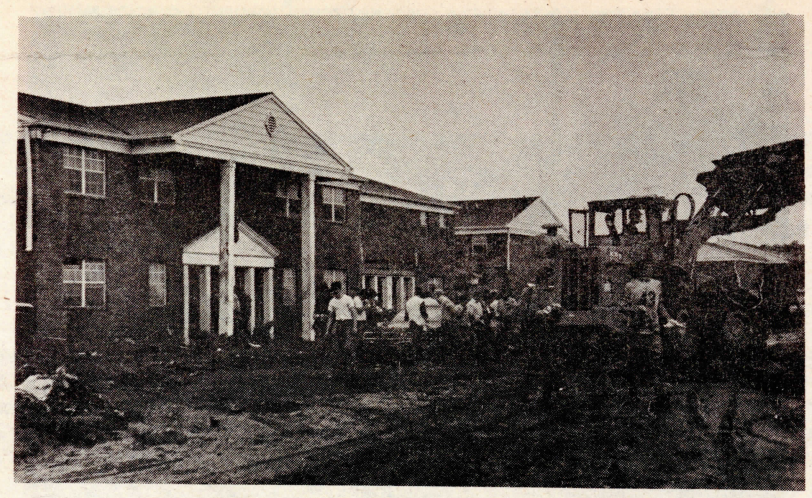
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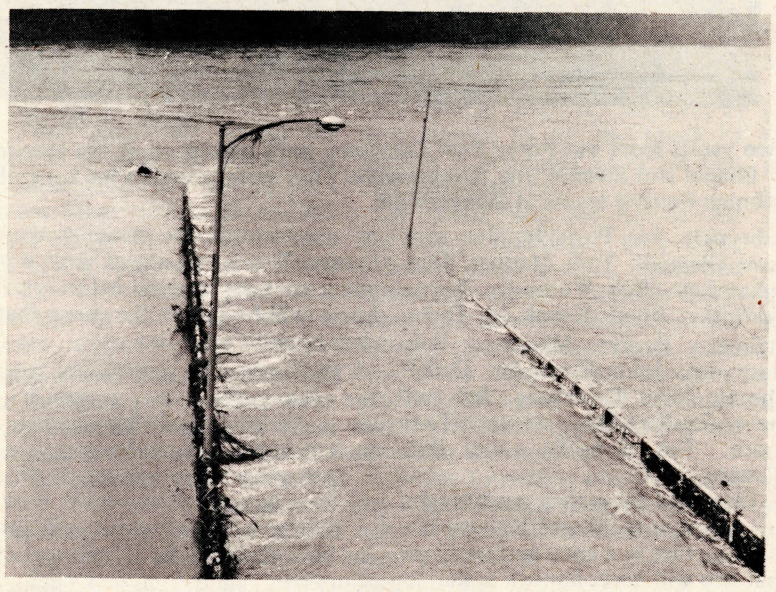
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Lunchtime at the Gateway Apartments in Edwardsville, where untold numbersof young men answered an ad to "shovel for $5.00 per hour."



Hoyt Library on Market St. Kingston completely inundated. Childrens' library on 2nd floor was left unharmed.



A span of the North St. Bridge lies just a few feet down current from the original span. *Photos by Frank Kashuda*

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by Nadine Amanullah

A man refusing to leave his home being tossed unceremoniously on a policeman's back and carried through five feet of water before the policeman goes under. The boat gets there and pulls both of them out.

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An eighty-one year old grandmother unable to get out of her house. The helicopter comes and the man comes down to strap her into the basket. Her only thought is that she is embarrassed because the force of the wind kept pulling her dress up and while she struggled to keep her dress down, the rescuer had a hard time getting her secured. She still blushes talking about it.

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A sweet lady from the old Luzerne High School tells Frank Moorehead about the evacuation. "I just could not make it, with my bad hip. So this nice young man said, 'Don't worry about it. I'll take care of you.' He helped me down the steps and then I couldn't get into the truck. So they lifted me up and sat me down. I had my arms around their shoulders and I asked them if an 82-year-old woman could still join the Marines."

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Asking for a ride across the water. There's very little room so the wife says she'll sit on her husband's lap. Teasing, we say, look how romantic she's getting. Yes, he agrees, "It's been a while since she did this and today's our thirty-ninth wedding anniversary."

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A man offers to donate two refrigerators and a gas stove so that the refugee center can set up a kitchen. He's been offering for two days but they tell him to bring the stuff up himself. He cannot because he has a bad back and a hernia. Mitzi from Avoca says, "I'll get it. Where is it?" Then she asks a big husky man who is just coming into the room if he will go down and help carry them up. "I cannot right now," he answers, heading for the coffee. "Nobody around here wants to do any work." The refrigerators and stove get up there. How? Teenagers brought it.

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A volunteer washing a man's blistered, muddy feet. He, with tears in his eyes, saying, "I think I'll turn in my wife and marry you. You treat me better than she ever did."

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Keeping the kitchen clean and orderly is a tremendous task. People are asking for coffee around the clock. One young housewife, overworked, but going strong starts to pour the milk. "Oh! Look at this. The milk has turned to water." Another volunteer looks. "That is water. We ran out of conti ners."

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First food and water in two days getting vomited up.

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The little dog cam running up sniffing and wagging his tail never giving up the hope that you're his master. You give it one of the old sandwiches gone stale without refrigeration. He runs to you for two days. Today as you drive along the road, you see him – he's been run over.

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Bearded, hairy boys, in ragged jeans and torn shirts, volunteering to fill sandbags, drive turcks, rescue, pick up garbage.

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A cookie. We say we'd give our right arms for a cookie.

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"For my family, we've made friends. We just moved here and did not know anybody. Now people smile at us on the street and say hello. We have had two dozen people sleeping right here."

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A toothbrush, toothpaste, a hot shower. ruffles on a nightgown. The luxury of the sun coming up this morning – none will go unappreciated again.

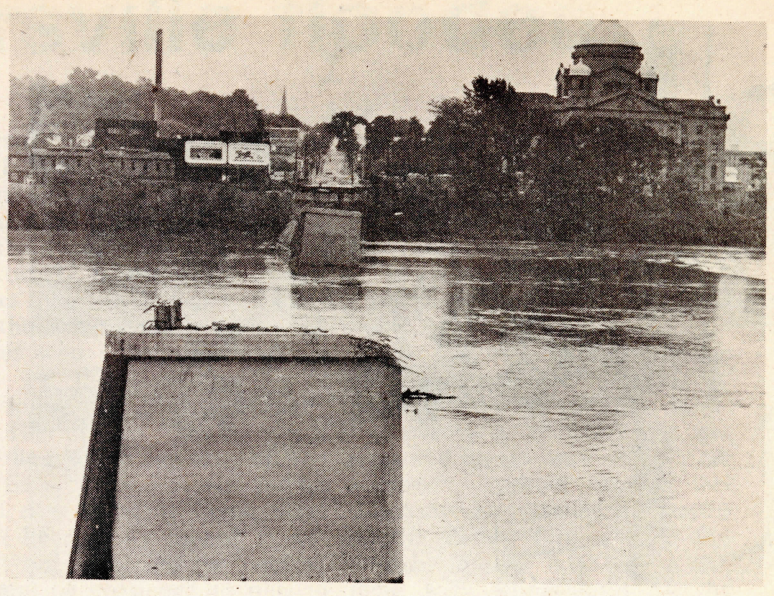
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Exhausted, shoulders drooping, being told to get some sleep: "I can't. I keep saying to myself that if I give up, who is there to take over. I've got to stay here until more good people get here, the ones who have had some sleep."

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The men are wet, cold, and chaffed. Volunteer suggests Pampers as a substitute. One guy gets to wear the bottom half of a bikini. Anything in an emergency.

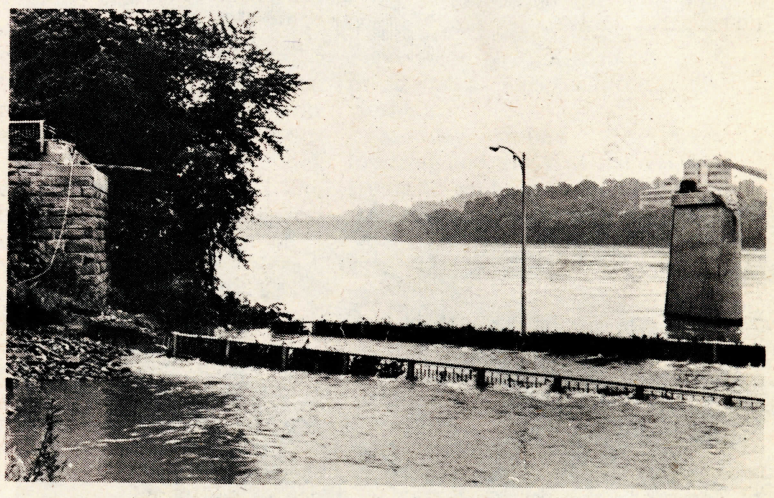
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Looking towards the Luzerne County Courthouse over what was once the North St. Bridge.



An expensive home, less than 2 yrs. old lies collapsed on S. Thomas Ave. Kingston.



North St. Bridge to Wilkes-Barre. It's first span lies in the water



A Tioga Ave. Home lies crumbled in its foundation.

Photos by Frank Kashuda

there are heroes in our valley

by Nadine Amanullah

There are heroes in our Valley: heroes who have prickley, grey-tinged beards, muddy clothes, blistered feet, and smell of the river. The heorines have rain-streaked hairdos, outsize clothes held up with pins, empty stomachs, and a musty, unwashed mouth. They exist – and they are beautiful.

Most of these heroic people go on living without ever realizing or admitting to themselves that they have done something extraordinary; the people they saved, have encouraged, or have comforted will never forget them.

At the old Luzerne High School there were many elderly people who had evacuated from Kingston, Froty Fort, and Luzerne. The building was without heat or electiricty, toilets could not be flushed, food was plentiful but milk and water were scarce. There were only four cots. Mrs. DeFrancesco was the RN on duty. Mrs. Carruthers, Margaret, Mrs. Harris, Donna, these are some others, I will remember. But there were more, many more. There was a man who had helped so much but none of us knew his name. He had on a blue Penn State jacket and dark hari with liquid dark eyes heavy for lack of sleep. He was from Allentown and had been at the Carroll's Burger King when the storm hit. He had been given a Carrolls shirt to wear because his own clothes were wet. He carried people off the boats, set up chairs and tables, carried food, delivered messages. Then we evacuated and he was gone.

At Sacred Heart everyone was dry and comfortable but there were no beds.

At St. John's, another situation prevailed. They needed insulin. Everyone, it seems, needed insulin, oxygen masks, thyroid pills, aspirin, maalox, laxatives. How long are we going to be here? One RN had been on duty for 40 hours and there was no one to relieve her.

St. John's got its milk and insulin was coming in. Sacred Heart needed beds. They have been asked for. Charles Street School makes big pots of black coffee for Swoyersville. Back we go through a traffic jam. Who is the driver? Mrs. Kromas from Luzerne. She has cooking facilities and has made a big pan of spaghetti and meatballs. With her are Dorothy and another neighbor. Baby clothes are needed. "We have baby clothes," they anser, and off they go to unpack their houses. The first diapers that have been seen in two days. "Thank God," was on the lips of more than one mother.

Back to St. John's. "Can you get across the river?" A man with a "hot" appendix was in need of help. Swoyersville had a radio in a truck. Frank Moorehead had everything needed in a disaster: truck, radio, everything. The man with the bad appendix had just moved with his family to the area; they had no time yet to make friends; they trusted us to care for them. Back in Swoyersville, Frank has contacted a chopper and the bird comes down in great gulping gusts of wind. It feels as though our hair will be torn away. Up into the air goes this new Wilkes-Barre. We ask them, "Please stay; you'll love it here, really."

More food, more medicine, more everything is needed. Doug Trombower, head of CD, asks good questions and makes notes on a long yellow legal pad. He has not been to sleep since Thursday; now it is Saturday. The decision is made. "Take the people out of Luzerne. Tell them at St. John's, Sacred Heart, the public school, that the people will be warm, fed, cared for."

Tears begin to fall. This is the second time they have had to leave.

Monsignor has a kind face, a gentle face. His hair curls softly around his temples. His eyes are filled with tears. The women are crying. He colsoles them.

Meanwhile back in Swoyersville Doug from CD says we will get choppers with food. It is very dark when the rain falls and the flood surges just yards from the building where we feel so safe. Our only light comes from flashlights. How quickly we learn to walk in the dark, not to trip on someone's legs, to feel for the wall. We have only the floor but that is very good. No one sleeps.

Sunday. Is it Sunday? We cannot be sure.

Typhoid immunization shots are given to those who have been in the water. The men come in, lack of sleep pulling at their feet. But they smile – these men, these beautiful men who have held the boats while the river tried to rip away their arms as the people got in and then had to come across the water to safety. They've cried when the fires started and they could not fight them and a neighbor's house is more precious than their own because they know their own homes are gone. They smile at us and offer up their arms as a sacrifice, a penitant donation to their exhaustion, because they have had to swim in the water, and we must save them from any possible sickness.

One, a volunteer, has been without sleep for three days. He is tall and blonde, a model for a grown-up, fifteen-year-old Botticelli angel; he falls into my arms. His brother is there, worried. We make him rest on the floor and tell him to go home and sleep. He promises us that he will, like all the other men promise, and we know that he is going back out to the fire company where he will stand until he falls again.

Now they are all going, these men who have held us up and kept the town, what's left of it, together. We hear loud thumps, and the friends come in, holding them up by their arms, while the men say in blurred, lying voices that they are fine, that all they need is a cup of coffee.

How can you measure heroism but to be there when you see it? Jim Hawk, who brings milk, water, food to Luzerne, apologizes for his beard. "My wife says I should shave." His house is gone.

Kathy Hawk fights for her men. They are all hers: their wet feet and muddy clothes, empty stomachs, and tired eyes. She will move heaven and earth to get them dry clothes and food, to keep smiling so that they do not know that she cries in the kitchen. Kathy and Jim gave all of themselves to help their neighbors – and they did it while caring for their own five children.

Mitch Emershaw, who is there whenever a question has to be answered, who is calm, who makes us feel good by being himself.

Joe Piazza in the beginning is Swoyersville. The cry, "Where's Joe; where's Joe; Joe will take care of it, is all we hear." But now he is tired, his face is lost behind his weariness.

Milk is needed for the babies. Bill Dorman has been standing on his feet for days. He makes his house a milk distribution center for the children.

Jim Galasso in his bright orange cap and jacket has too much to do. He has been distributing food. Now he needs sleep.

Joe, one of the policemen, cuts up meat and puts it into our mouths because we have dirty hands. Food feels heavy in our stomachs, but we keep on eating.

Blonde Jimmy, who has lifted boxes, rescued people, carried, smiled. He is put to sleep in the jail. We see that he has covered his eyes with a towel.

So many have come to volunteer their services. Dr. Rick Shiffman from Avoca. The doctor in the orange shirt. We learn their names only when we ask. The people call him a kind doctor.

Capt. Frank Hovanec who was on leave from the Air Force stayed overtime to help us. Now he has to go but we hate to see him leave.

Lillian, CD volunteer, has been separated from her twelve-year-old daughter. She does not cry, but works harder, as if sweat could make tears dissolve. She is always there doing her bit and we are glad to see her.

Lucille and Susie are keeping their men fed. They cook meals for fifty at a time and carry it several blocks down the road to where Broderick's Fire Company is stationed. We are there in the dark, with the rain coming down; she had coffee and hot dogs and sauerkraut. "They take good care of us," the men say with love and thanks in their voices.

We need socks, clean white men's socks so that the firemen can change their stockings. Clothing is coming in but socks are hard to find. We ask but once and Chet Insulato donates 42 pair from his sporting goods store. Later, when we go to thank him, he is out.

Medicine comes from Ted Fisher who gives all of it free and more when we come again.

Mike Ducey, who took his children and gave them to Sister Marion at College Misericorida. She promised to take good care of them. He is exhausted. He is so tired he can hardly stand. We take him up to Dallas. He lies and says he has had a typhoid shot. He is running a fever and is put to bed.

Frank Bayo drives me everywhere so that I can ask questions, deliver messages, see people. He never saw me before and may never see me again, but he helps. His house is totally gone.

I am tired now. I watch my strength and my self-control slipping away as the water is going down from the houses. I cannot keep my tears back. What a fool I look in these clothes that I have worn since Thursday. My hair frizzes up from the rain; my makeup washed away days ago. That face all pasty white with two blue holes is certainly not mine.

The boys are coming in with boxes of clothes and food. It is 3 o'clock in the morning. "Hi, beautiful," they say.

I cannot stop crying now. My new friends come to hold me by the arms and to carry me to a bed. I'll be fine if I can just stop crying.

John Ruckno comes with a clean white handkerchief to wipe away my tears. "Don't cry, don't cry," he soothes me, tenderly lifting my hair away from my face. I have never seen him before, but he is wearing a name tag.

Robey comes from the Army and is holding my arm. Thank you, my friends, my dear friends, who will move on to the next of life's experiences when this one is over.

Now it is my turn to sleep. It is Monday.

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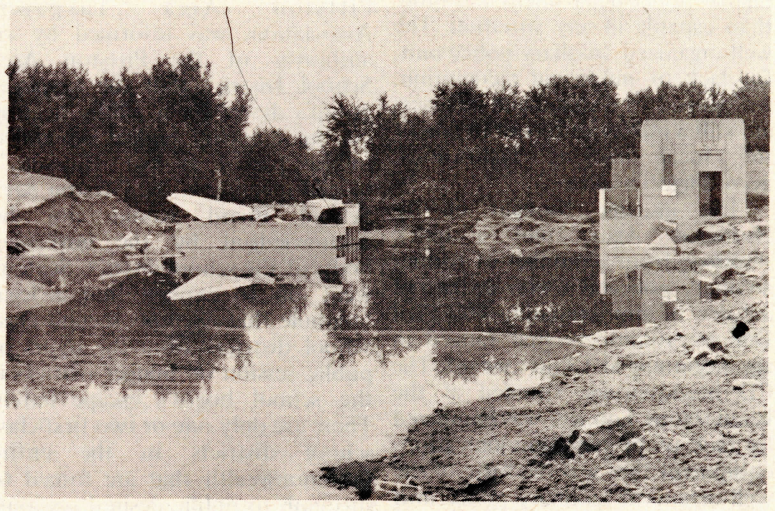


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Loveland St. dike and pumping station where dike burst early Friday morning immediately flooding the Gateway Apts.



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Typhoid shots at Pittston Area High School. Left to right; Mrs. Jane Reardon, Rrank Kizis, Pre-Med student at Penn State, Mrs. Betty Deluca, and residents of Hotel Sterling; Anna Brennan, Alice Ginley, Marie Klein.



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Wayne Azaravich, 14, Pittston Area Student, fishes for carp left by receding waters of the Susquehanna River in his back yard, rear 119 Towpath Court, Pittston, near Shep's beverages.

Greater Pittston Area

hub city gossip

by Val Delia

The numerous stories of heroics performed by so many people during the catastrophic flood of '72 will be told for generations, but there are a few tales of worthy interest that will fall by the wayside through the passage of time only because of the essential forgiving characteristic that spearhead's the survival traits of man. None-the-less, these stories must be told for the cause of progressive society.

In Pittston City during the fifties, was organized an auxiliary police unit comprised of 62 uniformed residents who had all completed an 8 week course to cope with various emergencies. The unit was equipped with all the essentials for emergency communications during times of stress as was the case during the recent flood. But Joe Delaney (he doesn't merit the title of chief), who had then cast the die for the present police state that has labeled the city a town of infamy, refused to recognize the newly formed unit because of his obsession taht the regular police department was more than capable in any situation. The well-organized auxiliary police unit, for lack of municipal recognition, was forced to disband and its assets are still a matter of record in one of the local banking institutions, according to a source.

The disaster brought on by Hurricane Agnes met a quick response from a number of former auxiliary policemen who instructed a force of approximately 400 Civil Defense volunteers that ranged in age beginning at 13 on upward. The CD headquarters, situated at the Rendezvous Lounge, was hampered by lack of proper communications equipment that was the forte of the well-organized auxiliary police unit that Joe Delaney would not recognize during the 1950's. Calls from Civil Defense headquarters to Pittston Police for various essentials received the same response "what can we do, we're a small force." According to CD volunteers, not once did Mayor Robert Loftus or Joe Delaney make an appearance at Civil Defense headquarters to fulfill their bulwark obligations during the entire emergency period. Joe Delaney and his fraternal brother, Officer Joe Capone, were sighted conversing with a man and woman on the back road in Swoyersville when they should have been mindful of the store. This writer spotted the same pair on a picture-taking tour. Other off duty members of the supposedly overtaxed force turned to sightseeing in civilian clothes when the many CD volunteers experienced many sleepless hours of hump bustin' for lack of relief.

As usual, according to a reliable source, Joe Delaney gave an emphatic "no" to all suggestions. It was also reported that Delaney even raised the ire of Mayor Loftus during one specific instance. It would be interesting to know why Mayor Loftus is unable to execute his power of authority over the state police author

A state police trooper assigned to the Honesdale barracks was embarrassed when told by a Pittston policeman that the troopers were not needed here. That particular trooper was already on duty close to 24 hours.

A bit of Delaney's known characteristics may have rubbed off on the Guarden Villiage police force. A Civil Defense boat dispatched from Pittston to West Pittston to aid evacuees, soon exhausted the 12 gallons of fuel supply. The two man crew (George (George Alaimo and Ed Nowakowski) asked a West Pittston policeman for a replenishment and he, according to a crewman, stated that they (West Pittston Police) were not funded for such situations. A resident of that community siphoned gas from his auto so the crew could continue helping flood victims.

As powerful as the forces of nature are known to be, it still lacked the power to inundate the stench of power politics. When the waters of the Susquehanna began to recede, allowing minimum crossing at the Fort Jenkins Bridge, Bob Loftus interceded to permit Roscoe Mulcahy and his spouse to cross the bridge, while those with family ties on the West Side were restricted by the power of authority. A report was also forwarded here that Mayor Robert Loftus turned down the available facilities of the city's largest religious complex, saying that it was not needed.

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Nello Scatena, chairman of Pittston Area Taxpayers Association, was informed by an authority of the Pittston Area School District that the taxpayer group's desire for a public hearing on the tentative budget scheduled to be passed at last Thursday's special meeting of the Pittston Area School Board would not be acknowledged by the governing body of the school district. Scatena went on to explain that a legal loophole that exempts second class school districts from the rigors of public session on budget matters is the school board's escape hatch. There are only one or two first-class school districts in the entire Commonwealth that are forced to succumb to public desired sessions. The taxpayers organization is much disturbed about the lack of specific budget amounts for architect fees. Under such an arrangement the architect is paid from the general fund and the exact figure will never become a matter of public record. The capital outlay, repairs and renovations, in this year's budget was set at $53,000 the available loophole for funding transfers can easily swell that figure exorbitantly.

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Florie Rubino, Dizzy Dominick, Jerry Damiani and Ralph Gambini, all of Hilldale, journeyed to Zambor's on Flood Friday night to purchase Coleman lanterns for the smoke shop in their home community because of power failure. The foursome will always recollect the moment when the matches were struck to ignite the lanterns. It was at that precise second that power was restored.

Chester "Oscar" Kozloski was one of many volunteers loading and unloading foodstuffs at the Avoca Airport during the recent flood emergency. Kozloski stated that he had worked harder in three hours than he does over a three-WEEK PERIOD AS A RAILROADER – BUT HE ALSO ADDED THAT THE TOGETHERNESS OF PEOPLE OF ALL WALKS OF LIFE WILL LINGER WITH HIM FOREVER – IT WAS THAT HEARTWARMING'

Gerard "Porky" Doyle, who retired at age 21 to tour this great nation, and he's been doing it for a score of years, is once again among the friendly confines of Pittston Junction for a brief stay. Porky, who can name almost every hamlet throughout the original 48 states, possesses the natural attributes for the billiard game that could place Minnesota Fats in the elementary ranks among pool sharks.

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forty fort suffers heavy losses

by Florence Eckert

Ernest Balcomb appeared tired and saddened for his town. Forty Fort was hard hit and her residents were shocked. Mayor Balcomb was at the borough building amidst the ruins when we arrived in the area. Since the Town Hall is situated directly across jrom the Forty Fort Cemetery we found ourselves discussing what we had hopes to avoid.

Having lived in two evacuation centers I had sensed the anxieties of the people over what many hoped were rumors about the cemetery. I asker Mayor Ablcomb just what had taken place in the area of the cemetery and how much of the rumors were true up to this day, Tuesday, June 27th.

"Let's take a walk across the street and you can see for yourself," the Mayor related. Walking across the street was not an easy thing. Mud, debris, split and bent pavement gave one an eerie frightening feeling. A volunteer worker helped me atop a pile of debris to view the cemetery from this side. I no longer needed to question whether or not there was truth to the cemetery rumors. Huge tombstones were toppled like bowling pins, trees were uprooted and vaults were opened. An unbelievable, frightening sight.

"There have been more than 200 bodies picked up now and there will probably be a mass burial very soon. I cannot say where at this time," Mayor Balcomb said. "Let's take a walk in the main gate and I will show you the culprit of this whole mess."

We entered over buckled pavement on the entrance way and down the concrete path. The Mayor cautioned us to stay on the concrete and not to step on the grass as there could possibly be no foundation beneath and it could give way to our weight. When I showed reluctance to go any farther, he reassured me that it was safe on the concrete since it showed no signs of buckling. I slowly continued forward to the edge of the drive and find it difficult to find words to describe what greeted me.

We stood on the brink of what appeared to be a cave or an abyss and looking down was a drop of about a two story house continuing out to the big steel green dike that was so familiar to me. The dike was bent forward in the center like a toy fence and the river, now somewhat lower could be seen behind it. This was the culprit!! Here was the spot through the Susquehanna broke and wrought havoc to Forty Fort and surrounding areas. Uprooted trees and caskets were strewn about the entire area.

The force with which the river poured in could be measured by the washouts in its path.

"Sordoni Construction Company is scheduled to start cleanup tomorrow. This is our big concern of the moment," the Mayor said, and pointing to a front lawn heaped with mud and debris he stated how impossible it would be for individuals to handle situations like this.

The lower half of the town received the most damage the Mayor related. As we stood in shock, viewing the cemetery, Mayor Balcomb, who had become accustomed to the frightening scene we were observing, pointed out the hollow where once stood a cemetery. "Caskets were washed up to the airport area in Wyoming," he said, "There's one setting on that garage roof. The water went down and just left it there. Helicopters are picking them up now and taking them away. They drop a sling down and hook them in."

It was like a nightmare! We were surrounded by ugliness, yet amidst it all could be heard the beautiful sounds of birds singing in the tree tops.

When asked if he had lived in Forty Fort at the time of the '36 flood, Mayor Balcomb said, "I worked in the police department at that time – '36 and '40. I've been with the borough since 1925. There's nothing we can compare with this. We only had a little water here down the side streets, trickled down through here and around the airport. That was all we had."

We asked if he felt the people were given sufficient warning. "Yes, certainly, plenty of it. They got out." The Mayor then talked about the section in the dike that gave way. He said that the steel section was low in that particular section. "About four feet low for several years. Army engineers never came in to raise it like they should have. That was the low spot." He went on to explain how they sandbagged it, poured on tons of gravel, clay, railroad ties, and planks. The whole section was barricaded in hopes that it would not push in.

In a sad tone, recalling that moment, he said, "When it got up to the top, we had to call everyone out before it spilled over. We just had everyone out a few minutes before it came over and filled in here."

He then showed us the area at the cemetery fence where it was sandbagged and held in for a while from getting out on the street. It was impossible. We knew it was going to give. We warned them and had everyone out of the area a good hour before it broke.

We had heard reports that Wyoming Seminary Day School was high and dry, yet no evacuees were sent there. People questioned why this was not used as an evacuation center.

Mayor Balcomb felt Day School was too much of a chance. He felt Back Mountain and Pringle Hill were the best bet. "If we would have gotten them in the Day School, the water could have come there. We never know because we never had water up there before." We inquired whether or not the Day School had been offered for use. "We didn't even inquire. Whether they would have offered or not in an emergency such as this, we would just take it. We did not want anything in town."

In regards to help, the Mayor was especially pleased. "The day this was happening we had at least 500 here before 6 a.m. in the morning to fill sandbags."

James Jenkins, volunteer from Yates Street in Forty Fort was praised by the Mayor for the long hours he put in.

I just could not believe this was going to happen," said Mr. Jenkins. "I saw Friday morning's paper this morning. It said 34 feet. I guess they forgot to reverse the numbers."

Mr. Jenkins saw three floods in one week. He was in Lynchburg, Va., this past Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday he detoured around a flood in Harrisburg, and Friday he got home here and was hit in Forty Fort.

Mayor Balcomb is living in temporary quarters in a farm house in the back of Harvey's Lake. "There are ten of us. We have the whole farm house to ourselves. We're living the life of Riley."

To Mayor Balcomb, who pitched in and to the residents of his community in every way he could, the people of Forty Fort are surely grateful and do not begrudge him what he calls "the life of Riley."









Top left

A grim faced, tired man, Mayor Ernest Balcomb, related some of the unbelievable happenings that occurred in his borough.

Bottom left

Trees and debris piled along fence of River Street side of cemetery.

Top right

James Jenkins, volunteer points out cemetery havoc while standing atop debris on River Street Side.

Bottom right

Forty Fort Town Hall, where water reached the second level.

telegram ignored by boxing commission

by Val Delia

A Wednesday telegram from Baltimore last week, asking that Jose Resto be prevented from boxing in Scranton was completely ignored by Manny Gelb, Pennsylvania's Athletic Commission member for this area. Resto had signed a couple of weeks ago to fight Wilkes-Barre's Rau Hall in Baltimore on the night of June 20, one day before Wednesday night's show in Scranton. The Observer publicised the fact of Resto's signed Baltimore contract in the June 11 edition because of placards being distributed regionally advertising about the Ray Hall–Jose Resto match in the Scranton CYC on Wednesday, June 21. Gelb said then that he would look into the matter and have the facts available the next day. Gelb, we were told, never did call Baltimore, but he did pass on to this corner the following day that Resto did not have a Baltimore contract for June 20 and that he will fight in Scranton June 21. Gelb was also asked if it was the usual practice for placards to be distributed before contracts were signed for various matches knowing that other promoters were not allowed to practice what was done for the June 21 show (Hall and Resto were not signed for the Scranton show) . Gelb said that there was a verbal agreement from both camps.

On June 20th Jose Resto failed to honor his contract in Baltimore so matchmaker Ed Hrica and Eli Hanover, the promoter , submitted the facts to boxing officials there resulting in the telegram to Scranton by the Maryland Athletic Commission to prevent Resto's appearance here for failure to honor his Baltimore commitment. Another source volunteered the information that Resto was allowed to fight in Scranton when he promised to honor his Baltimore contract at a later date. What fight manager would say no to such an offer of appeasement knowing that it's not going to be that easy down Maryland way? At least, not when a sure payday hangs in the balance.

There is no excuse for the detrimental conduct of Manny Gelb when he was abreasted well in advance of the impending situation. The Official reins of boxing regionally would have gained much respect if the Maryland appeal had been honored. Why, Manny, why???

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A STANDBY ROLE FOR JOE SALCI

Wilkes-Barre resident, Joe Salci, again maintained the role of standby referee at the Scranton boxing show June 21 which is a sure indication that the former pugilist has been relegated to blacklist status. Salci's last appearance as the third man was on the April 5 card when he again displayed sound attributed for ring officiating. Salci is paying the price for voicing his displeasure a while ago on lack of equal consideration in refereeing assignments. The number of errors that surfaced in the square circle during the recent card places Salci in a class by himself. However, political science and quality go together like oil and water!

REVESZ RECEIVES ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP

Rex Revesz, the fluid motion scatback of Pittston Area's 1970 squad that shattered the undefeated hopes of conference champion, Wyoming Area, became the recipient of a full athletic scholarship to Southwest State, Marshal Minnesota. The 5,000 student institution is located near the South Dakota border. The 26 year old head football coach of Southwest State took a keen interest in Revesz who scored 12 touchdowns in an 8 game schedule as the backfield ace of Minnesota Tech last grid season. The Dupont resident, after being voted the league's most valuable back, gave much credit to the big linemen up front responsible for his get-away jaunts.

Rex is presently keeping in shape as a performer for a Dupont team aligned with the Greater Pittston Slow Pitch League. A bit of the staunch Pittston Area-Wyomir Area rivalry became apparent during the week when Revesz clouted a homerun against another talented competitor, Fred Marianacci , moundsman for the opposing squad.

Revesz, a physical education major, will be red-shirted during his first year at Southwest State in order that hemay be able to perform during his final 3 seasons. His one year at Minnesota Tech is construed as a freshman season.

A 5'9" PACKAGE OF CLASS

Calvin Murphy, the super cage star out of Niagara University who is doing equally well as a member of the NBA entry Houston Rockets where he compiled an 18.2 per game scoring average last campaign, paid a visit to the King's College Super Camp before the interference of Agnes.

Murphy, pound for pound, rated as one of the greatest court performers of all time was recruited into the Niagara fold by King's head mentor Ed Donohue when the Poughkeepsie, N.Y. native was freshman coach for the Purple Eagles. Donohue beams every time Murphy's name is mentioned and rightfully so since he was instrumental in thecareer of one of the nation's great collegiate All-Americans and the rapport between the two remains at the highest level.

Murphy, who is recuperating from minor surgery, concluded a lecture at Duke University before arriving in the Valley for the initial round of camp activity. The Norwalk, Connecticut native, who finished one point behind Jack Marin as the NBA's best foul shooter. remarked about the quickness and deadly accuracy ofthe big men in the pro ranks, namely Wilt "The Stilt," Jabbar, Thurmond.

BOXING COMMISSION & PROMOTERS MEET AT SCRANTON

Manny Gelb, regional Member of the Pennsylvania Boxing Commission, met in the Scranton office of the commission Wednesday with active promoters Paul Ruddy, Arena Boxing Club; and Henry "Sharkey" Ventre, promoter for Friends of Boxing. The session was called to iron out a uniform operating format that will serve the best interests of boxing throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

up and down the valley...

By Nadine Amanullah

It looks the same everywhere and yet it is everywhere different. Thiss cannot be where I buy my film, get my hair done, but ice cream. What do you mean, I cannot drive down this street? This is the way I always go from Dallas to Wyoming.

And then I see that the houses are under water.

In Mocanaqua one neighbor, Richard Remensnyder, went house to house alerting people that the water was coming. "At one o'clock our cellar was completely dry, but by 2:50, when Dick came by, the cellar was already full."

On River Street about 100 families were evacuated; their homes were totally submerged. On Taly Street, water reached over the first floor. On Main Street, more families were evacuated. Serafin's house was washed downriver.

Father Henry B. Korpusik, St. Mary's Parish, praised the people, saying that although they had sent up three relief centers, all the families were taken into private homes. One woman handed the priest the keys to her house and said, "Take what you need."

Four people suffered heart attacks and had to be taken away by helicopter, but they are all fine.

The town was without electrical power form Friday to Monday. Kee-Kai's Junk Yard donated a generator to the church and men volunteered to work on it and make it function again so the church did have some power late Saturday evening.

Former area residents, now living out of the area, sent a truckload of six tons of food and clothing for the people. Father Korpusik has words that another truck filled with soap, bleach, and other cleaning agents will be coming from the same people on Friday.

On Sunday evening the entire population of Mocanaqua, 1254, were innoculated for typhoid.

"The people have spirit," said Father Korpusik. "They'll start again. One of my parishioners told his wife that it would be like getting married all over again, starting out with nothing; but they will do it. Our silent majority is ever so grateful to God and to his wonderful people who have helped us. We are not down.

Father Korpusik is one of the brave men who walked over the mountain from Glen Lyon during the height of the emergency to say Mass. Going up was not bad, but coming down the mountain is quite a job since the mountain is quite steep and in the darkness, with rain, mud, and the ground slipping away under your feet, the journey is hazardous. As soon as he arrived, he administered last rites to a patient. Mass has been said for about 300 patients every day at Retreat.

Helen Krushka, her house completely demolished, is nevertheless serving as a bridge sentry until the State Police can send a man there. She plans to begin again. She is indefatigible and her smile lights up the dull, foggy afternoon.

Here, as everywhere, the children have done so much. Eight-year-old Joe Dorrs is a Junior Auxiliary Policeman and he says he helped patrol the roads past midnight. His bright cap tipped at a jaunty angle, he looks the kind of boy who should be out playing baseball instead of standing road duty. He's going out again, though, just as long as they need him.

Shickshinny is in havoc. Houses are collapsed, streets are caved in, the bridge on Route 11, over Shickshinny Creek, has caved in. No one can get by unless he goes over the mountain to Jonestown, past the Girl Scout camp, Camp Louise, down the mountain to Muhlenberg, and then to Hunlock's Creek. Bridges are washed away, the road looks as if a giant had eaten away at the edges and then, not liking the taste, he spewed the rocks and mud in untidy piles. His great footsteps have caused the earth to sag and his breath has sent the mountains sliding down on the roads.

In Shickshinny every prominant business place is totally ruined. Main Street in Shickshinny was under approximately 25 feet of water. Men could see new refrigerators, televisions, cars, houses, floating downriver.

Fortunately, there was never a shortage of food and water. Navy helicopters came in at all times. The people are very grateful. Here, as in Mocanaqua, the Red Cross, National Guard, Salvation Army, State Police, and everyone else have given their all.

The famous "Over the Hill Gang," included all the police, firemen, volunteers, who worked so hard to prevent further damage. They were still smiling as I drove up, even though one of them had just paid $15,000 for his own business which was not on its way out to sea.

The Mocanaqua bridge was hard hit but is completely safe and open to traffic from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Curfew is still in effect here as elsewhere and sightseers are being turned away so the people can get back and get their work done.

At Nanticoke, the bridge is closed. We take Route 81 to the Nuangola exit and come in by way of Sheatown. The area hit is called Lower Broadway, a close-knit community of 200-year-old homes which have seen many floods and are still standing. "Everybody knows everybody else down here, and we're all coming back." A pleasant house with neat trim is pointed out to me. "Thirteen children have been born in that house that I know of and she's still there."

The urge to get back into their homes was so great that a near-riot almost took place. The Army Corps of Engineers was called to inspect the houses before clean-up began and once the people knew this they relaxed and waited for the go-ahead.

The ground sags beneath our feet as Captain Anthony Osolnick leads through the area. Neighbors are scrubbing porches and washing dishes. One lady even has her wash out on the line.

Other disaster commanders were Police Chief Wasil Kobela and Fire Chief Stanky Ftorkowski, as well as Capt. Osolnick. The men all went on 24-hour duty and stayed there for days.

Capt. Osolnick says none of his men have been home in days. Asked about his family's reaction, he says: "My wife doesn't like it, but she understands the situation – she knows that I'm a policeman."

The area is completely restricted to the 200 people from 77 families affected. Capt. Osolnick says that residents, and all rescue personnel have "cooperated 1,000% with us."

Lime covers the ground both to prevent infection and to help in drying it up. Our Lady of Fatima, in her rose-covered grotto, had water flowing four feet over her head, but she never moved an inch. Now she is sprinkled with lime, but her face is as serene as ever.

In two and one-half minutes the water rose three feet in this area. The people had to be evacuated through waist-deep water, "bouncing off the houses like corks," but they managed to keep calm and to get out safely.

Are you going back? "Well, my father is too old to take out a twenty or thirty year mortgage. He knows he'll never live long enough to pay it off. We'll have to go back." The same young man says he knows that we will get help, "if the government can send money for Vietnam, they can throw a billion into our Valley."

Inside the houses, the force of the water was tremendous. Plaster has been ripped off the walls, furniture has been ripped apart, cars are buried in the mud. Timber, railroad ties, roofs, shanties, telephone poles are tossed askew in the middle of people's backyareds.

"The most heartbreaking thing, I think, is when the people are watching their sofas being put into trucks and carted off. We didn't have much, but we were happy with what we had."

Allan Allen talks about his business which is gone. He says he had completely unimportant papers on his desk which was all that was saved because his desk floated. He salvaged all his records, even though drying they are unreadable, and his wife is drying them out on the lawn because the most important thing is to get the numbers off the bottom so he can ask for duplicates.

Going up through West Nanticoke along the highway, we see more destruction. Houses are caved in, debris litters the streets, cars move like mecanized tortoises through a sea of mud. It is almost impossible to brake, the mud is so deep. Route 29 is closed. Some traffic is moving through although the road has collapsed from underneath as the force of the water ripped through the concrete channels. Fish are lying in the roads and a smell seems to sink into the skin so that no washing will ever take it away.

At Retreat, the marigolds, petunias, and sage are still growing as though nothing had happened.

With seventeen operational wards and a limited staff, Retreat pulled together and kept everyone as calm as possible. The staff went on double and triple shifts with no hope for replacements.

The hospital was well equipped with linens and food, but bread and milk were urgently needed. The electricity went out from Saturday evening to Monday evening; the telephones were not operational, and the bridge was their only way out.

Staff began walking over the mountain from Glen Lyon and Nanticoke, slipping down the steep muddy incline in the dark while the wind howled and the rain soaked through. Whatever obstacles they had to face, the extremely loyal staff came back to the hospital and stayed.

The hospital lies under several outcroppings of mountain ledges and it was feared that one or two of them would come down. Fortunately, it didn't happen. Water was gushing off the mountain in such streams that it threatened to flood some of the buildings. Paul Kelly, along with twelve to fifteen other men, working through the night with sandbags, managed to divert the water down the roads and into the river.

Father Collins, St. Denis Parish, organized groups of student volunteers to come to play cards, sing, clean up, cook, and talk to the patients. It can be imagined how lonely it was in those dark wards trying to keep up the spirits of those who were ill. But the teen-agers, with their youth, their exuberance, and their love, kept things going.

Young boys, many of them novice ham radio operators, kept coming over the mountain to sit up all night maintaining communications.

Father Collins sent Coleman lanterns, flashlights, batteries, and emergency lanterns over the mountain trail.

Mike Kendal, NE Regional Office of the DPW, came from Mountaintop to set up communications with Scranton. Through the long days and nights, I often heard his cheerful LIMA 49 ringing out over the airwaves.

Dr. Lidia Kopernick, Superintendent, says, "A spirit of togetherness prevails when people have to struggle to survive." She says that fifty staff members have lost all their homes and possessions, but everyone is here at work.

Father Korpusik walks over the mountain to say Mass.

A man and wife from Forest City, New Jersey, drove up in a truck and stayed to help for over 28 hours.

All food such as bread and milk, generators, manpower, ahd to be brought in by helicopter. The bridge is in beautiful condition, says PennDOT, with slight damage to the tip of one beam, and a slight bend to two laterals. None of these affects the usefulness of the bridge. In fact, the thin water pipe running alongside the bridge is still intact, bringing fresh, uncontaminated water up to the hospital.

Louis Niemiec, 35 years on the staff at Retreat, walked over the mountain from Glen Lyon.

Jeannette Klein is carrying on a family tradition. Her mother-in-law Gertrude Klein Faust, was a graduate of Retreat State Hospital, and went on to serve 21 years on the staff. Her son, Harry Klein, served 45 years. He brought Jeannette to Retreat and she has served 28 years on the staff and several more as a volunteer.

As we leave, the patients are smiling and saying hello, even though the day is cloudy and the rain has begun again.

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The Midway Shopping Center in Wyoming which was flooded with water but a few short days ago is now flooded with heavy equipment and hundreds of army men.

The 55th Brigade out of Scranton under the command of Lt. Col. John Culkin is undertaking to assist in the enormous clean-up operations in the valley. A special meeting was held Friday morning with General Meir, State Adjutant General to map out clean-up plans for the area.

We talked with Lt. Col. John Culkin at the Pa. State Police Barracks in Wyoming and were informed that the 55th arrived yesterday and should be in full force by early afternoon today. They had been here last week on the Wilkes-Barre side and then left for summer camp at Camp Drum. The advance personnel arrived at Camp on Wednesday and left to return for the Wyoming VAlley area on Thursday. The 55th have now been taken off of security and placed on clean-up operations.

The 103rd engineer battallion was brought in out of Philadelphia consisting of 300 men and 70 heavy type vehicles such as dump trucks, bulldozers and graders. This equipment will be used exclusively in the Kingston Area.

Unit 112 out of Erie is now operating in Forty Fort. One Company arrived yesterday and 4 more will be here today. Each company has 105 men.

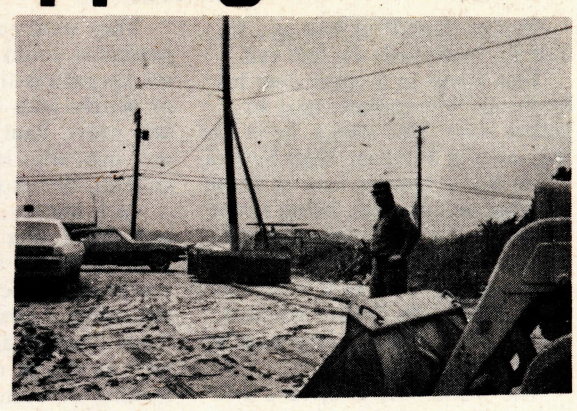
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We asked Lt. Col. Culkin how he felt this area was compared with other parts of the state. "It's rather unbelievable," he said, "you really have to see it to believe it. Naturally the aftermath is bad but I still say you really have to see it to believe it."

With a force of 1900 men, 4 Battallions, One Engineer Battallion, and four separate companies along with four helicopters, the area can expect a lot of help in the next few days.

Speaking with some of the men at the Midway, they all seemed to express the same opinion. This was undoubtedly one of the worst disasters they had ever worked in.









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red cross welcomed at misericordia evacuation center

by Florence Eckert

At 7:30 Saturday evening, June 24th a young man introduced himself to Sister Miriam Teresa, President of College Misericordia. The Red Corss had arrived.

Ed Eshmont, one of the newer members of the American Red Cross, did not take long to prove his worth to the organization.

Sister Miriam Teresa told him he was welcome to use the Press Room in Merrick Hall as an Emergency Red Cross Center.

Young Ed lost no time introducing himself to those un charge in Merrick Hall and with the assistance of Sister Miriam Teresa, two telephone lines were installed and unlimited credit in the stationary store was his. Ed was in business!

With three pads of paper, three pens and three pencils plus a dull pencil sharpener Ed opened the doors to the Emergency Red Coross Center. It was a one man operation but not for long.

Things picked up when Rita Busch and Winnie Paulsen, two local ladies came in to offer secreterial services. Soon after Steve Pavlick, assistant Director of the office of Personnell of the American National Red Cross, for San Francisco, called in. He had been visiting his parents in this area when the flooding began and was presently working at one of the other buildings on campus. When he heard that a Red Cross Station had opened he came to the station and relieved Ed who was acting director. Mr. Pavlick complimented Ed for the tremendous job he had done in setting up the station. Young Ed is a student at Mansfield College and resides in Pottsville where he has summer work. After helping out with the Red Cross in Pottsville he heard of the extreme emergency in Wilkes-Barre, and dicided help was not as bad in that area. Being a member of the Medical Squadron, he got word that the Civil Air Patrol helicopter was leaving for the Wilkes-Barre area. Taking hold of the front end of one of the stretchers Ed boarded the helicopter and remained aboard when it lifted.

Steve as director of the new station lost no time appointing Ed as his assistant. Volunteers poured in and by ooon the station was well staffed and equipped. The function of the Red Cross Station at the College is to locate missing persons and geot out safe messages.

Mrs. Pearle Gilroy, a local chapter official, was a tremendous help. One example of her work: on Tuesday, June 27, a request came in to locate a U.S.A.F. Staff Seargent in Thailand, and have him flown home on emergency leave. Mrs. Gilroy not only got the message through but the sergeant was in the Misericordia emergency station on Wednesday June 28 to thank Mrs. Gilroy personally.

The American Asphalt Banks Construction Co. performed a pony-express type message delivery service for this station during the worst part of the flooding when communications to the EAst Side of the river were impossible.

Our staff was not without its share of capable young workers. When we think of young Red Cross staff, the name of Brian Kennedy comes to mind. Brian proved capable of most anything. On Monday June 26 through some mix-up in communications the Navy thought it was impossible to land a helicopter at Misericordia. Seeing a chopper circling the empty landing field, Brian took a walkie-talkie, ran to the field stood by the marker that had been set up and unstructed the chopper to lans. When the pilot indicated he was not receiving him clearly, Brian gave the proper hand signals. A navy Lt. then managed to communicate with the pilot and evacuation measures from the College were achieved by helicopter. Brian is fourteen.

The names of the volunteers are too numerous to list but Steve & Ed thank each and every one and expecially Sister Miriam Teresa and her staff at the College. Once again we see what the efforts of one man can bring, especially in a time of emergency.

how the city wasn't saved

by Jack Jarecki

The radio call, broadcast through the early morning hours on Friday, June 23, 1972, asked 10,000 "volunteers" to assemble along the dikes in Wilkes-Barre. There the volunteers would fill and place sandbags along the dikes in an effort to hold the Susquehanna River away from their city. Operations were to commence at 6 a.m. and all were asked to bring shovels along with them, "if at all possible."

And at 6 a.m. they came to the river. They were young and old, just as Franklin D. Coslett would later say, and they did represent all walks of life and all professions – this was ture, but it was only part of the truth. It would have been much more correct if he had added, "but they were overwhelmingly young and most of them were on summer break from the high schools and the college campuses."

Many of them could testify to having been "hassled" off Wilkes-Barre's Public Square when police acted on complaints of "decent" people who wanted the square reserved for those who looked like themselves. (Indeed, it was not long ago that some of them were unable to eat at a Wyoming hamburger / barbeque stand where cooks dictated hair length and clothing fashion, and even on this day the sandles they wore when they came to save their city would have been enough to keep from entering many such establishments.

But they came to the river, and they brought with them their energy, their enthusiasm and their faith in themselves.

It was not enough, though. All the volunteers could accomplish was to be undone because of the inability of the "professionals" to organize and coordinate the efforts along the river banks.

Most of the enthusiasm was sapped away early in the morning when it was discovered that there were not enough sandbags to last more than one hour. The message on the radio said that enough sandbags were being airlifted into the area by helicopter and that they would be here by 6. They were not. (Someone remarked that in the hours that had gone by since the need for sandbags became apparent, they could have flown in some from John Wayne's old Iwo Jima movies.)

By 7 a.m. the bags were gone and the volunteers were standing around piles of sand with nothing to do. A little while later some of the people came running from the Hotel Sterling with arms full of the hotel's pillow cases. These were dropped wherever a pile of sand was to be found. The pillow cases were quickly loaded with sand and were passed from hand to hand along a 50 yard stretch of "human chain." When the makeshift sandbags reached the dike, they were piled neatly on top of one another, two or perhaps three feet high, but no more than two bags across (The radio message said that if the river were to be stopped, the bags would have to be piled "much wider than high," but none of the "coordinators" were around to direct that part of the operation.)

There was another delay after the pillow cases were used up. Runners from teh dikes went from door to door collecting anything that could hold sand. They came back with old burlap potato sacks, laundry bags, plastic garbage can liners, boxes of thin waste can liners, bad sheets, blankets and even some old clothes. Thousands of bright red plastic bags were hauled over from Pomeroy's stores and mail delivery trucks dropped off dollies filled with post office mail sacks. Someone brought over a bag full of shirts which were filled with sand, buttoned and tied and laid along the dikes. Even with all this activity, the organization and coordination were so poor that at any time two-thirds of the people on the dikes could be seen waiting for something to do.

Sometime past 9:30 someone finally began directing the effort on the first block south of Market Street. The single row of sandbags was reinforced and for a while it again looked like the river might be held within its banks. The "human chain" carried the bags along the dikes, "weak spots" were strengthened, and the wall was made higher, wider and stronger. But it was too little and too late, for just as the river began to lap at the first layer of sandbags, the supply again ran out.

By the time a new supply was brought in, the people seemed to be resigned to the inevitable. The water was rising much faster now and they did not feel able to keep pace with it. Along Riverside Drive's "tin fence" the water steadily creeping closer to the top and there was apparently no way to keep it from going over.

There was some sadly subdued laughter when small plastic freezer bags were brought to the sandpiles, but they, too, were filled and passed along the dikes.

Around 10:30 the spectators who had been lining the Market Street Bridge began leaving the "sinking ship" and most of the dike area. Shortly afterwards the siren sounded indicating that the water had burst through or over the dike, and the city was lost.

The reporter would like to add one personal note to his ac count of the morning of Friday, June 23. The above had been accumulated as accurately as possible under the circumstances surrounding the events of that day. When we arrived at the scene at 6:00 that morning it was not with the intention of reporting the people's effort along the dikes but rather we were there to play a part in saving our city. We were there until it was over and our observations had to be made during the frequent stops when there was nothing which could be done.

We do not mean to imply, by our coverage, that only one generation was represented on the banks of that river. We do mean to set the record straight and to credit those who are deserving of credit. With the exception of WILK and Mr. DeCosmo, it seems that most of the media went out of their way to thank people who were not even there, and to deliberately not recognize the efforts of the people who were. We find that inexcusable.

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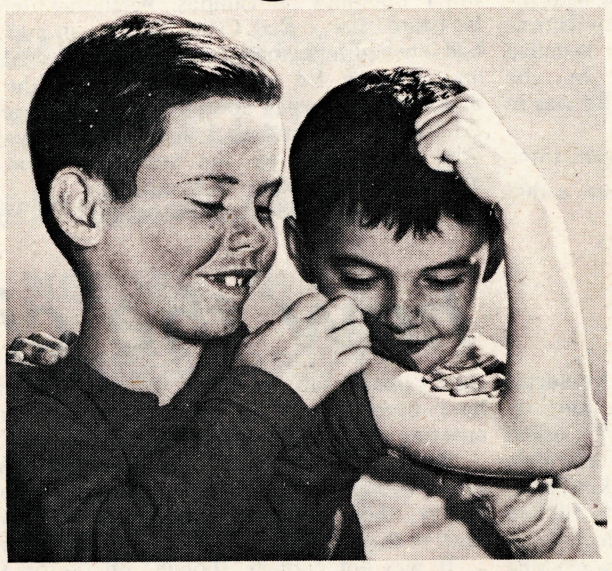
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Much saving of expenses was made by a gallant band of Army Reservists – all members of the 469th Engineers form Jersey City, N.J., who volunteered to come to aid Plymouth clean-up efforts. This unit is self-sustaining by bringing its own rations.

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Amid the chaotic sounds of disaster was a smooth running unit called Plymouth Leaders. Withonly minor conflicts among unit operations, units of operations, Plymouth political leadership proved to be a hard-working corps of men. Many labored long in aiding residents of the town only to see their own personal property ruined.

Mayor Edward Burns was a stout backbone of the entire community who seemed to meet each crisis with the effective decisions of a wizard. Mayor Burns seemed to grow stronger with the heavy mental, emotional, and physical load.

Members of council put in long hours of physical as well as mental work. Muck-covered at times from their toil with the populus, the council were alert and justified in their attempts to aid flood victims.

Civil Defense under George Davenport coordinated efforts of Rescue and fire units and did an admirable job. The police department under Chief Louis Schant and street department under commissioner Chet Rynewski put in many long hours of work.

The evacuees who found food and shelter at the Plymouth Armory found Supply Company, First Battalion, 109th Infantry pleasant hosts. Though it may never challenge the finest hotel, the hospitality was wonderful. Capt. Robert Barzoloski commands the local unit.

PennDOT, with foreman Sam Lewis and John Chervinitsky, aided in cleaning Main Street. Borough Secretary Robert Mundy aided in various roles.

COMMENTARY

Disaster brings to the surface both the unsung hero and the parasite that seems to flourish in the wounded flesh of the afflicted. The most recent disaster was proof of this.

The list of unsung heroes, who aided in the "Flood of '72" was large in number and scope. Any attempt to enumerate each would fill volumes of books as the populus of Shawnee and their many friends seems endless. Even after volumes, the list would probably exclude some worthy person.

But the parasite, that lowly level of humanity which seems to squeeze and gain strength at a wounded prey – somewhat like the jackal at a wounded deer – are luckily small in number

The merchant who sets prices of a dollar for a loaf of bread, cigaretts at a dollar, hamburger at ridiculous prices, and such are members of the parasite clan. The scavenger who preys on the homes of the flood victims is another member. The individual who stockpiled his cupboard at relief centers as the victims who needed the food worked in their ravaged homes is another.

Perhaps time will cover the historics of the populus, but the scars of the parasites will remain on the souls of the afflicted.

—George Tensa

SHAWNEE SIDEWALK CRACKS

Of huge aid to residents of the flood area were members of the Disaster Unit, a joint effort of local Kiwanis and Rotary Organizations. Cliff Madrack proved to be a diligent leader at the reins of the crew with the likes of Pat McAndrew playing heroic but unsung efforts.

Perhaps some of the unsung heroes were found in the back room of the Borough Building where a hot coffee, a sandwich, and a cheerful word were the motto of George Boyd and his attractive hostesses. They included H. An Chervy, Nancy Chervy, Georgette Chervy, Susan Partington, Sandy Partington, Carol McQuinn, Helen Shultz, and Elaine Sipski. George, incidentally, is a Shawnee native who came "home" from Englishtown, New Jersey, to aid in the flood battle.

Anyone finding a Times-Leader desk that was washed away from the Plymouth office, contact Bill DeRemer or leave word at the borough building.

Making a "return home" was John Boyce who was stranded in General Hospital during seige of the flood.

Many of the Shawnee ville residents have turned to "charcoal cooking" after gas and electric blackout. The gas, incidentally, may be off for cuite a while with the numerous gas leaks along borough streets.

Special police under Dave Soloman were regrouped to aid in the police setup. Chief Lou Schacht did a yeoman's job inspite of the "unmannerly actions" of many residents and out-of-town tourists who hampered the clean-up.

Curfew in town gave Plymouth a peaceful look on the streets as many residetns "hit the sack" early after toiling in clean-up work all day.

Proprietor of Paramount Studio

James Kozemchak injured his finger calling for two stitches. Add a typhoid shot and a tetnus shot and you have a sore-armed photographer. At leas it wasn't his trigger finger.

Seems like the flood made an early finish to the Little League, the Slo Pitch, and maybe the Teeners League seasons.

shawnee vs. the susquehanna

Helplessness – powerlessness – futility – defenseless – solicitude – anxiety – worry – words cannot express the emotions of the men and women who sat awaiting the legacy of Agnes, who proved to be a devil in woman's disguise. Inch by inch the dark gloom of the Susquehanna rose before ravaging into the very bowels of Plymouth. Tons of water were dumped into Shawnee.

House by house, block by block the Susquehanna crept to claim land that centuries before were her annual spring flood river basin. Talk about the "bi g one in 1936" soon were silenced by the ever-steady charge of the flood. History was being made and each line in the history books cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Then as quickly as it came, the waters receded leaving behind widespread havoc that adjectives could not describe. As it left the Susquehanna left tons of mud and a challenge to Plymouth – "Prove that Shawnee against the world is true."

"The worst is yet to come," said one official and the gallant tribe of Shawnee entered the flood area. Tears flowed from the strongest as grim-faced residents began to clean-up. With the "lick it or be licked" challenge over their head, the emotions soon gave way to sounds of labor as furniture, ruined by the much of the water, was thrown out.

Help from neighbors, friends, relatives, and some people never seen before aided many efforts. The working efforts of the Supply Company, 1st Battalion, 109th Infantry, under Capt. Robert Barzoloski were appreciated. Soon the roar of heavy equipment echoed along Min Street as the 469th Engineer Battalion, Army Reserve, of Jersey City moved in to aid. These reservists all volunteerd their efforts. Major Rowe commands the unit.

While clean-up operations began, thoughts of a new Plymouth arose. The "ole Shawnee Indian" thumbed his nose at the Susquehanna and told him, "You can batter and wreck, but you will never destroy us."

Among the havoc and wreck-strewn debris of Main Street but standing tall and majestic was "Old Glory." Though your forces were great, Susquehanna, our colors are still flying."

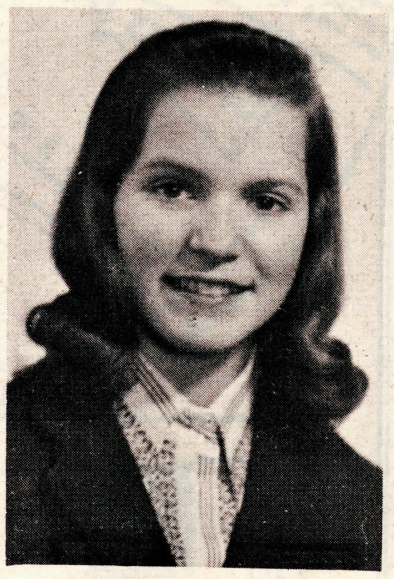
Some aid came to Shawnee from points throughout the East Coast. Middletown Twp., N.J., Police Department made two trips to Plymouth with loads of food and clothing. Police officers who spearheaded the drive include officers John Estock, John Loew, Irvin Beaver, and Gary Motsek.

Dick Brolle of West Main Street lost his car in the flood waters, but has started to build an ark "just in case."

Comment of the week: from a Negro Army Engineer from Jersey City on why he volunteered to aid – "People of a disaster are all one color – hurt."

In this issue of The Observer, most of the regular features, news items, community news events, sports, society columns, and even the editorials have been omitted in order to present as many pictures as possible from more than a thousand that were submitted for publication.

students cited by american legion



Bernadine Borinski



Leonard M. Gryskewicz

Shawnee Post American Legion and their Auxiliary cited two eighth grade graduates of St. Mary's Nativity School during recent graduation ceremonies with Certificate of School Awards. The awards are given "in recognition of the possession of those high qualities of honor, courage, scholarship, leadership, service, and Americanism which are necessary to the preservation and protection of the fundamental institutions of our government and the advancement of society."

Recipients of these coveted awards were Bernadine Borinski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Broinski, 167 West Shawnee Avenue, and Leonard M. Gryskewicz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gryskewicz, 221 Phillips Street, Lynwood.

Miss Borinski also earned the PTA award for A average while Gryskewicz earned the Andrews Award for science achievement.

Other students receiving recognition during graduation were Bernard Janoski, James Soha, Janice Latoszewski, Debbie Gabriel, Sandra Vnuk, Mary Phillips, and Theresa Jamrowski.

NEWSBOY OF THE MONTH

Named Observer 'Newsboy of the Month" for Plymouth Area was John Maxwell. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Maxwell, R. 301 West Shawnee Avenue, is a fifth grade student at Central School.

John is an avid sports fan who enjoys playing basketball and wears the Little League uniform of the U.G.I. John is an industrious lad who helps deliver orders for Volinsky Market.

His friend David Scibek aids him with his Observer deliveries.

golden bells plus six

"Golden bells plus six." That is the way "Pop" Boyce labeled Saturday as he and his best gal Lil Mr. and Mrs. John W. Boyce celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary. The 'young couple' reside at 239 West Shawnee Avenue.

Married by the late Rev. W. Morgan of Welsh Baptist Church, they have three children: Mrs. Willard Thomas, Sweet Valley; Roy, a planning engineer with Ducon Electric of Pittsburg; and Roy with I.B.M. in Lexington, Kentucky. The Boyces also have nine grandchildren.

Mr. Boyce retired from U.G.I. Electric Corporation in 1962.

MARYWOOD WORKSHOP SET

The Marywood Graduate School of Social Work will sponsor a special workshop for child care workers in six three-hour sessions, two days a week for three weeks.

The workshop, directed by Paul S. Swasko, assistant professor in Marywood's School of Social Work, is directed primarily for child day care workers, presently employed in residential facilities for children

Designed to help participants further their understanding of the role and responsibilities inherent in residential care of children and youth, the topics of interest will include: generic and specific goals of child care; establishment and maintenance of a therapeutic atmosphere; understanding of human behavior; and dynamics of individual and group interaction.

Lectures, group discussions and films, as well as field trips and panel discussions, will be used. Workshop members will be encouraged to share examples from their current experiences and visits to representative child care facilities can be arranged.

A certificate of attainment will be given upon completion of the program.

Sessions will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 11 to July 27 from 9 a.m. to noon in the School of Social Work, Leberal Arts Building.

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volunteers make it work

"Give credit where credit is due. Some people can do the paper work and others do the real work." This was spoken by a volunteer Jim Lanunziata, who himself had lost a home and business. He had just finished unloading an Army truck full of canned goods marked U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Help Program. He kept piling them at the tailgate as a team of fellows carried them into the building.

Jumping down and catching a breath he said that 90 per cent of the volunteers are between 14 and 20 years old. Some are there between midnight and five in the morning helping to unload trucks. Other times they make up boxes for those who come in asking for food. They help carry boxes of food and clothing to people's cars. Generally they are making themselves useful. LaNunziata said the volunteers were doing a "heck of a job" and he meant it as a sincere compliment. He and Tony DeAngelo were there from the beginning; they knew what was happening.

Also mentioned for special praise by the group that gathered was Capt. Leona Barber of the Salvation Army and her staff. They set up a kitchen to feed people and were also packing boxes to be taken out.

While the place was being used as a dispensary, there were always enough doctors and nurses on hand. Dr. Testa is still on call at press time. Now all medical cases are being sent to Pittston Hospital. For the hour we wpent in the building, one man was taken in the West Pittston ambulance after being overcome by gas. Another man was taken by the Pittston ambulance with a suspected heart attack. There had been a few cardiac cases in the first couple of days.

At firs there were some animals, flood refugees, housed upstairs in the school but they have since moved on.

curfew remains in effect

Information on Wednesday from Sgt. John Hood of the West Pittston Borough Police was that the Susquehanna River reached Susquehanna Avenue late Thursday night, June 22, and kept rising thereafter until the crest was reached on Saturday, June 24. All policemen, firemen, auxiliary police, ambulance personnel and street department employees were alerted. A watch was put on the river and as the water continued to rise the people were told to move out.

Sgt. Hood said that there is a curfew in effect in the borough for the duration of the emergency as declared by Mayor Robert Campbell. Absolutely no pedestrians are allowed between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. During this time vehicles on the streets will be checked. There are two West Pittston patrol cars, three state police cars, and 40 to 60 National Guard men to enforce the curfew. So far there were no incidents of violence or looting.

The families evacuated found shelter at the Moose Home, at the Wyoming Area High School Building, or at other private homes. Before these people can return to live in their homes the electricity, gas and water services have to be checked for safety.

mayor has praise for everyone

Mayor Robert Campbell said Wednesday afternoon that "West Pittston is very well organized in the present situation." With each councilman having an area of responsibility in the borough and everyone working together under the mayor, West Pittston will return to normal.

Mayor Campbell did ask that "the people should be patient. We cannot get to everybody at once. He said the original problem was to save the people and there was no immediate loss of life. Now he said the problem has become an individual one with the people deciding what will be done with their homes and property.

There are contractors working under Army supervision helping to clear the streets and to haul away the debris from flooded homes and businesses. The curfew is to keep people out of the way at night. Those who go to work during those hours will be allowed to do so.

"I think this was a terrible thing," Mayor Campbell said. "Perhaps the hurricane should have been named Agony instead of Agnes. Thank God no lives were lost in our immediate disaster area. I have praise for everyone who worked and is working. It would be hard to name names. The young people and other volunteers were just terrific."

w.a. high school becomes civil defense headquarters

Wednesday afternoon the Senior High School building in West Pittston was designated one of three Civil Defense Headquarters on the West Side. Anthony Dombroski of the Red Cross received the phone call as I waited to speak to him. This meant that normal school acitivity is suspended as the first floor and basement are used to house refugees, to give typhoid shots, and to distribute food, clothing and household items. A Family Service Assistance office will also be set up as soon as caseworkers can be assigned.

The Civil Defense Headquarters will be open 24 hours a day. All persons seeking aid must register at the front door.

About 30 to 35 persons are still sleeping at the high school building because they cannot go home. Others are at the Moose Hall. The Moose Hall also has facilities for feeding people who cannot cook for themselves.

Mr. Dombroski is in charge of Red Cross operations and Mr. Ronald Dietrick is Civil Defense Director of West Pittston.

resident praises all who helped

In a letter to The Observer, Mrs. Sandra Stackhouse, Exeter Avenue, West Pittston, states:

"Being a West Pittston resident and witnessing the unbelievable happenings of the past week, I feel someone should take a minute of their time to give credit where credit is due.

This is directed to the men who volunteered their time and literally their lives running to the aid of the flood victims.

"Most of these men, who remain nameless faces clad in rain coats and hip boots, ran trucks, boats, fire trucks and the ambulance around the clock for well over 78 hours.

"Many of these men also had losses due to the flood, but moved their families and returned to help others.

"I appreciate the fact there must be an intricate network of communications, but if it weren't for such people like the fire department and the ambulance crew to receive this communication, then the job would be insurmountable.

I know I speak for most, if not all of the flood victims, when I say these men have our heartfelt thanks and gratitude.

Thank you, gentlemen, for your assistance and efficiency."

Mrs. Sandra Stackhouse

short stories

"we're lucky" or "only the basement got wet"

Many residents of West Pittston willingly spoke about their experiences of the flood weekend on Wednesday afternoon. Not one was impolite. The warm sun overhead and the river back in its course made it harder to realize disaster had struck here. But looking at what had become the debris of peoples hopes and dreams and trying to walk in inches of oozing mud helped to etch reality on the mind.

The walk in West Pittston went down Spring Street from the Police Station to Luzerne Avenue, on Luzerne Avenue on Susquehanna Avenue, on Susquehanna Avenue Avenue, on Susquehanna Avenue to Delaware Avenue, up Delaware Avenue to Wyoming Avenue, over to the high school building and back on Linden and Luzerne to the Police Station. Then I moved the car up to York Avenue and walked mostly in the vicinity of Parke and Linden Streets. Here are some of the stories.

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On Luzerne Avenue the water ran as far as the Garden Village Bake Shop owned by Mr. Anthony Recine. Basements on the north side of the street were flooded. Recine lost his refrigeration unit and a lot of supplies in the bake shop. A wedding cake that had been prepared for a wedding on June 24 in Pittston was given to the refugees at Wyoming Area High School on Sunday after an attempt to have it taken by helicopter across the river did not work out.

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Some people who were working did not live in the area affected by the flood. They came in to where they worked to help with the cleanup or came to help relatives and friends in this time of need.

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Eight carp were caught in the fence behind the Kentile Store on Luzerne Avenue and one was in the water in the basement.
Three were alive when they got dumped back into the water from a wheelbarrow. In the same area a full grown deer was seen one night jumping the fence and then heading out the driveway in the general direction of Grablick's.

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Many people said, "We're lucky. We only lost what was in the basement." Then they would go on to say how much worse somebody else was hit. It became apparent after a while that houses next door to each other would fare differently. This was explained by varing levels of the land due to the extensive mine caving in West Pittston around 1940.

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Employees of the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the State Liquor Control Board were in town checking stores, public eating places and the bars to be sure that stock exposed to the flood was properly disposed of.

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Councilmen Raymond Ramage and Ernest Pahl were taking a short break from work for the telephone company. They felt that things were going well in town.

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The man who cut meat for the market at 20 Luzerne Avenue was sitting on a bench to have some lunch. He said everything would have to go since water filled two-thirds of the store.

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At 11½ Luzerne Avenue Clifford C. Melberger, his son, nephews and friends were taking a lunch break. Melberger said the place was a total loss inside. Their first hint of trouble was when the sewer pipe burst in the basement. After that the water came up too fast for them to save anyting.

Furniture floated around and knocked other things over. A ladder floated away but he found an oil drum and porch furniture deposited on his property.

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Lonnie's Frocks, in business about 25 years, lost about 10,000 dresses. He said, "We're doing the best we can."

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The closer to the river you got, the worse everything looked. Contents of homes were being piled along the curbs. Mud caked the lawns and sidewalks. Where the sun had dried, the mud clouds of dust would swirl in the air behind each passing vehicle. Cherry trees and other large trees and hedges were bent over in the direction the water had run.

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A man out taking a walk said he and his wife were married in January 1936. They lived in a second floor apartment when the flood of March, 1936, hit the area. Now they ahd a home at 283 Wright Avenue and heard that water was three feet deep on the second floor.

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Employees at the Consolidated Cigar factory had started to prepare for the flood Thursday night. The most expensive piece of machinery, the wrapper was saved. Lost in the flooded basement were mostly boxes and wrapping materials.

An anonymous official said that after the employees clean up the place, the plant will open again in the same location. He mentioned fine cooperation from town officials.

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People living by the river were evacuated as early as 2 a.m. Friday morning. Police cars and fire trucks would go through sounding the siren. There were precious little time to decide what to take with them. Or even to try to move anything to safety. The water came too fast.

Some found shelter with relatives and friends who weren't affected by the flood. On Monday they started coming home to assess the damage and cleanup. Where utilities are functioning they cannot stay but have to go back to temporary quarters.

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John B. Keaney, 21, of 514 Wyoming Avenue, found himself stranded on the other side of the river Friday morning after playing with a band in Scranton. He made himself useful at the A.J. Frushon Produce Business. Yog Frushon was stranded on this side of the river. Keaney got to West Pittston on Sunday and started helping with the cleaning up at his friend's, the Cotter home. He felt it was better to work than to do nothing. There was a friend with him who did not want his name mentioned.

Keaney gave us this bit of wisdom: "Out of every bad situation and trouble that occurs always comes some good. This flood brough people who do not see one another together to help one another."

He also made a complaint against how the police were handling the situation. He knows people want protection for their hoems while they are not in them, but he did not feel it was necessary to have to explain at each street corner to somebody with a temporary armband where he wanted to go.

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Park Street, Spring Street, Linden Street, above Exeter Avenue and York Avenue itself were mud, mud, mud. Trucks were there pushing mud, picking up mud, picking up the piles of household goods from the tree lawns, carting it away like so many egg shells.

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Sam Stern said he had three cars and six snow tires in the garage. After the water went down, he had eight snow tires and somebody's hot water boiler but was out a case of beer. The Sterns lost everything in the basement that had not gotten thrown out in the last 32 years.

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A neighbor across the street siad he wanted especially to thank the people at the Mooses Lodge and the borough employees. He said on Saturday the Moose Lodge served 800 people and on Sunday everyone who came had a roast beef dinner. They also were very good to his wife who must use a wheel chair.

Something like this he said, "Shows how many good people there are."

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A fmaily, husband, wife and sons, came up from Wildwood, New Jersey, to help clean up the wife's mother's home. The husband called it an errand of good will. One of the sons had taken a ride up to Paupack and said it was so pleasant to see green grass and trees all around.

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Just taking a casual look at the piles of debris you could spot parts of a piano, refrigerators, a doll carriage, a creche, books, floor tiles, a toy fire engine, an Easter basket. As conversations took place, the list would grow to include encyclopaedia sets, antiques, storm windows, screens, washers, driers, clothing, all kinds of furniture.

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When the fast rising waters had caused separation of families and cut normal communications, there was voiced concern for one another's safety until phone calls got through or there was a physical reunion.

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west wyoming

by Joe Gula 288-2784

borough helped neighbors during disastrous flood

West Wyoming was a God-sent to many of the neighbors from Swoyersville and Forty Fort during this past week's flood of Friday, June 23, as borough residents housed many victims at their homes. There were more than 20 persons at one time living in one home.

Besides being kind to everyone, West Wyoming residents themselves in the lwoer section of Atherton Park and the lower areas of Tripp, Holden, Eighth and Sixth Streets were victims of the rushing waters and their homes were damaged especially the homes at Atherton Park – where many were torn from their foundations.

Mayor John Mizin, who in himself worked himself all around the clock, said that he is very proud of the borough of West Wyoming as ever since Thursday, June 22, when the Abrahams Creek burst, they have been on the go. He is especially proud of the younger boys, 11 to 13 years old who couldn't carry a sandbag but who were dragging them to patch up the Creek.

The Mayor said that as soon as the flood came the Borough became coordinated and everything went smoothly and still is going well during the cleanup process. He said that they ahd a meeting and formed their own Security Policy and gave each bands for his arm. In fact, the West Wyoming Police under the Mayor and Chief Michael Charney and their Police Force along with the Civilian Defense Police controlled everything until a few days ago when the army moved in to give the local men rest at night.

When the flood water came, CD Director Len Taretto established headquarters at the former high school on Shoemaker Avenue where they distributed food, water and sheltered many residents from town and surrounding towns. This writer can vouch for the fact that this headquarters was one of the most efficinetly run and it is a feather in Tarreto's hat and a tribute to his workers – a tribute they were not looking for. These men and women worked tirelessly right through the crisis and credit has to be given to them.

Mayor Mizin also said, and many will agree with him, that West Wyoming was one of the best coordinated towns. He expressed his appreciation to the State Police for thier untiring efforts; they did a fine job.

This writer would like to mention the borough officials and many residents who worked throughout the crisis. I know that I might miss names, but if it is possible, we will try to mention everyone who helped.

Besides Mayor Mizin, who ran everything from the Borough Building on Eighth Street, where he controlled the policing, ambulance, and communications, Council Chairman Joe Amato, vice chairman John Huk, Councilman and CD Director Len Taretto, Councilmen Joe Salvo, Henry Morgantini, Jake Karpusek, Finnigen Arnone.

The Police Department under Chief Charney, Assistant Chief Bert Mangino, Patrolmen Tom Servin, Bob Salvo, Asa Atherholt, Steve Opsitos, Tom Barrett, George Nocek, George Kraynak, Ed Herbert and Joe Herbert, Bert Brown, Bob Malloy.

Other workers included Huk Begliomini, Joe Strosky, Joe Prywara, Joe Yarina, John Yarina, John Bubblo, Eddie Ancas, Leo Nerrozzi, Catherine Shemanski, Mary Matina, Mrs. Josephine Holub, Ted Pawloski, Frank Fosko, Bonnie Prywara, Mrs. Bernadine Regas, Eddie Ancans, Jr., Tom Ancas, Mrs. Francis Daveski, Mrs. Alda Straudos, Mrs. Biggs, Mary Montayne, Mrs. Dora Kraynock, Mrs. Joe Herbert, and many of the wives of the above-mentioned men.

A lot of work has to be accomplished and it will take a long time, but residents in the flooded areas are asked to take all of the necessary precautions because no fatality has been noted in the borough yet, and we hope that this stays the case because West Wyoming would like to keep it that way.

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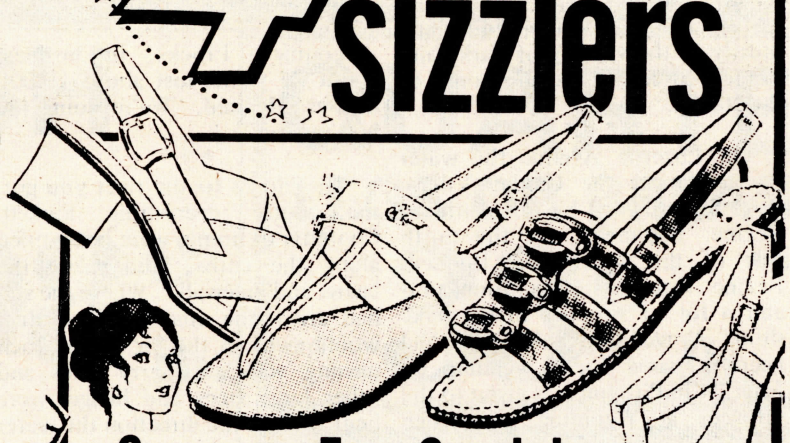
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Beatrice Bjorheim

shopping center looks like ghost town

Looking at the Midway Shopping Center and the businesses on the other side of the street you saw mud, and the lack of the usual activity. It was more like a ghost town, dirty, upset and quiet. Trees were down at the Victory Pig and MacDonald's. The small house at the golf course was wrecked, the clown was no where to be seen. Basement walls of the Golden Eagle were washed out. Glass was broken at Kinney's.

Behind the Midway Diner was a truck with its lights on. Councilmen Joseph Chorba and Michael Bitters were at the pump in the A & P parking lot trying to lower the water level of the pond that layed from in back of the Goodyear Store over to the A & P property. In the parking lot was a drain that took the water to the creek underneath.

There were five planes drying out at the airport. The new pilot's club building was moved from its place behind the machine shop to out front by the Cherry Ridge Flying Service sign.

Chorba and Bitters said they had been out everyday doing what they could to help out. They praised the efforts of the Marine Reserves saying they were "doint a great job."

The water line on the trees behind the Golden Eagle looks at least ten feet off the ground. Cartons and bottles and thick mud was strew across the Midway parking area. The First National Bank of Eastern Pennsylvania was getting some new glass. Somebody was over at Shoemaker's store.

No. 2 fire truck was at the hydrant in front of the insurnace office at the entrance to Colonial Village. Looking down mud could be seen of the roof of the first house. Debris lay strewn on the outside banks of the dike. Inside the water ran so low that the height could not be seen on the marker because of the vegetation.

BRIDGE AND AVE' OPEN UP

For a few days traffic in Wyoming could not proceed freely over the Eighth Street Bridge or down Wyoming Avenue to the shopping center. On Thursday both of these areas had opened up.

Cars could go over the bridge and turn right. The left turn to Pittston was closed off.

Cars were also being allowed to pass the barricade on Wyoming Avenue at Susquehanna Avenue without question. It was best to proceed with caution because of the wet mud and debris still about.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Packaged food for flood victims of Forty Fort and Wyoming was being distributed from the auditorium of the Junior High School building on Tenth Street, Wyoming. The hours posted are 8 a.m. to 12 midnight. All persons asking aid must register. Wyoming residents who have taken in flood victims are eligible for food packages.

Mostly the young people have turned out to staff this distribution center. A Civil Defense patrolman is on duty.

SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENTS TO BE NOTIFIED

Principal Peter Podwika said on Thursday that all students who expected to attend summer school would be notified when classes would begin. With buildings being used for flood relief it was not possible to make a definite statement.

Superintendent Gilbert Perry and his assistant, Joseph Olesky, made a tour of the buildings Thursday afternoon.

FEEDING STATION AT METHODIST CHURCH

At first the Methodist Church on Wyoming Avenue was set up to handle refugees for sleeping and eating. Not many came to sleep. For a few days ther were some medical cases with a nurse in attendance until they could be moved to another place. By Thursday the operation had settled down to being a feeding station for the Marines and those other people who needed a meal. No groceries of clothing were being handled and no people were sleeping in the church.

All the work wa being done by volunteers who were not always church members. Many were teenagers.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION AT INSTITUTE

A very well organized clothing distribution center was being run at the Presbyterian Institute by a group of volunteers of all ages. The director didn't want her name mentioned and would not give permission to use names of volunteers because she did not want to slight the contribution anyone had made. She said she had "scads of real good help."

Clothing was being sorted type and size and was mostly in very good condition. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily or as posted.

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE WILL OPEN AT HOSE CO. No. 2

Mr. Joseph Chorba said Thursday afternoon that he had cancelled any meetings scheduled for the meeting rooms at Hose Co. no. 2 for the next 60 days. He had received a call from the Social Security Administration asking for space and granted their request.

Plans were also being made for some of the assistance offices to use space at Hose Co. no. 2 on Third Street.

GARBAGE COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Councilman Joseph Chorba said Thursday that it was expected Wyoming would have a regular garbage collection on July 5 and 6.

SHORT STORIES – MONDAY IN WYOMING

Mary Betsko said she failed to receive a package of food from her sister in Avoca. Amelia had wrapped some food in a sheet and wrote Mrs. Betsko's name on it and took it to the Avoca airport to be shipped to Wyoming. Even though Mrs. Betsko or one of the refugees staying at her home went several times to the junior high school to ask for the package the only thing they found was the sheet. The food had been given to someone else.

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Joseph Dellarte said that the Little League field was under water and that the schedule of games may be cancelled.

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Elwood Carpenter, Wyoming Borough Custodian, and his son, Guy, started for Port Blanchard on their bikes about 2 a.m. Friday. On the other side they walked the tracks in three feet of water to get tc Mrs. Carpenter's home. She is 83. When they got there Mrs. Carpenter, a neighbor, Mrs. Joseph Hopkins, and a crippled girl had to be taken out by boat.

Elwood and Guy Carpenter got back home Sunday night. Meanwhile they helped out where they were.

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There were no fires in Wyoming over last weekend. Firemen did turn out to help in the emergency. Even the Junior Firemen of Hose Co. no. 1 were put to work.

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School Director James Langan suffered a heart attack but on Thursday he was home and resting comfortably.

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All mail that reached the Wyoming post office Monday was delivered. Distribution was being handled through Scranton. Orders were to operate as usual.

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Joseph Dellarte said that the Planning Commission had been working on plans for the lower end of town but the flood sort of made them irrelevant.

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A telephone line came down on Fifth Street. Borough police checked it and notified the telephone company.

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Mrs. Harry Wills, a Wyoming resident one year, said that in the twenty-four years she lived in Indian Rocks Beach, Florida she had never seen anything like this flood.

With long distance communications out she was concerned about reaching members of her family still in Florida to say she was all right.

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The Rev. and Mrs. Eister have a son and four grandchildren living in Fairburn, Ga. which is southwest of Atlanta. They would like to get in touch with him to say they are all right.

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A clerk working in the Pantry Quik lived in Forty Fort. He lost everything except the clothes he was wearing.

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A woman on the corner by the bank said she was going to buy clothes. She was upset because they had a truck that could have been loaded if they had acted in time. She lived in Forty Fort.

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Wyoming Police said that sightseers were getting in the way. They asked people to please stay off the streets.

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Few homes in Wyoming received damage from the flood waters. The creek rose to the paint store on Eighth Street. The river rose and flooded a few basements on Susquehanna Avenue between Eighth Street and Sixth Street.

Of course the exception is Colonial Village and Colonial Acres, the two newest areas built.

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Wyoming Borough Police, Auxiliary Police and Special Officers worked around the clock, often missing a night's sleep.

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LIBRARY HOURS

Beginning June 19th the summer hours for the Wyoming Free Library will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday.

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role of army unit at jr. high school changes suddenly

About one-thirty Thursday afternoon Lt. Col. Wizniak was saying the role of the Army unit stationed at Wyoming Area Junior High School was primarily security and traffic control. Two hours later Wyoming Borough Police were notified that orders had been changed and beginning Friday at 5:30 a.m. 300 men would be ready to help start cleaning up Wyoming and Swoyersville.

The men would be working ten hour shifts during daylight hours. The. tentative times were set for 5:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Another meeting was to be held later Thursday to finalize details. Since the men came in from their headquarters in Johnstown without any of the type of equipment necessary for cleanup operations it would be up to the borough to provide trucks and tools or contact contractors who had them.

Lt. Col. Wizniak said that the unit at the junior high school consisted of the 876th Maintenance Battalion, the 1069 Maintenance Company, from Johnstown; the 645 Maintenance Co. from Ridgeway, Pa. and Detachment no. 1 of the 1069 Maintenance Co. from Punxsutawney, Pa. On Monday they took over the first floor of the school except the auditorium, and one room on the second floor and the showers in the basement. The 358 men would stay as long as they were needed to protect homes against looting and vandalism and to enforce the curfew. Several indidents of looting had taken place and the persons involved turned over to local police authorities.

With the sudden change in orders it looked like the security job would fall back on the borough and state police.

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round-the-clock mop-up in greater pittston

by Val Delia

The tremendous clean-up task, the aftermath of history's greatest flood in Wyoming Valley, is a 24-hour ordeal in some sections of the Greater Pittston Community because of the need of heavy equipment in hard-hit areas. The entire portion of West Pittston fronting the Susquehanna River from the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad Bridge to the Exeter Borough boundry bore the brunt of the river's wrath. Here, doctors, lawyers, merchants have rolled up their sleeves in a concerted effort to erase the surface scars inflicted by the tantrums of Mother Nature. The smoking lamp is still out in the afflicted areas.

In the Schooley Avenue - Grant Street section of Exeter Borough on the west side of the railroad track, residents are yet talking about the miracle-like togetherness that spared that section similar devastation. The heavy equipment of Mike Balent, John Medvic and Joseph Onda piled mounds of dirt approximately 30 feet high on Schooley Avenue to prevent the backup waters of Abraham and Kinsey Creeks from inundating the area. This was to augment the great effort of neighborhood residents who interlocked sandbags to required heights. Here as in other affected areas throughout the Valley, the once talked about generation gap became passe. Here, too, a woman echoed the sentiments that were everywhere – "Don't anyone try to defame the long hairs in my presence. These youngsters never quit. Some of them worked in slime up to their arm pits." Another adult had said that at one stage he was prepared to throw in the towel, but the conduct of the long tressed youngsters accorded the necessary inspiration to stay with it. It was this unbreakable weld that spared the Exeter lowlands.

On the Susquehanna's East Bank, the plight in no way matched what was experienced through much of the West Side. However, parts of Jenkins Township, Pittston Junction and Duryea were hit severely due to lowlands and backup water. The family of Edward Azarovich on the Towpath began mop-up operations moments after the water level receded below the first floor. The odor of fuel oil kept caution at a maximum. There were reports of mine gas rising to the surface in Duryea, Upper Pittston and Hughestown and residents were told to ventilate their homes. Cellar pumping operations commenced in all flooded areas soon after the Susquehanna receded to its normal course.

Pittston Civil Defense Headquarters located in the Rendezvous Lounge had approximately 400 volunteers under its wing (see Hub City Gossip) as acknowledgements for various types of aid was fulfilled in many communities from Wilkes-Barre to Falls. Pittston CD officials raved about the replenishment of badly needed supplies channeled through Mayor Eugene Peters of Scranton, he did one heck of a job. Plaudits were also heard in appreciation for the tremendous response that came by way of Avoca and Yatesville Boroughs. Rev. Charles F. Gommer of the First Methodist Church, Pittston rounded up many parishioners to prepare hot food at the CD quarters to feed evacuees and workers in Wilkes-Barre and Harding...many were without proper mourishment for long periods. Scavengers were rampant, according to an exhausted female volunteer. The stock piles of food in abundance at marshalling areas did not reach every destination of need. A retired donor, Mrs. Margaret Burns, deeply touched this writer in fromt of CD headquarters when she requested that her donation of foodstuffs be taken to volunteer workers inside..."and tell them I'll give more when I get my check." The Pittston merchants were just fantastic, according to CD officials. "They gave us everything we needed." The overworked State Police squad were also extended the courtesies of the CD meal timetable.

The Pittston CD officials were hampered by lack of emergency communications equipment until Ham Radio Operator, Joseph Smalley filled the need with a mobile outfil.

CD official Alfred Graham extended a long pole to a Coast Guardsman who toppled from a boat during rescue operations in a life-saving gesture.

Duryea residents are doing everything necessary to bring the southwest portion of the Borough back to normal from pumping operations to sandbag removal.

On West Pittston's River Common, many of the beautiful cherry trees were uprooted by flood waters and restoration will again take years.

Up Ransom way, telephone cables across the river from Harding are in the process of being restored after being severed by floating houses at high tide. The railroads, as of this writing, have yet to traverse through the once inundated region.

Military personnel working out of Tobyhanna on operation clean-up are being housed at Pittston Area High School. The physical education and swimming portion of the regular summer school program was cancelled due to the emergency. The Medical Center set up at Pocono Downs was shifted to the Avoca Airport to permit the resumption of horse racing Friday.

There were isolated complaints of jacked-up prices on prepared food items and these were forwarded to the proper authorities. Sale of bedding material was prohibited until given the green light as an insurance measure against contamination.

Like everywhere else in the Valley, the Greater Pittston Community is realistic toward the enormous rehabilitation task at hand. It takes time, sweat and resources. But when the spirit and will of the people is at its peak like it jelled through the recent disaster, no task is insurmountable.

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residents appreciate youth

One of the first remarks heard in Exeter Tuesday afternoon when this reporter started to ask for experiences connected with the flood was the long haired kids saved Susquehanna Avenue. Continuing through the afternoon there was a refrain of "give the kids the credit."

Fire Chief William Tocheny told this about Susquehanna Avenue. "At Susquehanna Avenue and Grant Street, the Gus Marianni residence is at the low spot. The river came to the road there. It was great to see the young people, boys and girls together, filling the sandbags. That was an experience to have. They were successful in stopping the water."

At a home near that area where people were obviously cleaning up after the flood water had gone down, the lady said there were no stories to tell but she wanted to be sure we mentioned that the kids doing the sandbagging gave the trucks time to bring in the dirt for the dike.

A man in that same area said that everyone stuck together. It didn't mean anything if you had long hair.

After the flood waters were contained, there was other work to do. Here again the young people were pitching in and doing what they could. They showed up at distribution centers and feeding stations to lend a hand.

recue on rt. 92

A car being driven by Richard Hynoski of Duryea on Route 92 the Firday of the flood was stalled in four feet of water under the Coston Bridge. Exeter Fire Chief William Tocheny and Patrolman Voda waded out to ask what the problem was. Richard said that his father was in the car and that he had a wooden leg.

While Tocheny and Voda were trying to figure how to get heavy-set Robert Hynoski out of the car and through the water, a PP&L truck came along and just pushed the car to safety. The car was then taken to Bola's Service Station. The Hynoski men were taken to Exeter Town Hall where they were picked up by Richard's wife.

The PP&L crew were Foreman William Algor with Harold Kiesinger and Charles Davis.

mayor fights for truckers

The Army Engineers were on hand to supervise the work of the contractors hired to do the cleaning up. At Susquehanna Avenue and Grant Street Mayor Mauriello caught up with them. He wanted to know how come the men in Exeter who had trucks were not hired by the government. The mayor told the engineers that the local men had hauled the dirt in free to build the dike and he did not like the idea of outsiders being paid to take it away. He threatened to close the landfill to these other trucks if the Exeter men did not get some work.

After a while the matter was straightened out and the Exeter men were told to keep track of the time they worked.

river came in first ward

There is a difference of opinion whether the water came over the dike or whether it came through the flood gate somebody forgot to close. After a look around, I picked a spot to stop and talk. A man and his family were in the process of emptying the basement and house into the yard.

This man, later identified as Charles Levandoski, told us that the river did not come over the dike but through the floodgate at Sunoco that was not closed. Later when Mayor Mauriello stopped by, he said that the water came over the dike. Maybe some of it did, but Levandoski felt that the damage would not have been so bad if the gate had been closed.

Upper Tunkhannock Avenue, Bennett Street, Byrd Street, and Jesse Street are in the area of Carpenter's Creek. Instead of the creek running to the river, the water ran backwards from the river about 200 feet wide and three feet deep for three days. When it looked like the Sunoco tanks were going to topple, the people were told to evacuate as best they could. Some county workers in the area dropped sandbags in the area of the dike and left. The bags were not placed where they might do some good.

Bennett Street looked ravaged. Mud was everywhere. Large piles of personal belongings were already decorating the curbline. On top of one was a doll carriage.

a few short stories from susquehanna ave.

The Pizano boys were working on a truck. They felt Exeter got lucky, maybe somebody did a lot of praying. They were in a good humor despite thefact the farm was gone for this year. They mentioned that the greenhouse may be used for something to do with Christmas. Over the weekend they had helped where they could. Their sister worked as a nurse.

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No. 322 became an impromptu coffee shop and sleeping statin. The wife and children went over to grandma's to sleep. The husband and wife both mentioned that a lot of young people came to help put up the dike.

The dike blocked off some homes on the south side of the avenue right above the river. These people were taken out after being advised to move their furniture to the second floor. The cellars got flooded to different heights.

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One man working to clean up was helping his sister and brother-in-law. They had set up housekeeping in he basement rooms because it was cooler in he summer and also suited them for the winter. The water came up too fast for them to save anything. When the water went down, it left a coating of mud on a heap of jumbled belongings. The carpet was just down two weeks.

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The couple at 353 have a daughter who lived in Swoyersville. The couple left on Friday to stay with a family on Schooley Street and the daughter ahd to be evacuated when aprt of her home's foundation gave way. From Friday until Tuesday afternoon neither knew where the other was or how they fared. Then there was an emotional reunion.

j.f.k. becomes distribution point

At first the Exeter Borough Building was being used to receive clothes and food sent in for the flood victims. With one hour's notice on Monday the gymnasium of Exeter Junior High School opened as a distribution center for food, clothing and drinking water. Mr. Jones remarked that the clothing was clean, repaired and in good condition. Supplies that were at the borough building were brought up. Additional ones were being trucked in from teh Avoca airport.

The operation of this center was being supervised by Mr. Jones and Mr. Ascani of the Wyoming Area School District staff. They were able to contact teachers and other staff members who turned out to help. There also were enough volunteers so that a schedule could be made out. Mr. Ascani said he expected the distribution center would be in operation as long as it will be of value. Hours would be posted at the building.

Besides the supplies from the airport, local dairies donated milk and bottled water. Some drinking water came in barrels. A Mr. Schooley from Dallas kept bringing in bread and water and making himself useful. The wives of the Marines also responded to the call for help. They were contacted by Mrs. Rang.

Mr. Ascani said that the young people were really great. He released the names of volunteers who had registered as of Tuesday afternoon. The list contains people of all ages.

Volunteers registered are Donna Abromavage, Donna Clarke, Gail Abromovage, Mary Anselmi, J. Biago, Carolyn Brown, Susan Bodosky, Anita Berrettini, Hazel Benton, Christine Crosbie, Sharon Casseri, F. Casseri, Kathy Clarke, Deborah Ann Darling, Evelyn DeFavieri, John Dovin, JoAnn Dovin, Mary Ann Dembowski, Joseph DeGraba, Lena Seman, Donna Duzen, Ed Esposito.

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alert came thursday night

The Civil Defense alert came to Exeter Thursday night. Fire Chief William Tocheny said that it would be hard to name people who did outstanding jobs because everyone pitched in to help. Hardly anyone slept before Sunday. Over the weekend there was one fire in the trailer park that the men could not get to. Otherwise, "Exeter got lucky."

The Women of the Ambulance Auxiliary set up a feeding station at the ambulance garage. Children hung around asking to help. Several trailers of food and clothing came in at four o'clock Sunday morning from Manville, New Jersey. The drivers gave their names as Sgt. T. Gluck, George Homyah and Wayne Steigerwalt of the Manville Police Department and the Manville Rescue Squad.

By Tuesday most everybody was starting to clean up. The borough trucks were out and borough officials were getting around town to be sure the work was done. Council President Jerry Clapps was referred to several times as being right on the job around town. Councilmen Michael Babusko and John Aliciene were also mentioned as being there when the dikes had to go up and still getting around town when the cleanup started.

camaraderie on leigh lehigh street

On the end of Lehigh Street there is a group of people who hardly knew one another before the day of the flood because the neighborhood is new and still growing. By Tuesday there was a solid feeling of togetherness. By helping one another, their problems would get solved.

Lehigh Street is the outside edge of Exeter Park behind the railroad tracks. These people mentioned some dispute about where the dike should be built to hold the water. The question at the time was whose home should be sacrificed to save whom? Was not every home important?

Even with the dike most homes got water in the basement and some on the first floor. Several partially built homes also got water to a high level.

The residents here mentioned that there was a stagnant pool of water lying in the corner of the property for years. Between Lehigh Street and the tracks. They have complained about it and were promised action but none was taken. If this area had been drained, it could have held a lot of water that flooded the area last weekend.

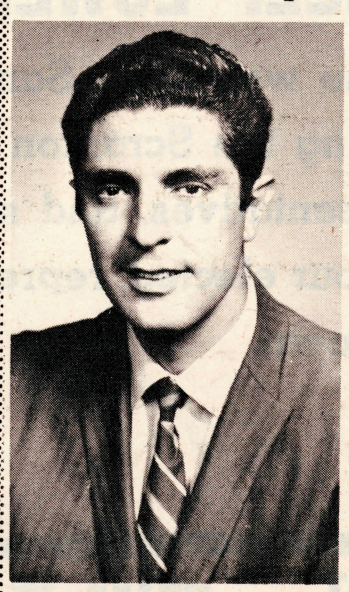
The younger children had been taken out of the area to stay with relatives and friends until the grownups had the cleanup done. Pumps were borrowed to clear out the cellars. A garage was converted into a community kitchen. They were showing a sense of humor. There was one bit about how to cook the carp swimming in the flood water. Another quip about the rec (wreck) room.

The Army was on hand to watch the cleanup operations. Some of the dirt from the dike was being put on the land where the new firehouse will be built.

Thanks were given to Jerry Clapps, to the men from Pennsylvania Peat Moss of Hazleton who came in with pumps, to Danny Kubrick who ran a payloader for 36 hours, to Klocko's for use of their facilities, and to an unnamed person or persons from the Dallas area.

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To The People Of Wyoming Valley



Dr. E. Roncketti
Chiropractor

Living next to the river, I had an opportunity to see human nature at its best. I saw men and women piling sand bags with tireless effort trying to stop the monstrous river from overriding its dikes. Yes, some of the men had long hair and their hearts were bigger. They left reluctantly after the siren sounded. Some wept while leaving.

Everywhere you could see people helping people because they are people. During this emergency, people's spirits shine brightest and everyone is affected by it.

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dikes at schooley street and exeter park chase the same water

A ten foot high dike was built on Schooley Street from the railroad track down to No. 217 to hold the water toward Wyoming. What it did was to send it down to Exeter Park. Down there piles of dirt went in a curving line around the outside of the development, which is adjacent to Happy Valley Golf Course.

Seven homes on Schooley Street in the vicinity of the dike did get water in their basements. On Tuesday they were busy pumping and cleaning.

Work on the Schooley Street dike was done by Frank Pizano, Mr. Giordano, John Medvec and Joseph Onda.



Sandbags that did not hold. Railroad tracks off of Schooley Street.



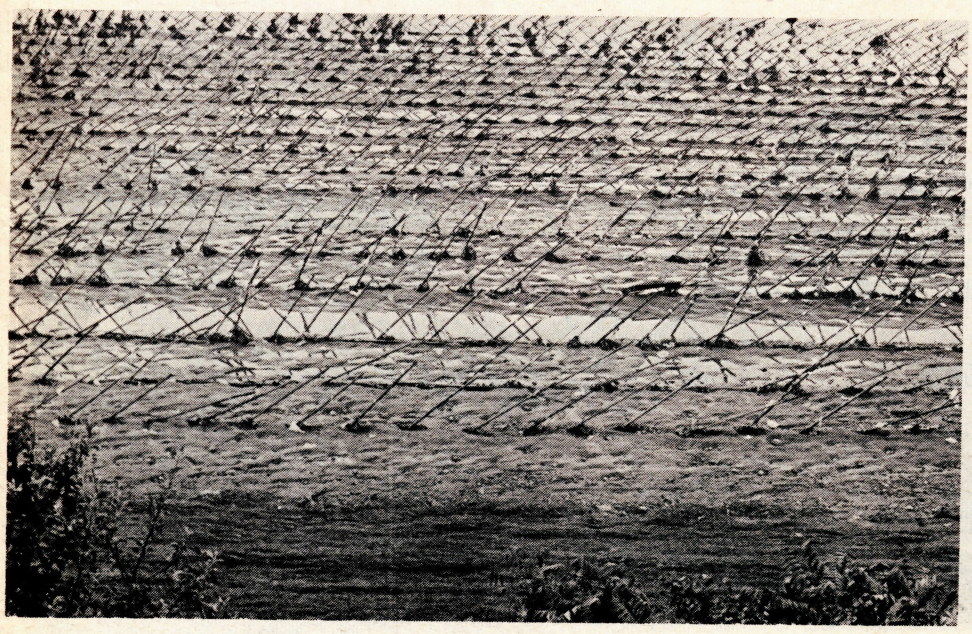
John Medvic directing operations at Schooley Avenue, Dikes.



Trucks hauling dirt to dikes at Schooley Street, Exeter.



Dirt hauling on Schooley Street, Exeter.



Lukash Farm, Exeter, below Susquehanna Avenue.





Deciding on more dirt Susquehanna Avenue, Exeter.

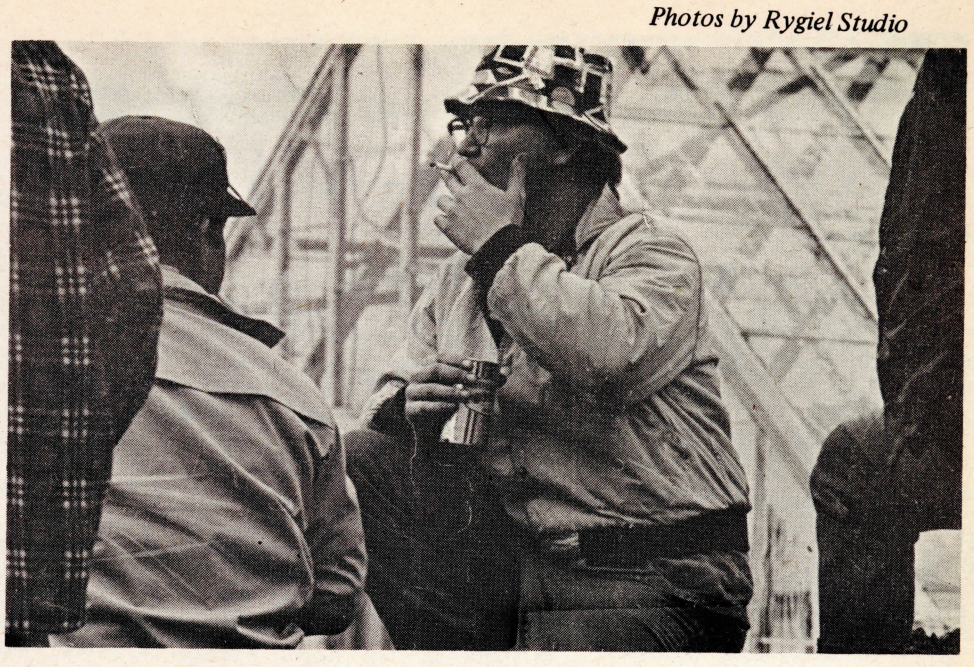


Water from Pucci's Pond washes over Schooley Street, Exeter, from right. Water coming from the left flowing out of Center Park, meets on the Street.

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Dike on Schooley Street, Exeter, stopped backwash of water from Pucci's pond. Flooding homes on right, behind schooley Street School.



Man on Susquehanna Avenue, taking a breather.



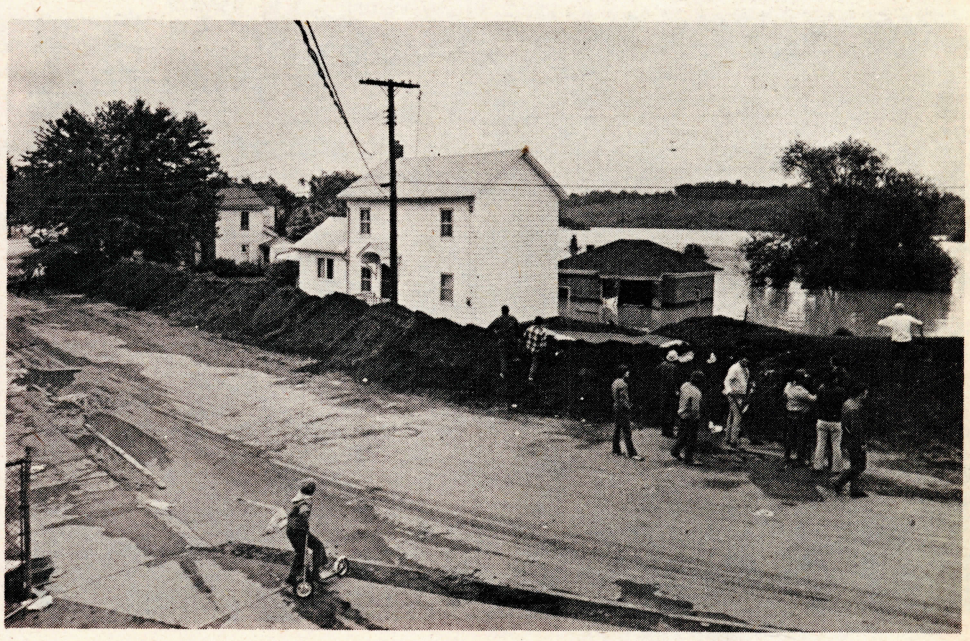
Watching water come towards Schooley Street, Exeter.



The men who manned the dike that saved Exeter called themselves the River Rats.



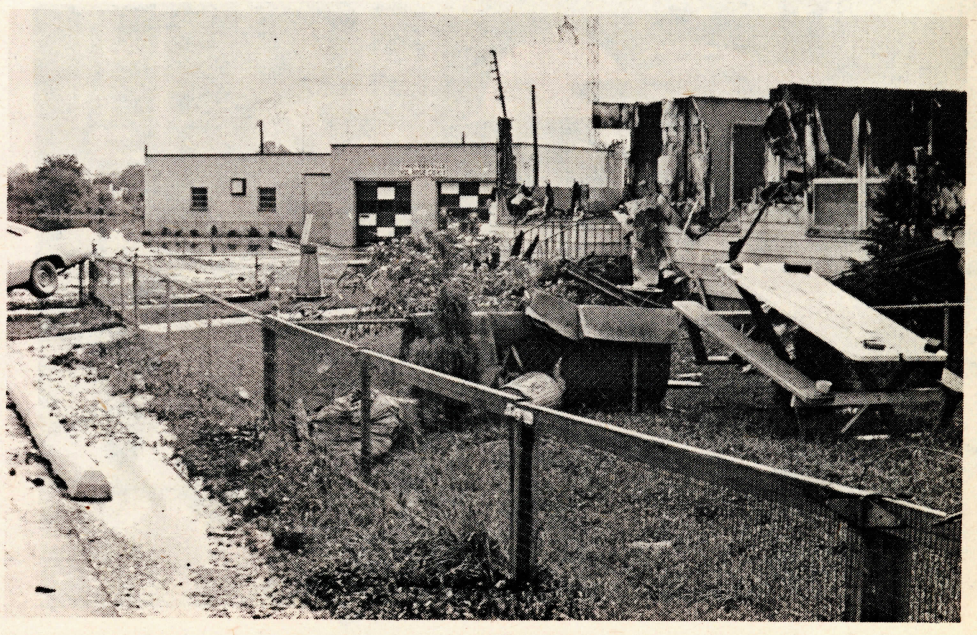
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neverdousky Family, 318 Susquehanna Ave., Exeter, across from the Exeter Dike.



The dike that saved Exeter on Susquehanna Avenue.



Clothing distributed at Swoyersville School, Shoemaker St. and Back Road.



Burned home next to Holy Name Church Shoemaker Ave., Swoyersville. Hose co. No 1 in rear. "So near and yet so far."

Photo by Sam Salinsky



Swoyersville from the air at the height of the flooding. Note the fire in the center.

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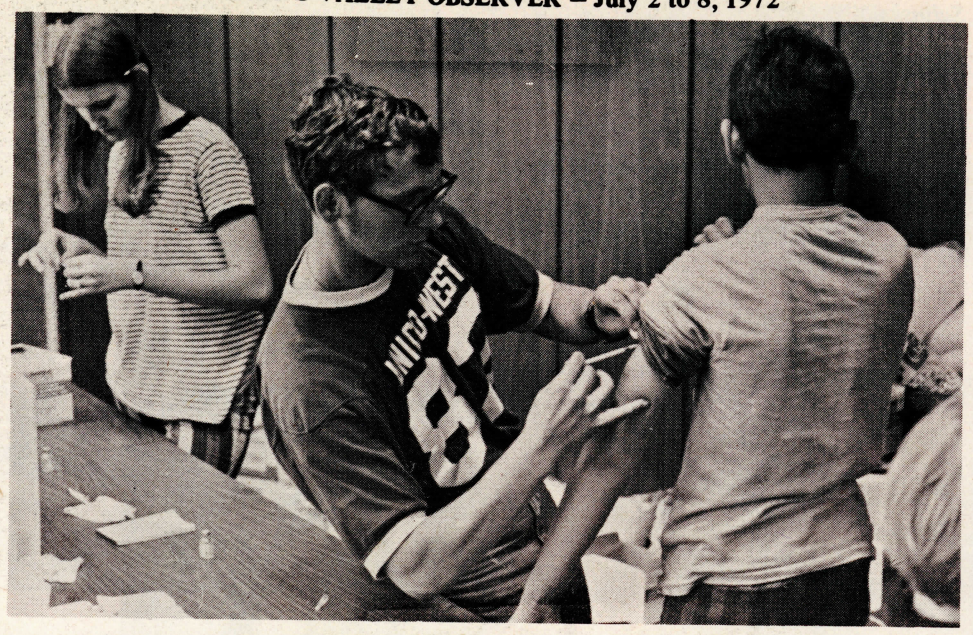
Area behind RR tracks in Swoyersville



Acting Chief of Police Ed Zukosky helps in Swoyersville cleanup.

Send us your personal anecdote for next week's Observer

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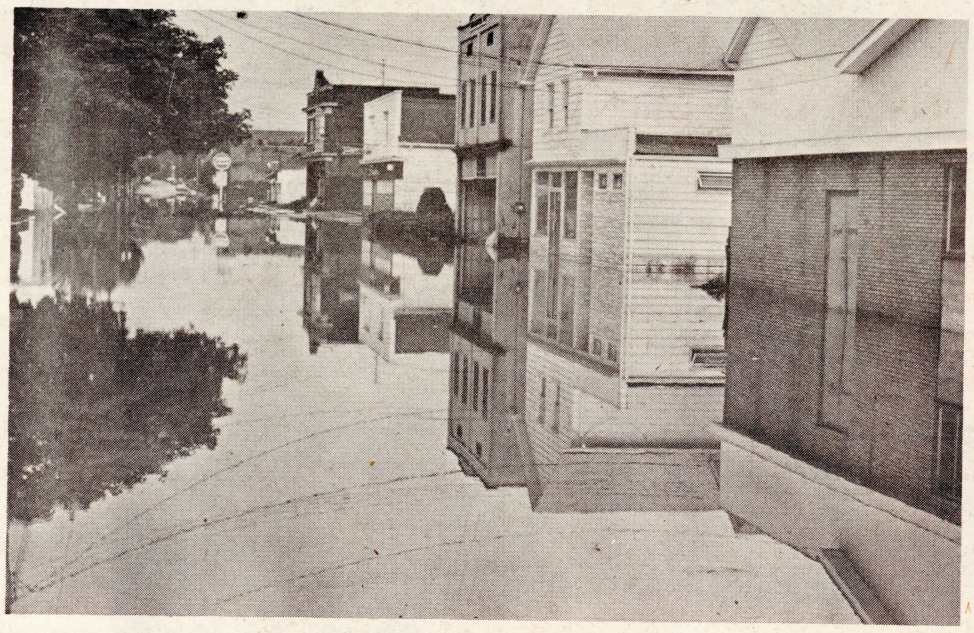


Shots at Swoyersville School, Shoemaker Ave., Swoeyersville.



Blown up home, Poland St., Swoyersville.

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Hughes St., Swoyersville. Bieley Studio in the white building at center.



Food Distribution, Back Rd. near Owen St., Swoyersville.

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Home of Leonard Pesta, Lindberg and Barber St., Swoyersville.

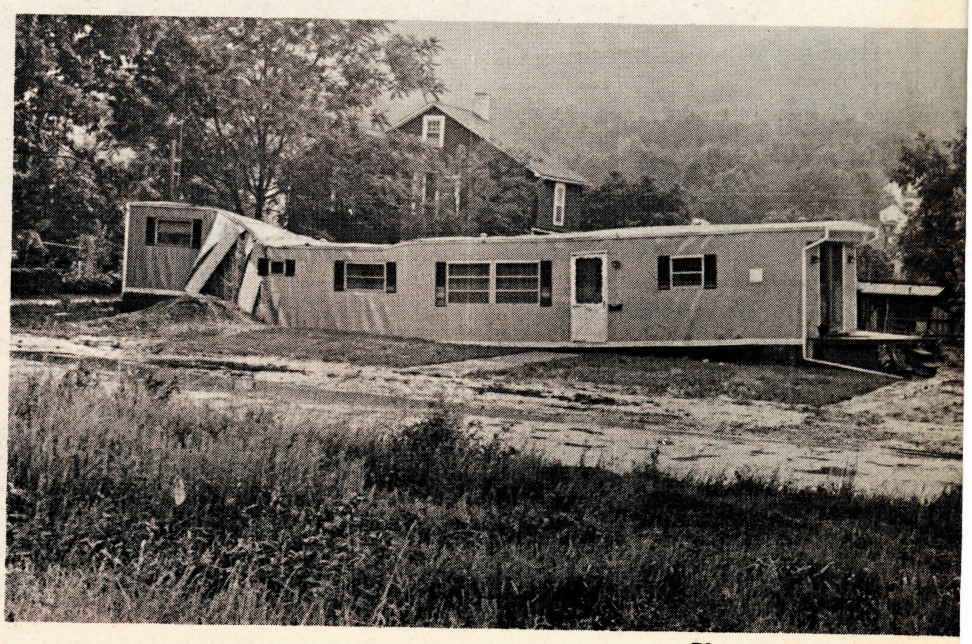


Gaydosh's green house in Swoyersville.

Photo by Bill Harding



James Hawk, Swoyersville Photog. rows state trooper up Shoemaker St., Swoyersville.



Mobile home near Swoyersville.

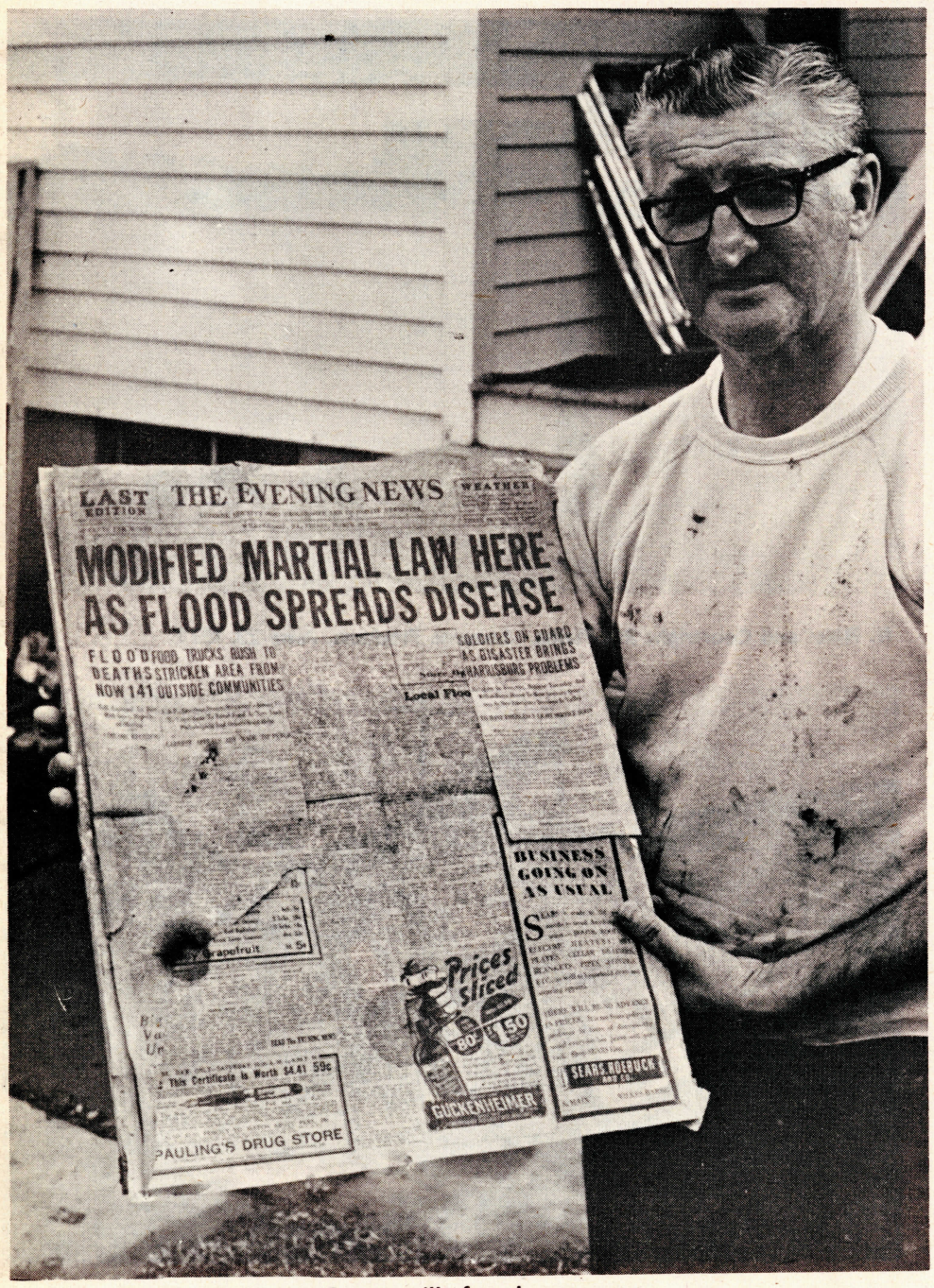
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Chimock Cafe, Shoemaker St. and Church St., Swoyersville. Well known meeting placr.



Shoemaker St., Swoyersville, St. Mary's Church on left.



John Olejnik, Shoemaker St., Swoyersville found newspaper headlining flood while lifting linoleum in cellar while cleaning form June 25th flood. Headline was from Times Leader, March 20, 1936!

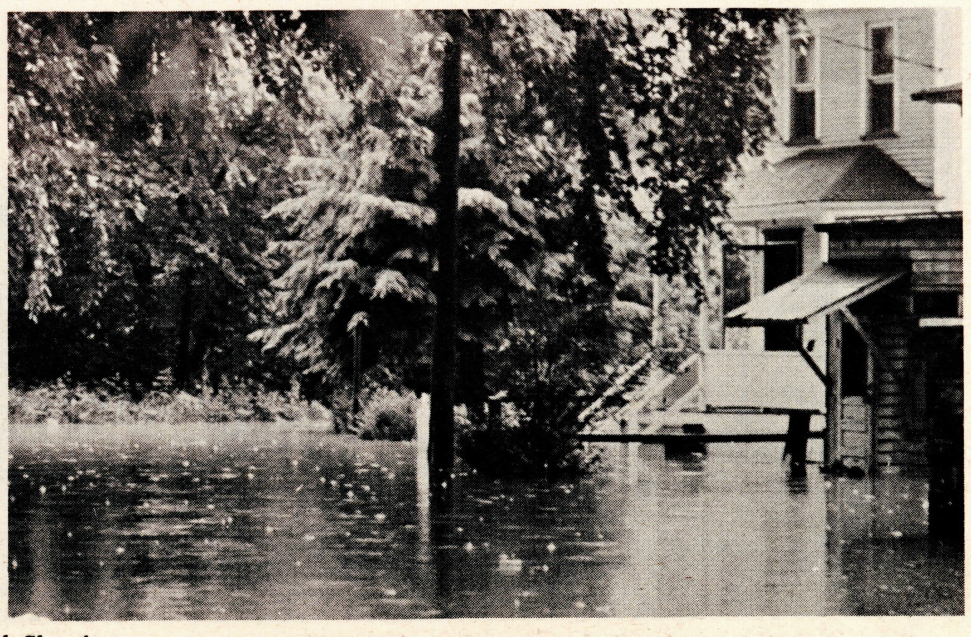


Washout tracks between Hughes Street and Shoemaker Street, Swoyersville

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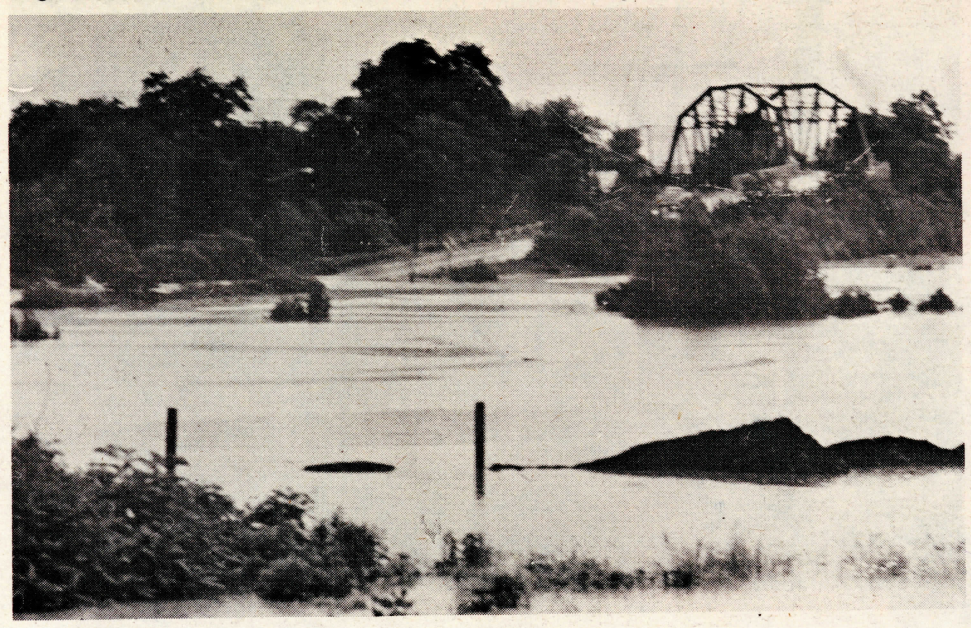


Cave in under D and H tracks in Hudson on June 25, 1972.



McCullough Street, June 23, where cave in under water left a large hole to left of center of photo.

Photos by Joseph Sharaba



No. 14 Viaduct, Plains, June 23, 1972.



River Street, Plains, June 23, 1972.



Rescue effort, McCullough St. Plains, June 23, 1972.



N. River and Courtright St., Plains. Luzerne Products, June 23, 1972.



Intersection of N. River and Courtright St., Plains near Luzerne Products. Note ; this area has been long a point of argument with the township about drainage.



D&H yards, Hudson, June 25, 1972. Cave in under the track, a truck went in.

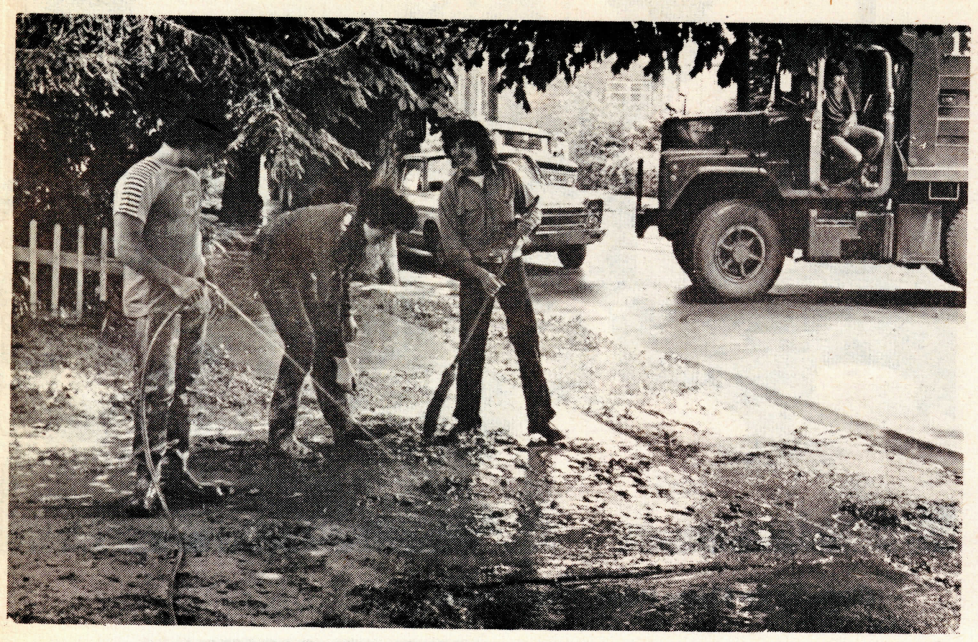


Carwash on N. River St., Plains, June 23, 1972.

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Rescue effort, McCullough St., Plains, June 23, 1972.



Have to start somewhere — Race Street, West Pittston



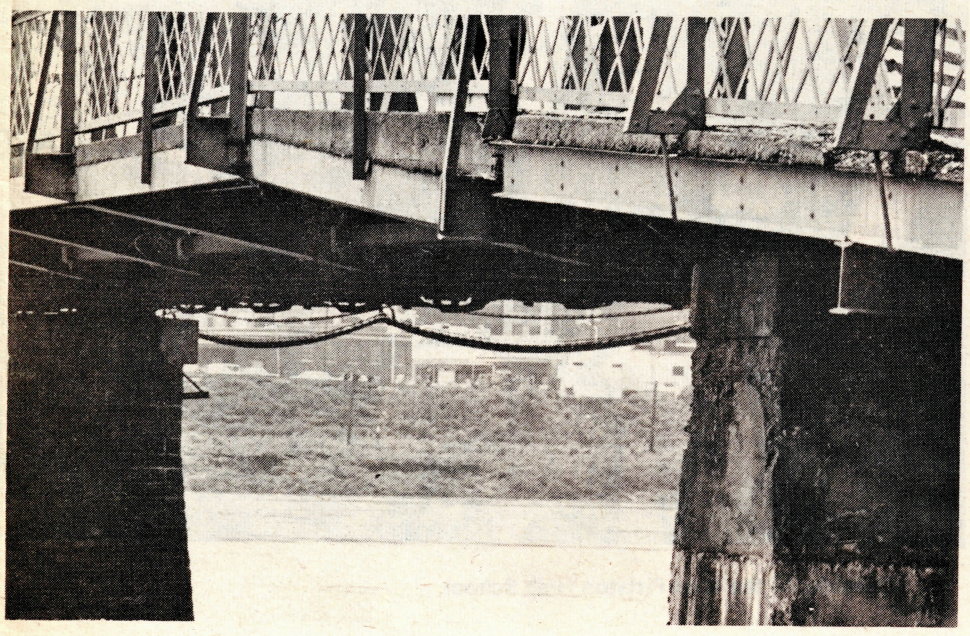
Hauling furniture away on Race Street, West Pittston.



Helicopter hovers over Luzerne Ave., West Pittston.



Hauling iron fence away on Race Street, West Pittston.



Water Street Bridge weakened, W. Pittston



Main Pants, Exeter Ave. W. Pittston



Who would think there would be refugees in Wyoming Valley. But for a while these young girls from Race Street were refugees.



Dr. Bruna Family begins clean up on Susquehanna Ave., West Pittston.

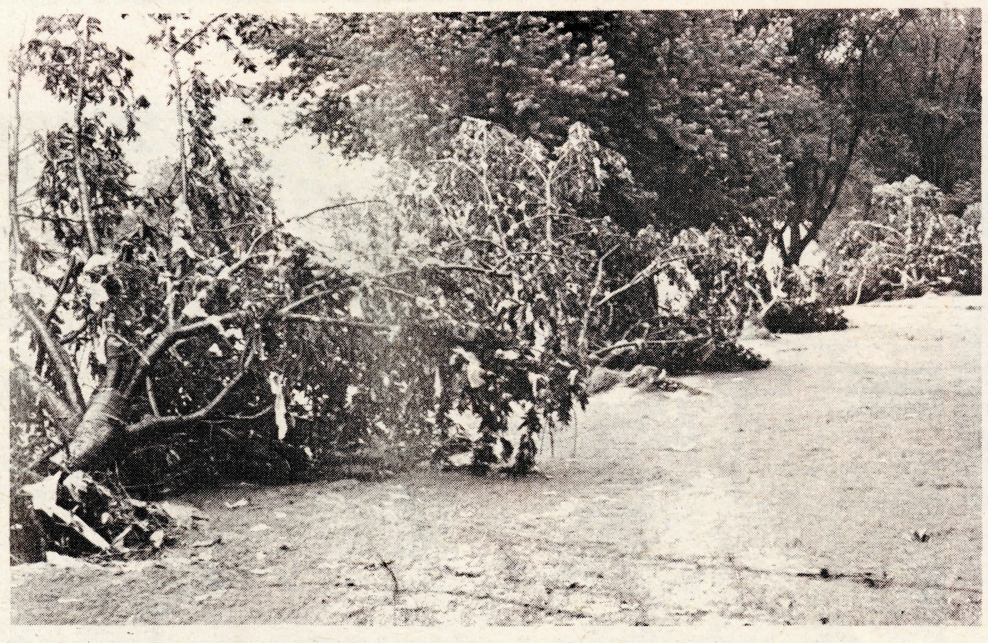
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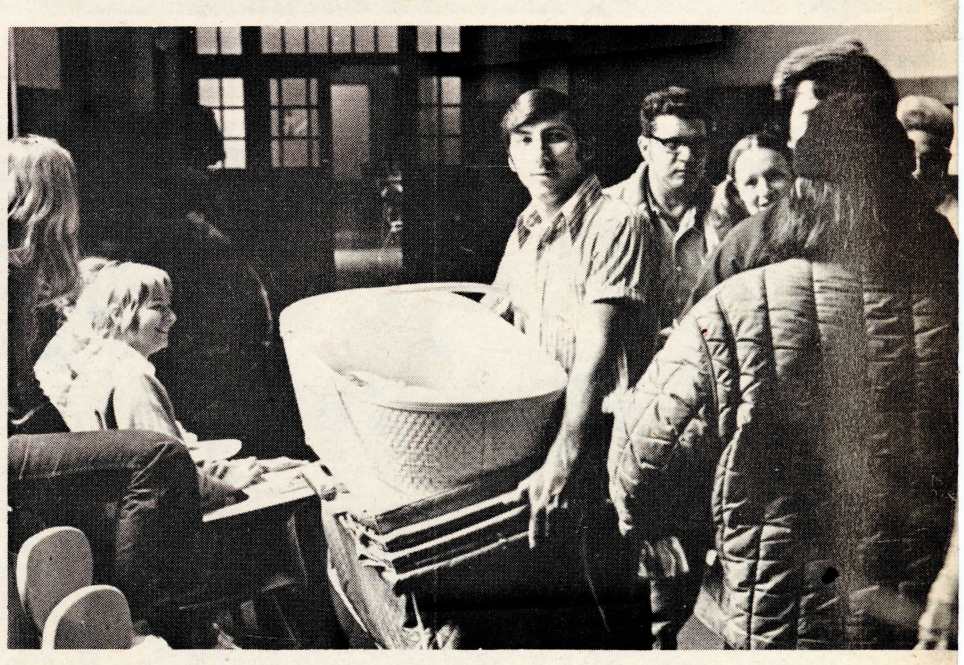
River Common in West Pittston is usually the scene of couples walking hand in hand,



Cooks at the Moose Home, West Pittston.



Some of the cherry trees that were uprooted from the River Common in West Pittston.



Equipment was brought in for the Serpe baby in West Pittston.



Lineup for Typhoid shots West Pittston High School



The lobby of the West Pittston High School.



Entrance to the Fort Jenkins Bridge, West Pittston, was a busy place when the water receded.



Grocery Store, Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston – Millers Grocery.

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"Hey, there's my car" and it was! shouted this young man, on Old River Road Wilkes-Barre.



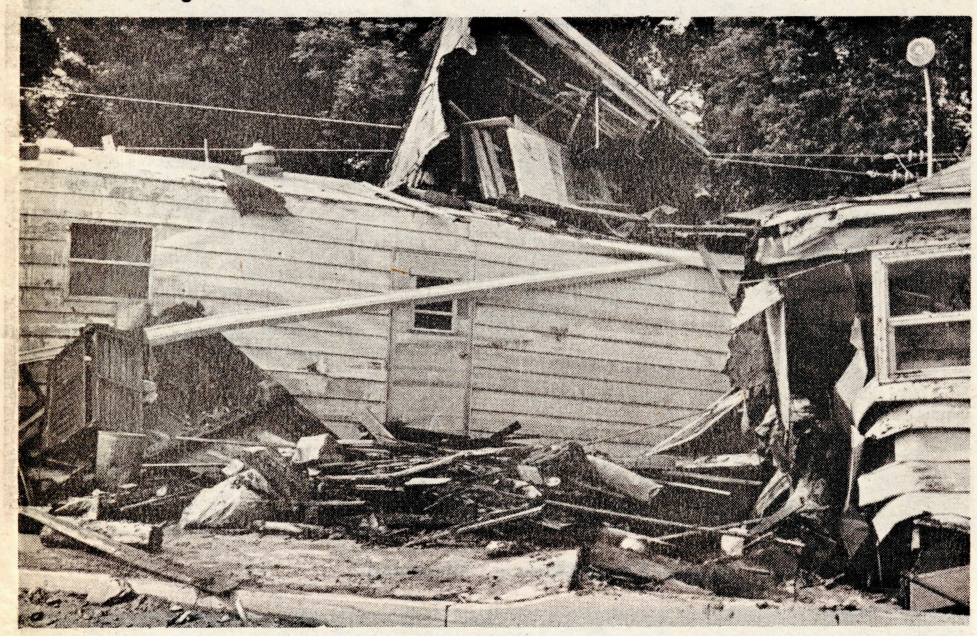
Water rips Atlas Mobile Home on Old River Road.



South Main Street Wilkes-Barre, as tired businessmen begin to "dig out."



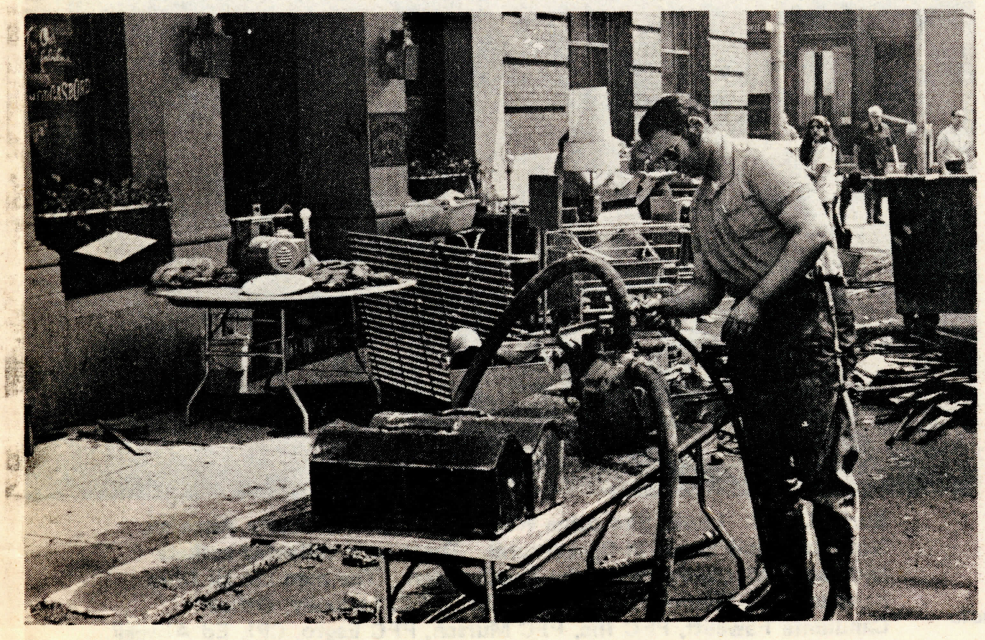
Stanley Urbanski Atlas Mobile Home wedged behind plant.



Atlas Mobile Homes, Old River Road, crushed together.



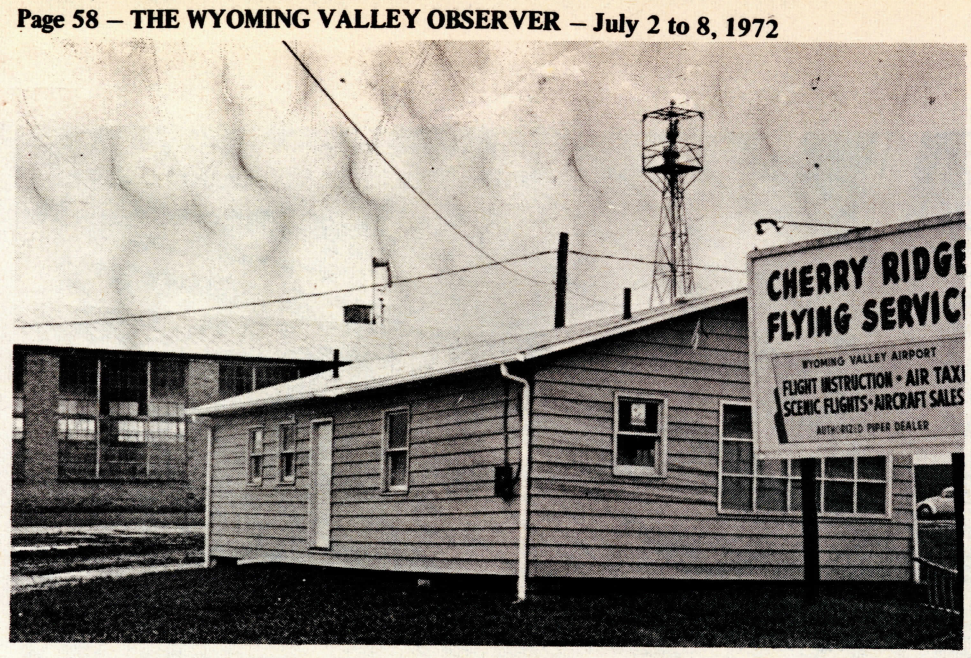
South Main Street Wilkes-Barre.



Gus Genetti washes pump as other employees wash office equipment.



One of many front end loader that "visited" stores and business places in Wilkes-Barre.



Brocca Cottage by Forty Fort Airport carried about 1000 feet.



Pomeroys, Midway, Wyoming.



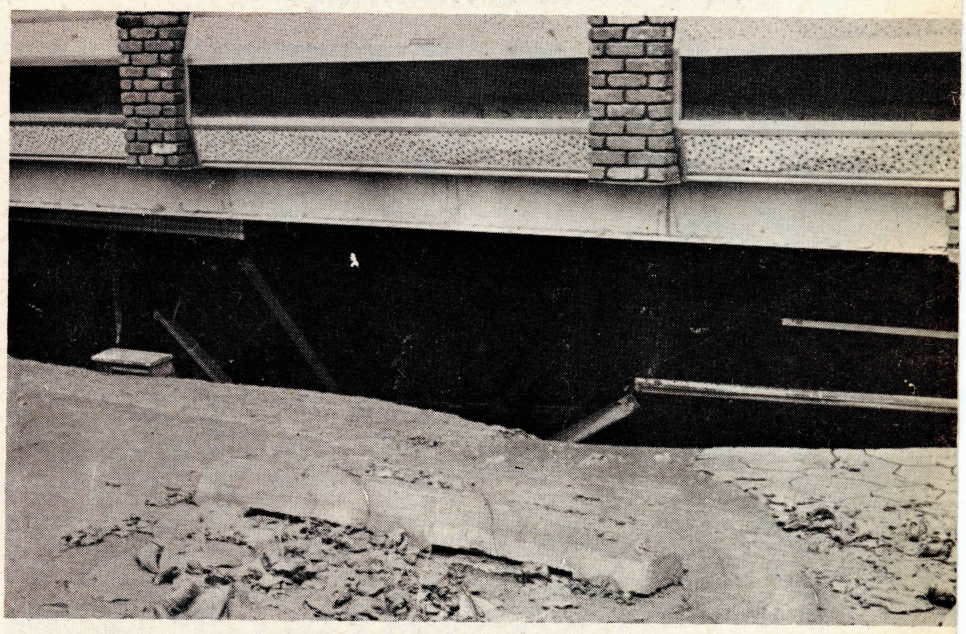
Sleeping quarters at 10th Street school gym, Wyoming.



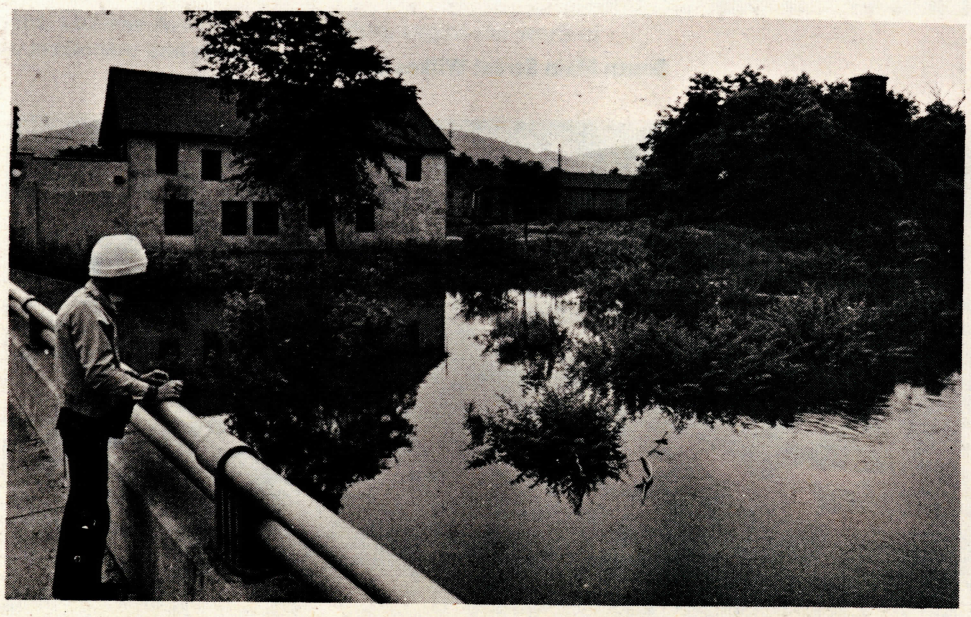
Rea & Derrick, Midway, Wyoming.



Home Ec. Room at 10th Street School Wyoming.



Golden EAgle Midway , Wyoming.



Bridge at RR Tracks 8th St. Wyoming Near Wyoming Paint Store.
John Rygiel II Watching water leverl.

Photos by Rygiel Studio



Burial Detail. Looks like scene from history bookof Early America. Note Swetland Home in Background. These men collected caskets and vaults that were carried by flood waters. The men are all from Scranton and Plymouth. Left to right; PFC. Laconey, Officer Candidate Fawcett, PFC Ilic, PFC Mursch, PFC Esgro, CPL Ed Atwell.



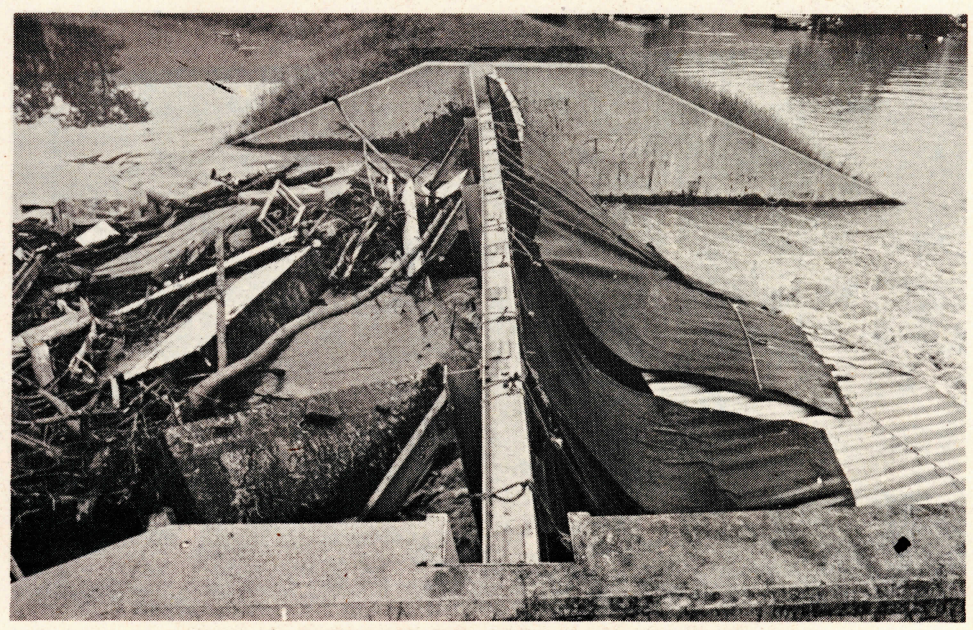
Colonial Village, Wyoming.



Wyoming police and Civil Defense blocking Wyoming Ave., Wyoming before Midway.



R.R. Tracks begind Wyoming Barracks, Wyoming.



Gates in dike, rear of Colonial Village, Wyoming. Water from here circled back towards 8th St. Note coffin and burial vaults.



Debris collecting behind Colonial Village Wyoming. Note skeleton at center.



Major McGroarty, Pa. State Police talks with Coast Guard, Dikes at Midway Wyoming.



Colonial Village, Wyoming.

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Midway at Wyoming just after water receded.



Swetland Home, Wyoming.



Robert Guilford , Wyoming fire dept. uses can to mark water at Midway. Water advanced from can to water line in 15 minutes.



John Shoemaker Card and Gift Shop, Midway, Wyoming.



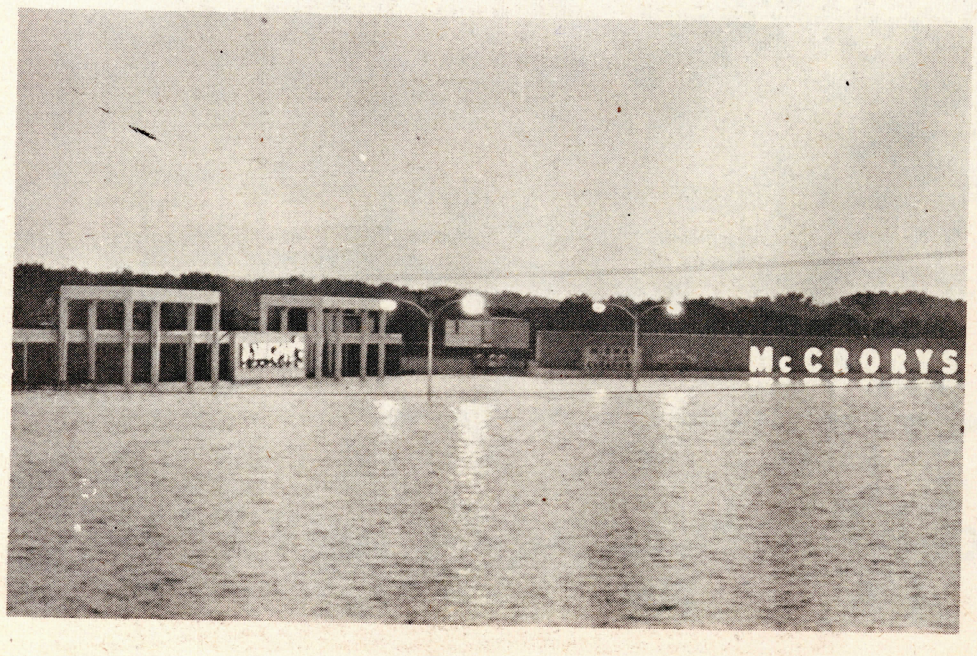
Dikes at Midway, Wyoming. Note water level on both sides of dikes.



Vaults from Forty-Fort cemetery unloading at Wyoming Cemetery.



Elderly woman expressing overwhelming joy at seeing a doctor. Dr. Robert Stroh at 10th Street School Wyoming.



Lights still glow at Midway.



Sleeping quarters , 10th Street School Wyoming.

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Photo by Sam Salinsky



Aerial view of Bull Run, Plymouth, Pa.

Photos by Frank Kashuda



Volunteers patrol the angry waters on Main Street, Plymouth, looking for stranded residents.



Rescue workers search for stranded residents near Landau's, Main street, Plymouth.

Photo by George Tensa



Besides the countless grownups who volunteered their services in Plymouth, the borough's youth turned out in full force to do their share. Here youngsters unpack much needed baby foods to distribute to flood victims of the borough.



Wyoming National Bank is heavily damaged. Personal savings, etc. sit high and dry inside water tight vault.

Photos by Frank Kashuda



/Two Plymouth "Dry ground at last" Policemen carry Joe Piczczek from the eescue boat to dry ground on Main Street above Bull Run intersection. Two Observer reporters figured in the rescue operation. Plymouth correspondent George Tensa can be seen standing in the craft, while Kingston reported Frank Kashuda smaps the photo.



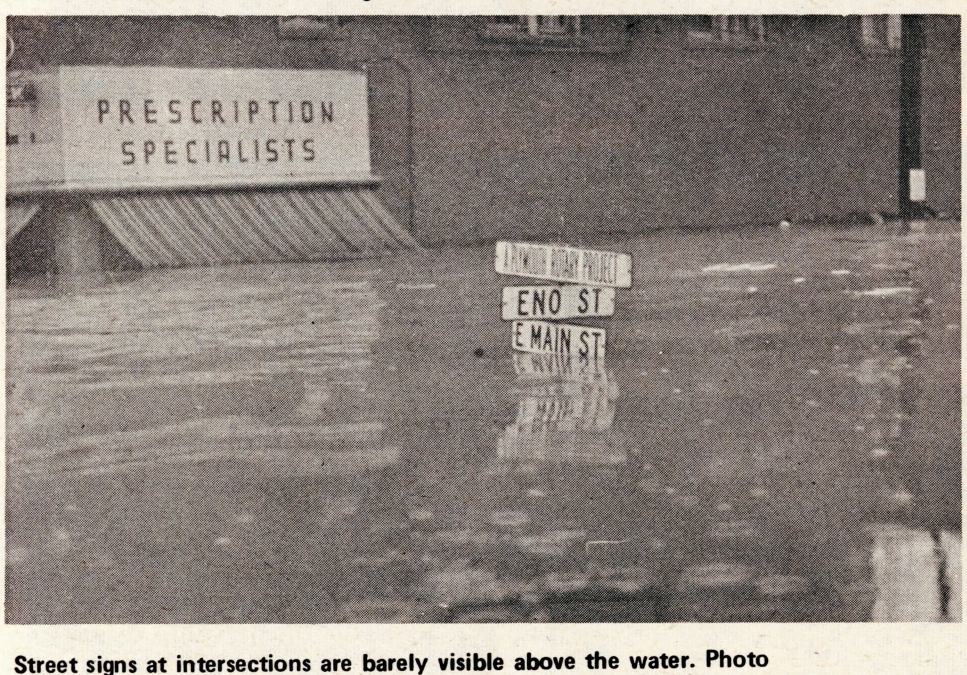
A treasure house of knowledge, adventure, romance, and myths, all completely inundated by the flood.



Golden Quality Ice Cream, home of Goodie Golden, is totally devasted. Refrigerated trucks, used in the business, were left when the evacuation notice was given.



Plymouth Mayor Edward Burns and Civil Defense leaders hold an emergency meeting in Council Chambers to speed up rescue efforts.



Street signs at intersections are barely visible above the water. Photo was taken before waters rose an additional foot.



Looking down the lower end of S. Main St. Paramount Studio on left, completely flooded on 1st floor



Working side by side, National Guardsmen and a young female volunteer dish out a "piping hot" meal to evacuees.



Rescue team boating down lower end of S. Main, Ply., directly along side Acme Markets.



Stites Street, West Wyoming, residence.

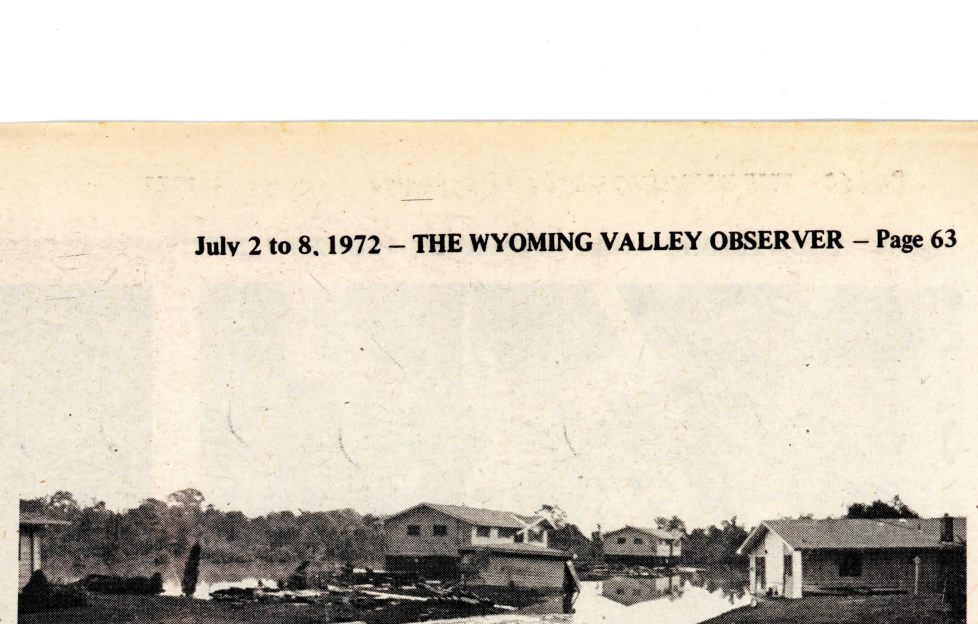
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Stites Street, West Wyoming, home on extreme right was moved by flood from the space on the left.

Stites Street, West Wyoming, home was washed off its foundation. The remaining cellar is in the foreground filled with water.

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End of Stites Street, West Wyoming.



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Dr. Salek in West Wyoming wonders where to start.

PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

The Wyoming Valley Observer will continue its photographic record of the flood of 1972. All persons wishing to contribute photographs are asked to send them or deliver them to The Wyoming Valley Observer, 133 East Sixth Street, Wyoming, Pa. 18644, or call 693-1420. We cannot be responsible for any photos submitted but will make an effort to return any that are clearly labeled on the back of the photo. Black and white photos reproduce best and are preferred. Slides cannot be used.



The night before the flood. Toby's Creek in Luzerne takes on the fury of a woman scorned. Downstream, less than a half-mile away, Connolly's gas station was torn apart by the ferocity of the waters.

Photos by Frank Kashuda



A telephone pole batters against the Main St. bridge in Luzerne on Thurs. night before the flood, as heavy rains caused Toby's Creek to swell.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lacina return from honeymoon to be greeted by the "Flood of '72". Couple is washing mud from wedding gifts in front of 178 Hughes Street Swoyersville where the couple will reside. Joan looks as beautiful in muddy jeans as she did in a bridal gor n a week before.

-photo by Rygiel Studio



Mrs. Joan Serpe, 818 Wisnor Street, West Pittston, with newborn baby son. *–photo by Rygiel Studio*

It was a week to remember



Pavement ripped up on Wyoming Ave. near Penn State Seed in Forty-Fort. *–photo by Frank Kashuda*



During



Susquehanna Avenue in West Pittston during and after the great flood of 1972

–photo by Rygiel Studio

After



Sandbagging at Schooley as water was coming through. *–photo by Rygiel Studio*