21 Area Lives Lost; Property Damage Runs Into Millions

BY ELINOR TAYLOR

Scars have been left on hearts, minds and on the landscape. The vicious, destructive Fourth of July rainstorm and resultant flooding, took 21 lives in this immediate Daily Record area and caused millions of dollars in property damages.

It destroyed homes, ruined crops, made highways impassable, closed industry and businesses. It turned Wayne and Holmes counties into disaster areas by presidential order. Utility services were impotent, water supply through municipally-operated facilities ceased and drilled wells highly contaminated.

Hits Friday, 1 p.m.

The storm hit at 9 p.m. Friday, a holiday evening, and within 17 hours nearly 12 inches of rain fell. What normally are quiet creeks and streams became raging and overflowing conduits which out ran banks.

Buildings, humans, animals, lush fields of crops and even the engineering masterpieces of highway construction fell victim to the mad, swirling water.

The greatest loss is in the human life. The torrential flooding was no respector of age. A six week-old infant is presumed drowned; an 86-year-old man died. Two Wooster policemen gave their lives as they tried to save stranded victims.

Crop Fields Damaged

Agricultural losses in Wayne County are set at $16 million; in Holmes County at $3.5 million. Wooster city alone estimates its public property loss at $2.5 million, with more than half that amount designated as damage to the Northeast Expressway which was scheduled to be opened for use next month.

Hundreds of road beds and bridges were washed out; thousands of private homes and businesses suffered immeasurable loss or damages. The small village of Killbuck in Holmes County became isolated, with an estimated 95 per cent of its population evacuated when houses were flooded.

Wooster, the area's largest city, had no public water supply from 5 a.m. Saturday, July 5, until full service resumed five days later on July 10.

Volunteer agencies, including the American Red Cross and local REACT groups, gave credence to the old truism "when the going gets tough, the tough get going."

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VIEW SOUTH of town in the Timber-Prairie Lane area taken Thursday, almost a week after the storm began the night of July 4.

VIEW WEST of town showing fairgrounds and other inundated areas Thursday, nearly a week after the flood hit the night of July 4.
12 Feared Dead In Flood

The most severe rainstorm on record in this Daily Record area today has virtually paralyzed this Daily Record area and left as many as 12 persons feared drowned.

Only one victim is the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jemses Hinkle of South Washington Street, Millersburg, who drowned in a lake in Holmes County.

Missing as the newspaper went to press in mid-afternoon were Wooster city police Ptl. Robert Goodrich and Sgt. Paul Kinsely, both of Wooster Police Dept.

Also said to be missing were four who were in a boat which capsized in the Bauer Road area just east of the city limits off Pittsburgh Avenue.

The Daily Record received a noon report that a young girl had been on a building rooftop just beyond the Pittsburgh Ave. city limits when she was swept away by the rushing waters Saturday. Wooster recreation department employees were at the scene attempting to reach the child when she was carried away in the rampaging Little Apple Creek stream.

A Wooster man, Walter Campbell, 216 East Pine Street, told the Daily Record at 3:10 this afternoon that he believed he was the only survivor of nine persons who were in a boat which capsized on the Bauer Road flooding about 2 a.m., this morning.

Campbell, two others who worked at the Dowell Chemical Co., on the north side of U. S. Rt. 30 just west of Wooster, Basil Bright and John Baumgartner, were in the plant. With a mother and three small children, aged about three, seven and one an infant, along with two dogs and the family cat, they were being taken to preserved safety.

There also were two persons in the boat brought out to take the stragglers to land. Campbell said, "the boat hit a log and threw all of us out. I tried to swim to a telephone pole and couldn't make it. I was swept downstream and as I neared a tree I grabbed it and hung on until about 7 a.m., when it began to get daylight."

He said that rescuers along the road knew he was there, that he kept flashing a flashlight he had in his hands and that the police frequently called to him on the loud speaker and that he should hang on. Campbell climbed up in the tree until rescuers came. He has little hope for those in the boat with him. "I could hear them screaming but not for long."

Wooster, Orrville, and surrounding communities faced water emergencies. Wooster's water and sewage treatment plants were closed Saturday morning, and Orrville's power plant was flooded and shut down.

Millersburg, hard hit by flooding water, was in a state of emergency proclaimed by the mayor.

Rittman, without power, phones or access to other communities, had about half the town at window level.

-isolated Saturday morning. Shortly after noon Saturday Mayor Paul Tifford declared Wooster disaster area and asked everyone not connected with the rescue operation to stay home.

Water in Wooster city lines Saturday morning came from the limited supply remaining in storage tanks. The City Service Dept. planned water deliveries by helicopter.

BILLY SWARTZ PHOTO

Walnut Street School, and Rubberman Water was to be used only for drinking, and limit on the trucked-in water was to be five gallons per family. It was suggested that residents catch rain water from downspouts for use in flushing toilets. One bucket of water poured directly into the bowl will flush a toilet. The heavy rain began shortly before numerous community fireworks displays were scheduled to be shown about 8:30 p.m. Friday and hundreds were drenched as they hurriedly left. The rain, coupled with frequent lightning, continued throughout the night.

Helicopters Are Called

The two Wooster city policemen were in a boat in which they were attempting nighttime rescue when it overturned. Police Chief Carl Yund ordered an exhaustive search, calling in helicopters from Ohio State Highway patrol and the Ohio National Guard to rescue stranded residents east and south of the city.

With the two missing officers were Goodrich's son Dave and James Bailey, both roommates. Bailey said the current of Little Apple Creek tore the life jacket from one of the men. Gas heater explosion in the basement of a house at 243 E. Henry St. injured two women near noon Saturday.

The two are: Mrs. Bessie Withrow and Mrs. Susie Brooks. Mrs. Withrow received injuries to her face, while Mrs. Brooks had leg injuries. Both were taken to Community Hospital.

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Orrville

Floodings conditions at Orrville Municipal Utilities shut off city supply of electricity shortly after 4:30 a.m. Saturday.

Water more than 2 feet deep accumulated in the basement of the power plant and forced equipment out of service.

Arrangements are underway to feed emergency auxiliary power so that the city can resume some degree of normalcy following a night of record breaking rains.

Pumping equipment from Orrville Fire Department, Akron and neighboring municipalities as well as from private contractors is now in use along Spring St.

Akron Water and Sewage Department personnel are also
Entire Wayne-Holmes Area Is Suffering From Floods

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on the scene of the flooding. They are assisting Municipal Utilities workers and officials in the battle against high water. Officials who were on the scene early Saturday morning, reported flooding in the area of the power plant is more severe than ever recorded in the city.

The city's water supply is being heavily taxed and residents have been urged not to waste water in order to avoid exhausting the supply before electrical power returns to normal and pumping from city wells can be resumed. Officials of city's fire department report the severe flooding occurred when water outside the plant rose and began flowing through building's doors.

Several acres of land in the vicinity of the power plant were covered by fast flowing water which continued to rise until 9 a.m.

Municipal Utilities workers report that they will be able to make an estimate on resumption on full operations only after all water has been pumped from the plant and equipment can be dried out.

In the meantime, emergency auxiliary power is to be secured to resume near-normal operations of the city.

"It's an equipment problem more than manpower," Orrville Power Plant officials stated this morning. "The main concern is that we get it back in operation and still provide the community with adequate fire protection."

The rescue squad has evacuated two people from their Co. Rd. 23 homes. Orrville Products furnished a helicopter to evacuate people in distress.

West High St. and Ohio 57 are closed in Orrville.

Walls of three basements in Orrville have collapsed and several others were reported to be severely flooded.

High water and flooding took its toll in Smithville early Saturday morning when a cement bridge on South Milton Street, south from the square was completely washed away. The bridge went under at about 6:30 a.m.

Flood waters took with it a water line which supplied part of the south end of the village and the attached foothills.

Village workers were trying to cap the two lines early this morning to prevent the return of the floodwater to residents in the stricken area.

Pumps at the village wells were shut down at 2 a.m. The sewer plant and park area were completely covered with water and debris. Firemen were out most of the night pumping basements and lending a hand where they could.

Four persons and a dog were rescued from atop autos in the bottom land east of the cement bridge on East Center Street and County Road 44.

At least three cars were completely covered by water in the area. Some of the people were waiting and a wading dog voice was heard shortly after 4 a.m.

Smithville firemen assisted WOOSTER FIREMEN use boats to reach blaze Saturday morning at Bogner and Sons Inc. building on West Mulberry Street.

WSWT personnel to transport a portable gas powered generator to the station so that it could go back on the air.

An expectant Smithville mother arrived safely at one of the Orrville hospitals after experiencing a few moments of anxiety.

Boats were being used by firemen to rescue stranded citizens including some near the Smithville-Green Township dump area.

Telephone and power lines were down over the area and those persons on Orrville Municipal Power were on without power due to flooding at the Orrville Power Plant.

WOOSTER NOTES

The lowest drop on Wayne Avenue which runs through the Arthur Miller Park was littered with rocks. The unpaved portion of the southern side of the road collapsed, but the road remained passable.

The lake was swollen with water and the overflow may have ruined the country club golf course, which was below in the valley.

The Daily Record, as did many other business places, operated Saturday with a skeleton staff. Many live outside Wooster and because of washed out highways were unable to reach their places of employment.

Most of the reporters were sent to communication centers, such as the police and sheriff's offices while others were out with cam-

eras and at the scene of the mostly flooded areas.

Radio station WSWT was off the air until mid-morning because of power failure and resumed broadcasts later using an auxiliary generator provided by the fire department.

Electrical power was out in many parts of the city and telephone service was disrupted severely by midmorning Saturday.

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"There is no contaminated water, there is no water," said the County Health Department, this morning about Wooster. The water plant is completely flooded out, so the pumps cannot work. They would give no definite idea when water would be restored to the city.

No samples can be taken until Monday, because of the holiday and today being Saturday. Then it will take two to five days to get the results back, reports the health department.

"If you have any water, boil before using," said a department official.

Things were going smoothly at the Wooster Community Hospital, despite the lack of water. They had a small reserve of distilled water. The Civil Defense was being contacted to see if additional supply is available.

The night staff stayed on duty and all nursing personnel were being requested to report to the hospital. Emergencies were reported as light being mainly elderly people who had been exposed to the elements. The most serious was Patrolman David Goodrich who had capsized.

W. K. Landis, hospital administrator expressed appreciation to those who had called in or reported to the hospital offering to help.

Rescue operations in the Prairie Lane Road area of Woos-
ter, south and west of the Spruce St. overpass continued Saturday morning as a National Guard helicopter circled searching for stranded residents.

A bystander reported that 25 to 30 people were believed to be unaccounted for in the neighborhood.

Earlier two boats had started the search but one was forced to abandon operations when it developed engine trouble. A third boat headed into the area at 10 a.m. but had not returned with any word of conditions at press time.

Just south of the bridge, water had flooded the first floor of the Landmark grain elevator and Central Farm Supply Co. and was only a few feet below the railroad bridge over Spruce St.

RICHARD HORN PHOTO

Ohio Power Co. summoned all available men and equipment to restore power in the city, and the outlying area is served. Power remained out in the western part of the town near noon. The company dispatched a helicopter to assess damage areas.

Most of the damage appeared to have been caused by lines cut by fallen trees.

The power company service station on Maple Street was submerged in water early this morning.

A Penn Central train reportedly was blocked on lines near Big Prairie with some 60 passengers stranded there.

At least 25 to 30 persons were needed rescue aid at the Overton community but bridges on Ohio 572 and Co. Rd. 46 are out, preventing contact with them.

Debris is as high as 30 to 40 feet is piled up along the Baltimore and Ohio tracks in the fields adjacent to the Killbuck Pumping station at a bridge where Killbuck Creek runs through.

While there were winds in the area which pulled down some tree limbs, the Wooster area did not appear to have been the victim of hard blows of damaging proportions.

City streets, many of them in the process of repair, along with excavations for new sewer lines, suffered severely from rushing water which tore up chunks of 

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A number of Wayne County boys and girls are on Kelly's Island in Lake Erie at a 4-H Camp. In a Daily Record call to the newspaper at Sandusky the news department there said that telephone communication with the island was cut off, but that there was no report of any tornado or extreme island winds. A reporter at Sandusky said "they are probably wet but safe."

Insufficient water supply at Wooster Community Hospital was relieved somewhat when a Wooster township tank truck delivered water to the hospital and the water stored in the tank at Mr. Wiggins' store on US 30 was available to the hospital if the need arose.

Wooster's water and sewage plants shut down operations about 9 a.m. Saturday morning. The tremendous volume of water could not be handled by the solution control center on Columbus Rd. south and was diverted to bypass the regular treatment facilities. Pumping operations at the Killbuck station were stopped, Woosterians using water stored in city tanks.

This is a normal procedure when heavy rains fall, the theory being that not only is it impossible to handle the influx, but they heavy gallowon is self-treating in destruction and dilution of impurities.

Wooster Disposal Co. trucks are underwater at the Grassman garage on Freeland Rd. and will not resume regular routes until water recedes and any mechanical damage is repaired.

The holiday rainstorm has surpassed previous local records when in March, 1913, slightly over ten inches in a five-day period. Ten years ago, June 19, 1958, the Research Center records show a rainfall of 9.79 inches in one month.

Wooster firemen were called to the Bogner and Sons, Inc. garage on South Grant Street about 9 a.m. Saturday morning, with firemen fighting the blaze from the outside.

A woman reported to be in danger of drowning on South Grant Street turned out to be only trying to find help for a dog which had gone out of the house. Firemen answered a call to aid the woman after a neighbor called the Daily Record urging help.

Basement flooding was reported in all areas of the city as drainage refused to carry off water and at the same time backed up, filling some lower levels with as much as four to five feet of water.

Roads in and out of Wooster were almost impassable Saturday morning. The Expressway was a river of water; some places higher than passenger cars. The Penn Central railroad stopped running trains because roadbeds were washed out at various spots.

An helicopter and an army duck were rushed to Wooster early Saturday morning to aid in the search for seven persons reported to be missing including a family of five said to have been in a boat which overturned and two policemen who also are missing. Two other policemen, thrown into deep water in the Saupona area when their boats overturned, grabbed objects and were rescued.

A state patrolman and a volunteer rescued a 13-year-old boy from a tree half a mile south of Henry Street in the Apple Creek section where he had clung all night. The two-hour effort ended at about 16:30 a.m. The missing policemen had been trying to rescue the boy upstream when their boat capered on Baur Road.

At 11:15 men were marooned on the roof of the city water plant.

One man who drove from Sterling this morning, had to go north through Beverly and then down Ohio 3 to Wooster. He reported 3 was good until he got to the bridge, five miles north of Wooster. The bridge was alright, but the water was detouring around it and over the road about three feet deep.

His basement in Sterling had nine inches of water in it, he said. He tried Mail's for a sump pump but they ran out of them at 2:30 a.m. When he called the fire department, he learned he was about 30 on the list.

Almost all stores in downtown Wooster either didn't open or closed Saturday by 10:30.

The hardest hit downtown was probably r&B's, with water over the counters in the basement, but remained open for business. The lunch counter was open, also for the hardy souls who ventured out this morning.

Firemen's reported little water but closed because employees could not make it in to work.

Pierce's were going to stay open, as long as they were needed. They were doing a big business in boat cars. Hardley Pierce said he was afraid to look into his basement, he hasn't even going to bother.

Boyd's and Cram Drug Store were both open. Business at Cram's was as usual. The manager reported he would be open, even if the power went off. The biggest selling item was film.

At least two go were open, Burbike's and A&P.

CRESTON
Sterling St. is blocked with a big limb and all electricity has been out since 8:30 p.m. Friday in south end of town.

Larry Bidler in Jackson reported his home had five feet of water in the basement. Kenneth Glasgow of Jackson had three feet of water in his basement.

MILLERSBURG
A state of emergency was declared this morning in Millersburg and sections of the area are being evacuated. The fire department emergency squad called for outside help to remove people from a rest home and from Clark.

The telephone system is on auxiliary and men have been working all night and on through the morning to restore the system.

Several persons were reported missing by the Ohio Highway Patrol.

Petrolmen said they were uncertain how deep the water was but, "it's deep enough to float the oil tanker truck that just went by the window."

Ashton Mayor Don R. Hoefler requested the area be declared a disaster area. A number of persons were reported stranded in trees hastily climbed, as the water rushed toward them.

Power outages were reported. Petrolmen said the only way from the city was via I-71 southbound. The northbound lanes of the interstate became blocked early Saturday from flooding.

An employe of the Daily Record drove 52 miles in two hours Saturday morning to get to work. He lives six miles northwest of Wooster off Ohio 302.

He drove almost to West Salem, via I-71 to Burbank and Ohio 76 into Wooster.

As a spokesmen for Nationwide Insurance said that any car owner who has comprehensive coverage on his auto should file a claim for cost of repairs if it was damaged by water.

Motorists whose cars were damaged by flood water are cautioned not to operate them until repairs have been made. The advice was offered to all motorists; if your car was underwater, don't try to start it. Serious damage to the motor could result. If your car must be moved, have it towed by the rear bumper with the rear wheels raised from the ground.

The spokesman also said that if your home was damaged by wind, you are protected against financial loss if you own extended coverage insurance. Those with damage were urged to take necessary steps to protect their property from further damage.

Policyholders are requested to get in touch with their Nationwide agent or the local office for assistance in filing their claims. A staff of additional claimsmen has been moved into the north- east Ohio area to speed claims handling.
72 Hours
Rain Total

No one will dispute the word of weather observer John H. Wilson of the Research Center, when he says, "We've had our quota of rain for a period of three and a half months.

Wilson's official measurement at the Madison Hill station showed the 72 hour rain, from 6 p.m. July Fourth until 6 a.m. Monday morning, totaled 10.55 inches.

The area's average over the years is considered to be one-tenth of an inch of precipitation a day, thus his calculation of three and a half months.

When the storm first struck the area at 9 p.m. July Fourth, hundreds scattered for cover just as the first round of ground displays were set off.

However, about 90 per cent of the aerial displays were unused and it is possible that at some future time the Jaycees will use them. Joe Stilwell, of the Jaycees said any decision as to a second "Fourth" would be made later.

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Fallen Trees Add Damage

SEVILLE - Damage at Seville included high water and down trees from the storm.

The bridge on Liberty Street over Hubbard Creek was cracked by high water.

A tree lodged under the Center Street bridge over Hubbard Creek. A crane was being used to remove it.

A tree fell on the home of J. H. Moser on South Prospect Street.

Other damage reported in the area includes Co. Rd. 35 washed out one mile west of Leroy and two cars crushed by a falling tree at the entrance to Chippewa Lake Park.

Close Call

HOLMESVILLE - No casualties were reported in Holmesville but Mark Cramer had a close call when his car was washed off Ohio nr. 76 north of Holmesville on Saturday morning, as he was going to get a member of the fire department to assist with the evacuation of two nursing homes in Millersburg. Cramer climbed through a window of the car and was able to get out of the water.

By the time all firemen in Holmesville were alerted of the aid call from Millersburg, they found the town was surrounded by water and were unable to leave.

Several families reported water in their homes and had to be evacuated. The Jack Gilley family reported they awakened early Saturday to the sounds of water rushing through the bottom of the home and help arrived at approximately 9 a.m.

Pete Herbelger reported the loss of a horse which was tied in a stable near Salt Creek.

The first bridge north of Holmenville on the Fredericburg Road was demolished.

(Waters of Little Apple Creek, grown big in flood, surround Bauer Road ("Sleepytown") area just east of Wooster on old US 30, from where seven persons were reported missing.

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Suffering and heroism matched each other. Lives were in desperate attempts to rescue stranded men, women and children. Lives were saved and the contents of homes salvaged by those who risked their own safety.

State and federal aid have been promised to restore lost farm fields, broken roadways and bridges. But it is the private citizen who will suffer the most. It will be the farmer whose 1900 corn crop is gone, who loses severity. It will be the family which stood helplessly by and watched the mud and hill destroy, beyond repair, the contents of its home. Few had insurance, prohibitive in cost and often unavailable.

Ohio's Governor James A. Rhodes toured the Wooster and Killbuck communities, calling the devastation an "ill-justice of Mother Nature." A Congressional committee came here to personally view the destruction, survey the damaging devastation.

There has never been such a tragedy in the history of Wayne and Holmes counties. A 1913 flood has been cited as a comparative incident. But in that disaster far less damage was done because there were few lesser homes situated in the path of rampaging waters; humanity then was far less dependent on community services. There were no superhighways to be destroyed, mobility did not rely on automobiles which, unlike a horse and buggy, cannot travel across water-logged fields.

The Fourth of July tragedy brought this community to its knees, sometimes in prayer, often in salvage operations, and now, in cleanup programs. While its violent destruction tore property apart, it brought man-kind together.

Mother Nature threw whatever book it is she holds. Orrville was without power for several days. Killbuck had a deadly fire. Death, destruction, damage and debris became part of an area which knew a dark, like before.

Throughout the world the story was told, much as residents here have often learned of flood and storm disasters in other parts of the nation and in foreign lands.

There were days and nights of frantic concern. Hours of fear for the safety of loved ones. There was the sad task of recovering the bodies of those whose lives were lost.

This special edition of the Daily Record is provided as an editorial and pictorial record of the 1969 disaster. It is also published with the intent that proceeds from its sale will be given to the Red Cross Chapters of Wayne and Holmes counties and the Goodwill Industries, as well as the local fund for dependents of police and firefighters who give their lives while on duty.

Now, two weeks later, we are pulling ourselves up by muddy bootstraps. Scores of volunteer workers continue their task of mopping, scouring, refurbishing. Farm fields are drained, their mud-caked acres made reminders of days and nights of horror. Engineers are surveying road damage and outlining programs of rebuilding and repair.

Memorial services for those who drowned have been held. But the scars remain. Creations is once again in their quiet channels. Most homes are livable. Losses are estimated and property has begun to be replaced. But lightening flashes still stirle those who survived.

Families scattered to places which passes by becomes a threat. The sun will never shine brightly enough to totally erase the sorrow and grief which struck here July 4, 1969.

The financial loss is truly inestimable. The loss in human life is greater than this area has ever known through a single incident.

No one who lived through that 24 hours of horror will ever forget it. Hopefully July 4, 1969, will stand as a record rainfall forever.

But it will also remain an annual amount as a time when the community became one as the tragic loss in life and property was counted.

It was a time when strangers became friends, when man helped man. It was a time when our area suffered, but endured and survived, the most vicious slap of nature's hand.

There remains much to do, not only in repair, reconstruction and rehabilitation but also in planning so that, God forbid, this community is never again subjected to the same devastation.

The scars will never be erased entirely. Hearts will always ache in those homes where those who died once lived. For some the financial loss can never be recovered.

Hopefully, however, in recording the loss and destruction, history will recount the acts of heroism and the way in which those who survived accepted their fate and began to repair broken lives, ravished fields and demolished homes.

AREA RESIDENTS DROWNED

John Baumgarter, 34, Wooster
Basil Bright, 33, Wooster
Robert Dickens, 48, Barbunk
Robert Dickens, Jr., 16, Barbunk
Ada Elliott, 56, Killbuck
Earl Elliott, 57, Killbuck
Mabel Frontz, 35, Kidron
Ptlm. Robert Goodrich, 56, Wooster
Roger Hentron, 6, Wooster
Ginger Hinkle, 7, Millersburg
Sgt. Paul Kaisely, 30, Wooster
Patricia Lovett, 12, Wooster
John Mann, 37, Wooster
John McMillin, 86, Killbuck
Shirley Morris, 31, Ashland RD
Kimberly Owens, 9, Lakeville
Kathy Schanman, 9, N. Lawrence
Lovina Taylor, 34, Wooster
Doris Wirth, 25, Wooster
Sharon Wirth, 4, Wooster
Anthony (Wirth), 6 Wks., Wooster
Wooster Area’s Flood

WATER LEVEL AT ARMSTRONG Drilling Co. just east of Wooster is more than halfway up garage doors designed for high trucks.

LITTLE APPLE CREEK RUSHES under bridge on Pittsburgh Avenue. Camera is pointed toward Wooster city limits.

WATER BOILS FROM manhole on Quinby Avenue at Pearl in Wooster.

STRANDED ON N. Bauer Road east of Wooster are these autos.

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Bill Swartz Photos

WOOSTER Expressway, facing east, as the Spruce Street bridge crosses the four-lane road at Wooster’s south edge.
Orrville To Have Power

Sam Bohlen, of Orrville Municipal Utilities, says he hopes full power to the city will be restored sometime Tuesday, at the latest. "Rumors that will be out a week or more are simply not true," he said.

Bohlen also said that water in Orrville is not contaminated and there are no pumping problems. "Orrville residents have water as usual," he added. "Of course, it's always wise to conserve water in emergency even though we anticipate no problems.

Highways Closed To Traffic

Six state highways within Wayne County have been closed and three are opened to limited traffic because of water or bridge collapse. Closed are:
- Ohio 96 north of Dalton for about 3/4 miles because of culvert damage.
- Ohio 302 (alt. 30) west of Wooster to the Ashland County line because of high water.
- Ohio 42 at West Salem.
- Ohio 241 both ways out of Mt. Eaton because two bridges are out.
- Ohio 95 west of Wooster to Funk because of high water.
- Ohio 5 north of Millersburg is one-way because of culvert damage. Ohio 78 at Burbank is closed to truck travel but there is a detour for automobiles. Ohio 97 south of Orrville has warning signs because of severe burn.

WAYNE COUNTY Fairgrounds became one big lake Saturday morning. This picture was taken from the grandstand in the center of the facility.

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DAILY RECORD photographer Bill Schartz took this picture of the Wooster Expressway as he faced west, South Bever Street buildings at right are on South Bever and South Buckeye Streets.

Victims Are Housed In NG Armory

SHREVE — The village was either "bound-in or shut-out" depending on points of view by the three-day unprecedented storm. Roads were open for the most part out of Shreve to certain points in all directions. But no one could get into Wooster, Holmesville, or Millersburg from Shreve. Electricity went off at about 2:30 a.m. Saturday morning, Ohio Power electricity came on Sunday morning and Holmes

American Red Cross had set up a refugee relief station in the National Guard Armory in Shreve on Saturday night, and housed some 30 persons over night. REACT operated all day and all night Saturday, and up until midnight Sunday. They were resuming operations early Monday morning.

Many homes, and all the stores on the east side of Market Street, were "pumped out" Saturday.

Keep busy most of the day were Theron Harrison Refrigeration and his pumping equipment, Shreve Fire Department with two trucks and Sherman Rudy, village water commissioner.

Holmes Typhoid Shots Required

The following message comes from Dr. Earley of the Holmes County Health Department:

"Free Typhoid shots will be given Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. in Millersburg at the County Courthouse. EVERYONE is to get shots."
Trucks, Cars
In Flood Loss

One of the flood’s heaviest damages occurred at the Harold Cook, Inc., auto and truck agency opposite the fairgrounds.
Covered with water and mud were 36 new cars, 20 used cars, 14 new trucks, 12 used trucks, 18 to 20 customer cars, and more than $50,000 worth of stripped down motors.
Paneling came off in the office.
Three electric typewriters, several adding machines, and two bookkeeping machines, one just new, were wrecked.
The insurance company has been fair, Cook believes. It is buying the 36 new cars and 20 used cars and will put back into first class operation 14 new trucks and 12 used trucks.

But the loss to the owner will be heavy.

Four feet of water surged through the building and covered the outside area where the cars and trucks were standing.

One of the big losses will be in parts.

“We’re busy now salvaging what we can,” said Glenn Reich.

“We hope to be back to normal operation soon.”

Register For Disaster Relief By Saturday

Persons in Holmes County who wish to register for American Red Cross Disaster Relief, should do so prior to 12 noon on July 19.

This word comes from Albert Justice, of Columbus, who supervises for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Headquarters at Killbuck.

Registration is being taken at the Killbuck Elementary School.

Mr. Justice said that they anticipated that around 225 families would register in the area.

Around 150 land done so far, the first of the week.

Boil All Water, Smell Food, Officials Warn
Wayne County Health Dept. issued the following warning today to all area residents:

“Be very cautious about the use of any food that might look, smell, or taste spoiled. When in doubt, throw it out!”

“In addition, all water, regardless of source, including recently drilled wells in Wooster, should be boiled vigorously for one minute before use. Continue this practice until further notice from health authorities.”

Holmesville Families Hit By High Water

Several families in the west end of town are still pumping water out of their basements, especially the Calvin Klinger family, who live in a basement home. Water will continue to come in until the Killbuck Creek recedes.

The family suffered a complete loss of household goods and clothing.

Other families who lost first floor furniture and equipment were the Lawrence Swinehart family, the Dale Nelsons, the Kenneth Whitmores, the Jack Gilleys and Pete and Mary Herschberger.

While the town was surrounded by water and most homes were without electricity or telephone service, there was no real tragedy.

Disaster Aid Meetings Set

Two meetings dealing with flood control and damage aid for the local area are set for the latter part of this week.

Civic leaders will meet in the American Legion Hall in Coshocton on Friday morning at 10 a.m. This meeting with Rep. John O. Baker and representatives of the Small Business Administration and FHA will concern loans and financial aid available to individuals and businesses damaged by the flood.

At 10:30 a.m. Saturday a meeting will be held in the Municipal Court Room in Wooster, for the same purpose. This meeting will include Cong. Jim Wright, D. of Texas and Rep. Don H. Clausen, R. of California and includes six members of the flood control subcommittee of the House of Representatives Public Works Committee and representatives of Cong. John Ashbrook’s office.

A representative of the Small Business Administration, Thomas Falvey, will be in the Wooster Chamber of Commerce office to interview people concerning loans this week. There will be someone located in Millersburg at a later date.

CREEK skirts bridge on Co. Rd. 73 just east of Ohio 76 north of Wooster.
FIREMEN WORKED ALL day Saturday to pump over 23 feet of water from the Municipal Plant, the cause of the power failure which was Orrville's biggest problem following the July 4th thunderstorm.

VIEW SOUTHWARDon S. Bever Street in Wooster under Pennsylvania Railroad bridge shows portion of Wooster Brush plant.

Rittman Has Headquarters For Assists

RITTMAN — Mayor Ashton Hall has announced that a local emergency headquarters has been set up at city hall. His office will be used for emergency calls concerning people in need of clothing, food and lodging. Anyone wishing to donate food or clothing may call 92-3045.

The water supply in Rittman is sufficient but residents are asked to take precaution by boiling their drinking water. They are also asked to refrain from washing clothes in a city effort to keep the drains open.

THE CAR which Mrs. Duane Frantz was driving early Saturday morning when she entered the flood waters east of Kidron was discovered a half mile downstream a total wreck. She abandoned it before the waters engulfed her and caused her death while she was driving to work at Apple Creek State Institute.

A NATURAL FOUNTAIN sprang up in Orr Park following the July 4th storm. The severe thundershowers cut short the holiday celebration, but Jaycees are making plans to reschedule the events which were rained out, possibly this weekend.

FIREMEN STOOD hip deep in water while others climbed atop the Bogner building to put out the blaze which hit the ocal construction company's offices.
Area Seeks Disaster Status

14 Are Certain Victims

Efforts were under way Monday morning to have the Wooster area and perhaps much of Wayne County declared a disaster area in the tragic aftermath of the Fourth of July flooding.

Wayne County Commissioners have asked President Nixon to declare the entire county a disaster area and Wooster’s Mayor Paul Tilford made a similar request to Gov. Rhodes for the city’s assistance.

At least 14 bodies of drowning victims have been recovered and an undetermined number of persons are missing and believed drowned.

Rescue workers and members of the Wooster Police Dept. recovered the body of a woman along the banks of Apple Creek at the foot of Spruce Street at about 1:15 p.m. today.

The unidentified woman was discovered between the banks of the river and the building formerly owned by the Wooster Preserving Company.

The body of Wooster patrolman Robert Goodrich was found about 11:30 Monday morning. It was located in debris about halfway between Basner Road bridge over US 30 east of Wooster and the Schellin Park area. Ptl. Goodrich was in a boat which capsized early Saturday morning on the north side of the bridge which crossed the main highway.

Still missing at noon was his fellow officer, Sgt. Paul Krassley.

Gov. James Rhodes said this noon that Wooster will definitely be included in request for federal aid, according to Rep. Ralph E. Fisher.

Fisher also said he has received that Ohio Highway Director P. E. Mather has visited Wooster to personally assess the state highway damage here. The visit will probably be made noon, according to Fisher.

Struck particularly hard and still staggering, Wayne, Holmes, Ashland, and Medina counties continued rescue operations as reports of flood casualties increased.

Water, Power Are Hit
Wooster has been without water since early Monday morning, although in most parts of town power and telephone service is workable. Rittman is all but isolated and without telephone and communication with that city is difficult. A serious fire there Saturday destroyed the Daily Furniture store.

TRAGIC aftermath of the July 4 flood came to light Sunday as drowning victims’ bodies were recovered, this one in the drained off fields near Schellin Park and Expressway areas. On camera side are, from left, Jon Zerer, a volunteer, and a fireman. A tired Richard (Red) Drabentott is trailing the litter bearers.

KATHY SCHONAUER

Orrville had some of its electrical power restored early Saturday, but a severe limit was placed on the service to customers there.

Numerous villages in this part of the state are cut off from the outside, roads and bridges impassable, phone and power out, and conditions considered serious.

Extreme caution is being urged to those who are driving. Some roads are still covered with water and possibly 200 bridges in Wayne County alone have been weakened by the raging waters. Driving on these roads is dangerous because they might break through.

Word Spreads Far

The Wooster and Wayne County community especially became top news across the nation as word of the extensive property damage and loss of life became known.

There is no deep concern for health safety in the overall area, providing people use reasonable caution. The state health department and city and county health officials are on an alert and will test any new water supplies provided to communities. Wooster’s Mayor Paul Tilford said there appeared to be no immediate need for requesting typhoid serum here.

The rainfall which began here at 9 p.m. July Fourth totaled about 12 inches by noon Saturday. After skies partially cleared in mid-afternoon, rain fell again that night and much of Sunday.

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Some Have Curfews

No one has taken time to estimate property damage and it will be weeks before all losses are known. In addition to the tragic loss of human life, farm animals were lost or drowned, buildings carried away and mashed and a variety of industrial, business and personal family equipment damaged beyond repair.

Some communities, including Streve; found it necessary to impose a curfew of 9 p.m. to prevent looting in the flood-hit business districts.

Most industries closed down, either to clean out debris or because without power and water, operations were impossible.

Officials in every corner of this stricken community had praise and words of thanks to the countless volunteers who endangered their own lives to aid in the emergency.

LOUDONVILLE — Mayor Robert Shilling was contacted by the Daily Record by telephone this morning and he stated that clean-up has begun although men were hampered by a heavy rain which fell for about an hour this morning.

Hundreds of campers were housed in Loudonville as they were homeless and unable to leave the village on Saturday. The Lutheran and Trinity churches opened doors to the stranded victims along with Budd School, the Youth Building and resident’s homes.

Loudonville Canoe Livery, Zimmer’s Drive-In and For Motor Co. received extensive flood damage. Burgess Motors had about 15 ambulances submerged in the raging waters.

Several residents reported water damage in basements, municipal water, but the water plant will begin water supplying on a limited basis tomorrow. Power was not interrupted during the flooding.

Reservoir Bursts

A reservoir and numerous water mains also broke in Ashland, a community of 17,500. An estimated 1,500,000 gallons of water gushed away when the reservoir broke. The area had nearly nine inches of rain in less than 24 hours.

Residents of the community were rationed water at a fire station. Two tank trucks brought in water from neighboring Huron.
Power On

Except for isolated cases, power has been restored most of the Waynesboro, Pat Miller, Ohio Power Co. manager here said. "We are," he said, "making some progress in the Bauer Road area."

The substations of the company were under water during the flooding.

Wayne County "All Ohio Electric Water-Rama," previously scheduled for Tuesday, July 8 has been rescheduled for Thursday, July 17. The finished product, pie or cake is to be taken to the Edge-wood Junior High School, Wooster, anytime between 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. on the day of the contest. The judging will start at 2:00 p.m. by qualified home economists.

Miss Pearl Hartley, Ohio Power home economist, says the contest is being re-scheduled due to the Waynesboro water damage and she would like to give everyone a chance to enter that wishes. Entirets for the contest will be accepted until the day of the contest. Any questions about the contest will be answered by calling Miss Hartley at Ohio Power, 284-1816.

DALEY'S FURNITURE store in Rittman burned Saturday. Cause of fire is still unknown. Building was completely gutted. Owner Don Emash said about $60,000 worth of furniture was lost, including a vanload parked near building. Flood waters hampered firemen’s efforts, as they did in a Wooster fire.

Expressway Set Back By Flood

Flood damage to the new Ohio 5 bypass may hit $750,000 to one million dollars, according to project chief, Tom Slack of Wooster.

Slack said the opening will probably be delayed two or three months and "not even by the end of the year." Scheduled opening of the Wooster bypass extension was originally set for the end of August.

"Most of the extensive damage is in the Little Apple Creek area (just east of Silver Bros. and Bauer Mfg.)," he told the Daily Record at 11:15 a.m. today. "But there has been quite a lot of gully damage in other areas, too," he said.

He said the water was out under the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge over Little Apple Creek and tracks are hanging in mid-air. Police and others are on the scene. Traffic has been stopped at Orrville.

Slack said he was waiting for inspectors from the Ashland Division (which includes Wayne County) to visit the area and make more exact damage estimates.

Mayor To Ask Wooster Declared Disaster Area

Mayor Paul Tiltord was expected to request Monday that the City of Wooster be designated as a disaster area, thereby becoming eligible for federal funds to aid in repairing the damage done by the flood which struck Friday night.

Mayor Tiltord said Sunday he had spoken to Mark McIlroy, attorney general in Columbus, who agreed to relay the city's request to Gov. James Rhodes Saturday when he returned from an inspection trip over the stricken areas of northern Ohio.

Before the city becomes eligible for the federal aid, the governor must designate it as a disaster area.

Mayor Tiltord explained that in his conversation with the attorney general, the Columbus officials agreed that from the mayor's description of the situation and from what he had learned earlier he believed the city would fall in the category of a disaster area.

The mayor expected to talk with state officials again this morning.

Extent of the damage could not be estimated by city officials.

The Wooster Expressway, which slices through the south side of the city, was heavily damaged as the over flow from Apple Creek made a waterway of the highway.

Large broken sections of the beams littered the divided highway as the water receded. Pavement was washed out under the bridge which carries Madison Avenue over the expressway and the south part of the bridge which carries Madison over Apple Creek was closed Saturday afternoon when bridge pylons became exposed. Bridge embankments were sliding into the swift flowing stream and a crack was reported in the bridge structure.

No estimates are available on the extent of damage to the water and sewage treatment plants or to the city streets.

Many homeowners had water damage in their homes and on their property. The city also authorized the drilling of two wells on Winter Street, one to supply water to the hospital and the other as a 24-hour source of water for the public.

Mayor Tiltord said Sunday he was unable to estimate what the July 4 storm has cost the City of Wooster but felt confident Wooster would qualify for federal aid to help repair the damage.

Homes Needed

There is an urgent need for places to rent, whether rooms, apartments or homes. Many flooded out families will be unable to move back into their homes for several weeks, if not months.

Many men are coming into our county to help in the clean up. Also some of our plants are hiring right now, which is bringing additional families who need places to live.

If you have a place to rent, the Farmer-Hub because of the emergency will run your ad tree in the July 31 and 21 issues. Call 874-1811 today.
Kidron Woman Loses Life In Swollen Creek’s Waters

KIDRON — A neighbor’s warning failed to stop Mrs. Duane Frantz on her way to work on Saturday morning. Within minutes her decision to continue cost her life.

At 4:30 a.m. she had talked briefly to a neighbor, Gordon Spranger, who assumed her car lights were a utilities service truck approaching to restore his power for milking time.

The night-long deluge had swollen the Kidron Creek along the road she passed on her way to Apple Creek State Institute every morning. She knew the road and hesitated taking another.

Apparently, the raging waters trapped her as the motor was stalled in her compact car. She took the keys and stepped out into the flood. She still had them when she was found seven hours later by two Amish boys — sons of Levi Yoder. The car was swept down stream about a mile.

The youths reported the discovery to the Kidron Fire Department about noon. Dr. Manuel Pedrozo was called and pronounced her dead.

Life Resident

Mrs. Mabel Frantz, 53, of Dalton RD 2 was employed in the kitchen department of the children’s division at the institution for the past five years. She was a life resident of the community and a member of the West Lebanon United Methodist Church. Her husband, Duane, died in 1967.

Surviving are three sons, Larry, Navarre, RD 2; Glenn and William Dalton, RD 2; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Margaret) Weirich and Mrs. Gerald (Nancy) Blacksheen also of Dalton.

Mrs. Baird and sons, Paul and Andrew, view the area “where the water was held back.” David Noble headed the volunteer sandbaggers.

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Two Bodies Recovered

A tragedy unfolded in Burbank Sunday morning when the bodies of Robert Dickens, 46, and his 16-year-old son, Robert Dickens Jr. of Burbank were recovered from a ditch and a field off Interstate 71 near Burbank.

The incident occurred Saturday afternoon when the Dickens boy attempted to assist a young unidentified girl who had stepped into a pothole when she was wading in shallow water from the overflow near the farm.

Mr. Dickens also entered the water. The girl was somehow rescued and the younger Dickens’ boy, age 12, who also entered the water was rescued by a passing helicopter that lowered to the scene, dropped a rope, and plucked the boy up.

Harold (Nellie) Bowman of Orrville; a half brother, Dallas Shilling, North Canton; two step brothers, Laverne Shilling, Massillon and Lee Shilling, Owensboro, Ky. also survive. There are ten grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Desvoigues Funeral Home with Rev. Robert B. Platt officiating. Burial will be in Union Cemetery, West Lebanon. Friends may call 2-4 and 7-9 on Monday.

Village Is Damaged

Besides claiming the life of Mrs. Frantz on Saturday morning the flood caused limited damage to the village. High water mark at the square was over a foot at the bridges. The rampaging creek and tributary at Kidron Body Co. washed out Co. Rd. 79 culvert. A mile east a bridge had both approaches swept away on Twp. Rd. 88 off Co. Rd. 80 at Jericho.

This washout stranded the George Breneman family which was also trapped by another smaller bridge washout farther south. Other road damage occurred on Co. Rd. 80 where it parallels the stream bed, the scene of Mrs. Frantz’s death.

Most other damage was confined to basements which firemen pumped on a round the clock basis until early Sunday morning.

Heavy damage resulted in the Sugar Creek area at Kidron Station and east. Norfolk and Western tracks and roadbed were submerged at points where the stream bottlenecked. The usual narrow creek was up to a half mile wide in places. The level of the water exceeded the previous record set in the historic 1913 flood.

Freedlander Is Open On Limited Basis

All regular full-time employees of Freedlander Store should report for work Tuesday at the regular hour, Harold Freedlander, company president, announced.

But he stressed that “only regular full time employees” need to come in. He also asked them to bring their own drinking water and lunches if necessary.

The store was open today on a limited basis and it will be open Tuesday and Wednesday also on a limited basis, he said.

The father and older son disappeared. Their bodies were recovered by volunteer firemen from Burbank’s Department.

Their bodies were less than a quarter mile from the farm home — the father’s hands said to still be clutching a rope, with which he had hoped to rescue the children.
Quick Action Prevents Loss Of Life In Orrville

Ralph Linsalata, Orrville Civil Defense director, said Orrville Fire Chief Laird Null’s quick action Friday, July 4, prevented loss of life in the Orrville area. Orrville firemen, on duty at the park for the annual fireworks, were recalled to the station when the first severe weather warning was given.

As the storm grew in intensity, Laird Null, Orrville Police Department and Civil Defense personnel were alerted. Extra equipment was secured from local industry which was used in evacuating 38 people who were flooded out.

Linsalata tied with civil defense radio equipment, which is all owned by private industry and is part of the REACT network and over 400 calls were logged. Among them was a call from the Marshallville area from an expectant mother. Mud to the relief of the Orrville doctor and three man team who started out for the rural home in a Crown Jewel Co. truck, a neighbor using his tractor managed to get the family car through the flooded roads and the mother arrived at the hospital ahead of the storm.

When the flooding of Orrville Municipal plant pulled all available firemen to that area to help with the pumping out and clean-up operation, civil defense and members of the Orrville Divers Assn. answered calls to shut off gas in flooded basements.

The majority of Orrville’s homes sustained some water damage and many basements were completely filled. Area residents lose thousands of dollars in damage to furnishings and food in freezers officials estimated.

A group of 17 men, composed of members of the divers association, firemen and policemen were sent to Wooster to help in searching for sixtines.

Orrville Firemen’s Auxiliary fed from 30 to 75 workmen around the clock for the five-day weekend. Early Monday morning, the Lutheran Church offered their assistance and helped provide hot meals for residents who had no provisions to cook.

“The Orrville Fire Department and Police Department, which are among the best in the state, were backed up by many area residents who helped in any way they could,” Linsalata said. “We were extremely grateful for the tremendous support we received from industry which offered equipment and personnel and the privately owned equipment which was used by civil defense workers, firemen and police.”

No estimate of the number of hours worked by men in the different departments could be made late Thursday evening as many were sent home to rest or went to help other departments.

The amount of damage sustained to the city was being studied by the City Engineer, Barry Baker. A ‘jump’ estimate of damage was to be announced in a press conference today.

Water Supply

In Lodi Is Safe

LODI — John Kein’s rain gauge showed over 10 inches of rainfall in his backyard for a 19-hour period starting at 1:30 p.m. Friday.

Electric service in the village was out for some time Friday night, and early Saturday morning because of trees across the lines and lightning damage.

Sewers in different parts of the village were overloaded and in some instances plugged with debris, causing the flooding of basements. LaMar Beauty Shop was under four feet of water in the shop area, and the lower cellar was full, causing a great deal of damage to the beauty parlor equipment and to the furniture in the recreation room.

Lodi Fire Department pumped out the LaMar business and was busy all day Saturday pumping basements where in some instances the water was up to the first floor joists.

Water from a township ditch and from the N. and N. ditch about a tenth of a mile east of the S. Broadway crossing overflowed, the water ran down the railroad right-of-way to Railroad Street, down Railroad Street, across Bank, and through the C. W. Sommer garage on the way to Black River.

The 224-42 by-pass was under water from Twp. Rd. 6 west to 421, and no traffic could pass through. Both the Rank and the S. Broadway crossings were under water, and motorists had a difficult time getting out Bank St. or out S. Broadway.

Water Is Safe

Water ran into the pumping station and covered motors, but one motor was high enough and could continue to pump water, and the well openings are high enough that no surface water could get into the water supply. However, an underground line at the pumping station broke during Friday night, but utilities Supt. R. O. Eakle said that would not hinder the supplying of water to the village.

Both the Tureck-Miller Ford Garage and the C. W. Sommer Garage suffered damage from water that flowed into the buildings. The Lodi Answering Service building was flooded, but Mrs. Stephens was able to keep the service open.

All long distance telephone lines to the village were out all day Saturday. There was some fear of gas leaks, according to calls made to the answering service, but since the lines were down, no reports could be made to the gas company office in Medina.

Pony Is Lost

The foot bridge across the river at Community Park was washed out. Mrs. John Kein reported a pony lost from a pasture along Black River, and late Saturday did not know whether the animal had escaped from the pasture, or whether it had been caught in the high water and drowned.

Saturday afternoon a neighbor reported that some small children were wading in the river at Community Park, and remembering the tragedy that happened there a few years ago, she called police, who took the children out of the park.

Lodi streets crews had extra men out all day Saturday trying to keep drains open and water moving, and the electrical crew worked a 24-hour shift to keep service going.

Late Saturday night no estimates had been made of the damages within the village.

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RAILROAD TRACKS over Little Apple Creek only increased part of the U.S. 30 bypass are suspended over what was once the foundation support. Surveying the damage is, left, Lynn Taylor, of 730 Poplar Dr. who is bridge inspector for Ohio Dept. of Highways, and Jack Kinney, summer employee of 140 Ohio St. and student at Ohio University.

CEMENT on Co. Rd. 44 bridge just south of Smithville could not withstand the rampaging weekend waters.
Area Flood In Pictures

ROAD ENDED abruptly in Smithville when water washed away East Millen Street bridge.

DEBRIS PILED up, carried along by flood, accumulated in a Wayne County field.

A BUNDLE of Daily Records was dropped off by driver at the edge of this pipe which goes under Co. Rd. 121, west of Co. Rd. 44 in the Weilersville area.

UNSAFE BRIDGE is this one on Co. Rd. 44 south of Smithville.

LOOKING NORTH as Little Apple Creek swirled and uprooted trees.
Search for Missing Persons

BY BEE COLLINS

Searchers Sunday morning rescued the bodies of five victims who lost their lives in the violent storm which struck the Wooster area last night but failed to find two policemen lost when their boat capsized.

Pamela Goodrich, 56, a 23-year veteran of the Wooster Police Dept., and Sgt. Paul Knisely, 36, who joined the local force seven years ago, were still missing Monday morning. Initially they were found Sunday night still in doubt Monday morning. The bodies were found as part of an operation by the National Guard unit and civilian volunteers, forming a line to sweep the area.

The storm, which began at 9 p.m. Friday, was a half hour before Wooster's community fireworks display was scheduled, dumped over a ton of rain on the city in a 15-hour period. Before midnight, 6.5 inches had fallen in the north end of Wooster and storms continued through the night without abating.

By midnight, water was running down the city's north-south streets from curb to curb. Police said their calls were normal Friday night incidents until 11 p.m.

"Then all hell broke loose," one patrolman said. Before midnight, the sidewalks were impassable, unable to keep pace with the calls coming in concerning flooding in the south and east areas of Wooster.

Firemen and policemen were involved in rescue operations on the city flood, north of US 30 where the tragedy occurred, Saturday morning. A 1 1/2 weather patrolman said, "I almost got to the people in the boat but I stepped in a hole. I grabbed some bush - that's all that saved me. I heard a little boy or girl yelling. Dick and I went over to the south side of 30 and we both got ropes on and attempted to go into the water but it took three or four guys to pull us in.

"It was like the proverbial nightmare," he continued. "Just unbelievable. You could just see the water coming, inch by inch. Nobody had a chance out there. It's remarkable anyone got through."

Police Chief Carl Yund was visibly shaken by the apparent loss of the two officers when he met with Mayor Paul Tiford, Capt. Martin of the National Guard, and Arthur Nickola of the American Red Cross, in Yund's office at 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

Mayor Tiford was at the scene at 5 a.m. and advised of the situation which had developed in southern and eastern Wooster. The Killbuck pumping station on old US 30, west of Wooster, was ordered closed temporarily after 5 o'clock. The sewage treatment plant on old US 3 was also shut down at that time.

Two water plant workers and three members of city crew were marooned in the plant by early afternoon were on the roof of the building. They were removed about 3 p.m. by boat from the west side of the plant. By 8 a.m. Saturday, the mayor and Capt. Martin made telephone calls to the office of the adjutant general in Columbus, requesting that National Guard troops be sent in and helicopters be made available to aid in rescue efforts in the Prairie Lane area where many people had been removed during the night.

During the morning, a nine-year-old boy, plucked from a tree about one-half mile down Apple Creek form the end of East Henry Street. The youngster had clung to the tree since early morning. He was removed from the tree at 8 a.m. by a city fireman who brought the boy to safety on his back. City police and volunteers aided in the successful rescue.

By mid-morning Saturday the National Guard units had arrived at the municipal building on North Market Street. Rescue efforts continued during the day on Saturday as calls came into the police station reporting persons strange in their homes, on roof tops, in trees and on bridges. Rescuers used boats to reach many of the trapped residents.

Two deaths were reported.

RED CROSS volunteer Gaylord McCann distributes free coffee to persons helping in the flood search and rescue operations Sunday.
Services For Sat. Flood Victims

B. L. Bright, 38
Basil L. Bright, 38, manager of the Dowell Division of Dow Chemical Co., whose home at 702 E. Snyder Dr., was a flood victim. He was born at Harvard, Ill., Sept. 21, 1930 to E. and Beulah Benson Bright. Before moving to Wooster about a year ago he was in sales at Cory, Pa. He served during the Korean War, serving 13 months with the VFK and Elk Lodge at Flora, Ill.
Surviving are his wife, Barbara; daughter, Marcia of the home; brother, L. G. Bright of Flora; and two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Stack and Mrs. Nebon of East St. Louis, Ill.
Services will be Tuesday at the Franklin Cemetery House at Flora, Ill.

McKintire Funeral Home had charge of local arrangements.

Mrs. Lovina Taylor, 34
Mrs. Lovina Mast Taylor, 34, of Bauer Rd. and wife of Paul W. Taylor, was born Sept. 1, 1894 near Beach City to Andy D. and Mary Wengert Mast. Mrs. Taylor died Nov. 2, 1934 at 3:05 at Cornerville, Ind.
She attended the Calvary Baptist Church. Survivors include step-children: Darlis Orelia Wirth, missing, Ray Kenneth Taylor of Wooster and a son Donald. Also surviving are her parents, a host of friends and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Virginia Taylor, 34

J. Z. Mann, 37
The body of John Z. Mann, 37, 1150 Pittsburgh Ave., was recovered Sunday. Mann had joined seven others including two Wooster policemen to help rescue a stranded family from the flood waters in the Bauer Road area early Sunday morning.
He was born in Burbank, May 11, 1912, to Clarence and Emma Wilk Mann and lived in Wooster for 16 years. His father was a farmer.
He was a veteran of the Korean conflict having spent 28 months in Korea where he was a member of Wooster Post 68 American Legion, Lamplighters Club, 400 Club, Sportsman Club and St. Paul’s United Church of Christ of Mt. Eaton.
Survivors include his wife, Betty; five children, Malida, Karen, John, Mark and Barbara Jo of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mann of Mt. Eaton; six sisters Mrs. Charles (Barbara) Daughter of Wooster; Mrs. Louise Cobb and Mrs. Alice Hickmott, both of Massillon; Mrs. Clyde (Dorothy) McGinnis of Marion; Mrs. Eula Vause (Lois) Vaubel of Apple Creek, and Mrs. John (Linda) Tyte of Tulsa, Okla.; two brothers, Walter of Mt. Eaton and Donald serving in the U.S. Army in Vietnam.
Services will be at the Masonic Cemetery. Funeral services will be at 3:30 p.m. in the Mifum Funeral Home with Rev. Charles Bradberry officiating. Burial will be in Shrewsbury Memorial Gardens.

Robert F. Dickens, 48
BURBANK — Robert Frederick Dickens, 48, of Medina County Rd. 91, near Burbank was declared dead Monday evening while trying to rescue his son near his home in the flooded Richland Creek.
He was born in Ohio, and lived in Westfield Township for 12 years. He was a member of the United Methodist Church. He was a son of Faith United Methodist Church.

Margaret L. Lovett, 12
Patricia Lynn Lovett, 12 years old of the home in Sound was declared dead Sunday morning.
She was living with her mother, Mrs. Wilhelmina Finley of 91 W. Liberty St. She was a student at Parkview School.
Survivors include two brothers; Darrell and Johnnie Lovett of Columbus, Ohio, and her grandmother John Norris of Columbus.
Services will be at 10:30 a.m. in the Shrewsbury Cemetery with Rev. Charles Crabtree officiating. Burial will be at the Shrewsbury Cemetery.

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Mrs. Shirley Morris, 31
ASHLAND — Mrs. Shirley Morris, 31, of RD 3 drowned near Nankin Saturday. She is survived by her husband, John Morris, 31, three daughters, Tina, Lora, and Katherine Harmon, and one son, James Morris, 3.
Survivors include two brothers; Darrell and Johnnie Lovett of Columbus, Ohio, and her grandmother John Norris of Columbus.
Services will be at 10:30 a.m. in the Shrewsbury Cemetery with Rev. Charles Crabtree officiating. Burial will be at the Shrewsbury Cemetery.

Mrs. Doris Wirth, Victim Of Flood

Mrs. Doris Wirth, 35, of 369 Bauer Rd. died in the flooded Bauer Rd. area Saturday.
She was born March 1, 1943 at Big Prairie to Paul W. and Zeta Weber Thomas in North Lawrence before coming to Wooster.
She was a member of the Burbank Baptist Church. Included among the survivors are her father and mother; a brother, Ray Wheeler of Louisville and a half-brother, Dave Taylor, both of Wooster.
Still missing in the food is a daughter, Sharon Louise Wirth, 4 years old and a welfare infant that Mrs. Wirth was caring for. Services will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the McKinley Funeral Home with Pastor Russell Everson, minister of the Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Wooster.

New Aerial Pump is Used Again

Wooster’s new 100-foot aerial-pump truck played an important part in rescuing residents trapped in the Bauer Road area by the July 5 flood.

DAMS OK

LOUDONVILLE — Pleasant Hill and Charles Mill Dams are in no danger as previously reported, they are not full there is plenty of room in both dams.
Residents here are responding to a call for food and bedding from Killbuck. A convoy is to leave this afternoon for there. With loads. There are many families in distress in the southeastern part of Ashland County.
Wooster Water Is Still Off

WOOSTER'S WATER CRISIS remained critical Monday morning as woosters continued pumping out the Killbuck Valley pumping station, under water since early Saturday.

Employees were taken into the plant by boat at about 3 a.m. Sunday afternoon when the pumping operations began. City fire service director Marvin Oswald said Sunday night.

Over the weekend all people knew were obtained for drinking purposes from tank trucks stationed in different parts of the city and from wells in the area. Late Saturday afternoon water was being pumped into these areas and in a city hall alms at on water main at the rear of Wooster Community Hospital, water from this station is available 24 hours a day.

Sunday, the Fire/Police Well Drilling Co., which drilled the well, drilled a second one closer to Wooster Community Hospital.

The second well which started pumping at 8 a.m. Monday will be tied into the hospital for an emergency water supply during the present crisis. It will then become a permanent installation for the new hospital being built behind the old structure.

Waldo R. Landis, hospital administrator, said Monday morning that it would take about 40 to 50 days to clear debris and dirt from the new well and to clear out the old water system line but he estimated that the new water supply would be available to the hospital by Monday evening.

Fire Chief Loyd Eberhart said Monday morning that the water situation is more critical than it was Saturday and warned all residents to be very careful. If gas appliances are not cleaned, residents should call the East Ohio Gas Company to have them righted.

Citizens began linear up Saturday afternoon at various areas throughout the city to obtain drinking water. Bulk tank trucks and fire department pumps were stationed at several locations with fresh water and this procedure was maintained over the weekend.

No Place To Begin, Thousands To Thank

3d Eleanor Taylor

There is no place to begin in this storm story, either in giving credit to those who worked on rescue jobs, those who served the community in other ways or to even begin to list the names of those who have suffered in one way or another.

Our Wayne and Holmes county areas are in the position of being communities in which "these things never happen here." The millions lost in property are nothing compared to the lives taken.

We would ask all of you who are our faithful Daily Record readers to bear with us. We are not having the serious problems of opening today and many business places are, but we do have enough problems that you will find some stories repeated and some which conflict.

Short-staffed Saturday and again Monday, it is hardly impossible for one person to edit all copy and thus what was written by one reporter may be told in an article by another. About 75 percent of those in our Wooster office live outside the city and many couldn't come in on Saturday because of road-closings.

A note on my typewriter from assistant publisher Vic Dix said this: "Of course you will have a difficult time this paper, but I was darn proud of everyone at the Daily Record Saturday. Everybody went the extra mile and performed in an outstanding manner in difficult circumstances."

Vic, I didn't have any trouble saying it. Our back hands needed a pat.

Those who are Deitl Record family would have found the city's ideas worked hard too. They called when phones worked, they came in by circuit routes and even delivered them by boat when they sent news and get latest in by any neighbor who was coming this-a-way.

Carriers in rural areas picked up bundles of papers at all times Saturday and Sunday giving up their own time to do their job. And here goes for you, but I say it for everyone else at the office: Vic Dix was no slouch either! He worked the entire weekend, up to his knees in mud and water, back to the typewriter, helped in every corner of the business. Which made it easier for us all.

Few amazing things happened this past weekend and there was little to smile about. Each time something a bit light was said or seen, it was quickly tempered by the knowledge of the deaths. Especially for us, the apparent loss of Bob Goodrich and Paul Kinsley whom we consider close friends of our newspaper.

On the not-so-serious side, however, was the fact that we had as probably our greatest problem, the difficulty in printing our "flood edition" because we had no water.

Mr. Wiggs store has its own well and supplied us with 50 gallon drums used on the press. Don Hos who works here used one of our own drums, another was loaned by Harry's Shell station.

Don Conrad, pressman, was able to reactivate an old water well under the northeast corner of the building but had no success.

No trouble was made to get water, the problem was a matter of pumping it and that is the problem. But the work was well done and we are grateful for the help.

THE SPIT IS NOW empty where the Paul Duncan home formerly stood on Creamery Road in Fredericksburg. The ramping waters of Salt Creek swallowed it up.

F'bg Homes Are Lost In Flood Water

FREDERICKSBURG — Daily Record Fredericksburg correspondent Al Smith was weakened at 1 a.m. Saturday morning when a relative reported on her window advising that Salt Creek had started to go over its banks.

With her husband, Frank, Mrs. Leon, who lived, moved to the Alexander home and a neighboring children in the Home Family with them. When water reached the Alexander home the group again moved to higher ground, many others went to Mrs. Helen Cranes.

While there the crowd watched two homes fall into the rampaging Salt Creek. A camping trailer owned by Dick Hofsfield was crushed under the water, and a home by the water's edge was flooded.

Radio Station WWSR held the community together. The station stayed on the air all night and Saturday, some the fellows working 24 and 36 hours without only calls in between. Through REACT and Red Cross, (and there are simply no words to thank these unsung volunteers) WWSR took messages, gave news, reunited families and located lost persons, needed coops and kids who should report to work and who should stay home. All without telephones!

"This all had us in danger spots, tried in vain b keep people from jamming highways."

Without phones, REACT members, in a car outside the radio station, took messages from Red Cross and police officials, then the station with manager Quentin Welsy directing operations, told the area the news.

Our area would have come entirely unhinged had WWSR gone off the air!

WORK crews tow trees from the spot near Salt Creek in Fredericksburg where the Paul Duncan home was swept from its foundation.

which was filling with trees and utility poles. The town was standing on its head, power were down, all phones out and power gone. The fire department volunteers worked throughout Saturday and Saturday night with food provided by generous neighbors who helped bring in food and other material at Miller's Lakes and so many others. We can only hope that they know how much they did help, and that they will have to be among the legion of unsung heroes.

Out of town papers keep re-reporting our situation, quoting oldtimers who say "I've been here a long time and this is the worst I've seen." For good reason. It is the worst in reports kept by the Research Center. Nothing like it before, putting the 1969 holiday on record for years to come. (We hope the record stands forever.)

The Wooster post of the highway patrol handled more than 1,500 (that's right) phone calls this weekend for those needing assistance, information or other help from that agency. Our area situation was so critical that Col. Robert Charpentier, head of the Ohio Patrol, along with his top officers including Capt. Earl Reich of Massillon — district came to Wooster Saturday.

I wish we could name all the people who helped. We can't. All anyone can say to you, if you helped in a big way or even a small effort, is thanks.
Area Flood Waters Receded

Tired and saddened workers are ready to go after a body in fields east of S. Bever St., north of the Wooster Expressway, Sunday. City fireman Rich Landis is at left with ladder, Richard Bradenston in center. Background, Richard Lichteberger is on right.

WOOSTER'S EXPRESSWAY, looking west. Sign at right says "Ohio 3, Loudonville, next exit." Tank truck is stranded.

HITCHCOCK Excavating, back of the Grosjean Sales barn, had plenty of digging out to do as Little Apple Creek went out of control.

Clark Families Hit With Loss

CLARK — Roses are again open to Clark and the water is receding in the area. Creeks had receded on Monday but were out of their banks by noon and over county roads and Ohio 78.

The Arnold McVey family on Co. Rd. 150 were trapped for some time in their home Saturday and fired several shots to attract the attention of neighbors.

Mrs. Walter Grey called the Holmes County Sheriff who sent help. Coshocton also sent help in to the flood stricken town.

Two Coshocton City firemen and a third man from Clark were saved, when their boat overturned by the rushing water, as they tried to rescue the McVey family. They were later saved by a boat manned with Holmes County men.

The Donia Gallion family home was severely damaged by high water and logs coming from a sawmill above their home, hitting against the walls.

One man was pulled from his auto by a truck driver on Ohio 78. The car had lodged against some trees and was removed Monday.

Damage was extensive in the village and surrounding farm land, through which Dougherty Creek and several smaller creeks passed. Water was into the village square on Saturday.

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Farm Bureaus To Meet On Crop Damage

Damasages to crops and farms may exceed $40,000,000 as a result of the storms that hit many counties in Northern Ohio last weekend, Robert Sumner, president of the Ohio Farm Bureau, said today.

Sumner is calling an emergency meeting of the presidents of 23 county Farm Bureaus to coordinate their efforts "to help the farmers to use available federal programs available to farmers who suffered storm damage in the disaster areas." The Farm Bureau meeting will be Wednesday at the Holiday Inn on U.S. 36, east of Mansfield at 11:30 a.m.

Sumner said, "We want to give our county Farm Bureau leaders information on state and federal agencies and services available to farmers who suffered storm damages in the disaster areas.

Representatives of the Farm and Home Administration, the Agricultural Stabilization Committee, the U.S. Soil and Conservation Service and the Ohio Extension Service and the Ohio Department of Agriculture will attend.
CHRISTMAS RUN Park picnic pavilion is off its foundation and stranded by water and other debris.

COUNTY ROAD 44 south of Smithville separates two water streams. This picture is looking south toward Apple Creek. To left are Pee Christopher and daughter Jan.

MILLER'S LAKES bridge has been made impassable by rampaging water, but it doesn't stop Mark and Paul Reiman from fishing. Dr. and Mrs. Richard Reiman, who helped volunteers sandbag the dam at the north end of the lakes.

APPLE CREEK — A serious set-back was encountered by contractors when two 34-foot high walls of the new Staats Mfg. plant collapsed during the weekend storms. The 12 by 315 foot building is to be the largest of five and is to serve as an assembly plant.

Flood Victim Answered Call To Rescue Others

Editor, Daily Record:
As I read the accounts in the paper concerning the past flood in the Baurer Road area I have yet to read why and how my husband happened to give up his life trying to save the people stranded in that area. So I have decided it is time to give him the credit he deserves.

It was about 3 a.m. when our neighbor and friend knocked on our door and asked my husband if he would take his boat down to help with the evacuation of his son Roger Hembrow, also a victim, in that area. Even though, as many other's I'm sure, my husband didn't have to, he immediately went to the police station and returned with a city truck carrying lights for his boat. The last words my husband said to me were: "Well, Jo, I am working for the police Dept. tonight." This is the last time I saw my husband and I saw him.

We are very proud of him and would like the people of Wooster to know of the goodness of his heart and the help he gave in life to help others in need and even the last thought was in his mind must have been to save the little Hembrow boy as he was found still clasping him.

Everyone has been wonderful and generous, and we deeply appreciate it and is said in my previous letter our hearts go out to the many, many people who have suffered as we have. Thank you for your kind attention.

MRS. JOHN Z. MANN
1508 Pittsburgh Ave.
Rittman Is Hit Hard By Fire, Flooding

City Hall One Of Disaster Centers

During the weekend crisis the Wooster Police station was the main control post for rescue operations. Two dispatchers worked in the communications room, manning three telephone lines in addition to police and fire radio communications.

Bob Johnson, Red Cross disaster chairman, operated out of Chief Carl Yundt's office, coordinating efforts to aid persons left homeless by the storm. Art Nicholas directed efforts to provide safe drinking water for Wooster residents, most of whom got up Saturday morning to find their faucets dry. Nicholas is Red Cross director.

Capt. Martin of the Ohio National Guard was in charge of the contingent of guards who aided in rescue efforts. They occupied the office of Police Capt. James Wilson, who is presently on vacation.

REACT personnel set up their equipment in the former squad room of the police department, where they maintained operations around the clock.

Volunteers flocked to the municipal building, offering to be of help in any way they could be used. Their names were recorded by Mrs. Eddo Frautsch of the police records department and they were sent into the municipal courtroom to await assignment.

During the day, Sgt. James Pearce dispatched them to various parts of the city.

Many were used as runners, to relay messages from REACT to persons who could not be reached by radio or telephone.

Over 100 men and women volunteered. Many were teenagers, who went on assignments and returned when they were finished to request another task.

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Scuba divers and life guards offered their assistance. Dozens of persons came in to offer the use of boats and motors. They were sent to the Fire Department or to the Red Cross headquarters on North Walnut Street.

County Civil Defense director Sylvan Wiles was also at the police department where he conferred with Nicholas and city officials on rescue efforts.

For the police, there was some "business as usual," Accidents which were reported could not be taken care of. Said the dispatcher to a caller, "We have a desperate emergency. We cannot investigate an accident at this time." He advised the caller to take names and telephone numbers and report the accident to police later.

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FOUR BASEMENTS were reported caved in, with this one at the home of Richard Troyer of Lee Drive in Orrville the worst known case. The entire back basement wall of the Troyer home collapsed early Saturday morning while they were sleeping. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but the family must live elsewhere until the home can be repaired.

City Buses Are Out, Businesses Closed

Dozens of business places and area industries have had to close at least for Monday (today), partly because of flood damage, but also because of lack of water for operations and also because roads make travel even to work, sometimes impossible, and at all times, dangerous.

A partial list of shutdowns is provided here, those reported to WWSR. It is suggested that persons in doubt about going to work, should call before leaving home.

The Wooster city buses will not run for several days. The buses were submerged in six feet of water, and all parts of the vehicles must be dismantled, cleaned, repaired and then reassembled.

Industries which are closed today, except for maintenance and cleanup work, include the following:

- Akron Brass, Orrville
- Weatherseal Co., Cyclone Drill, Orrville; Gertenslager Co.
- Borg-Warner; Bell-Howell; J. M. Smucker, Diebold Inc. Morton Salt in Rittman; Wooster Brush.
- Frito Lay will be closed until further notice; Wooster Brush is having men employees in cleanup detail only; Cardinal Vending is closed; Mansfield Sanitary at Big Prairie; Servomation closed except for cleanup work by employees.

In Orrville, Crown Steel Products Co., plants 1 and 2 are closed and at Timken Rolle Bearing, those asked to work must bring their own lunches and drinking water.

- Willard Co., plants 1, 2, 3 and 4 are closed. At American Metro Chemical Co., women employees are not needed.
- C. S. Snyder Ford, Orrville, is closed.
- Many retail business places are closed Monday, partly because lack of water created a problem with air conditioning and toilet facilities and also because efforts are being made to keep traffic at a minimum. Business places agreed that by closing, employees and customers alike would not travel and thus lessen congestion on streets and highways. Many business places had sizeable chores ahead of employees as flooded basements were cleaned and various pieces of equipment were repaired.

Some of those closed include: Freedlanders, Annata, Book-nook, Jean Frocks, Balshah Bechtel's and Moore's Bakery. Also, Ron's Color Shop, Newberries, Jewell Box, Brenner Bros., Wayne Savings.

Disaster

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Three fires which occurred on Saturday were taken care of by the fire department. Police received a report of looting at a Woodcrest Drive address, and a call of a broken window at Bennet's in the Plaza Shopping Center.

Mid-morning Saturday two young women came in to ask for help in removing 19 horses from their stalls at the Wayne County fairgrounds. A man who had just volunteered the use of a motor heard the request and went home for the motor. Most of the animals were rescued.

Men who came in Saturday morning from rescue work were soaked and cold. Many took off heavy boots, emptied water from them into wastebaskets and walked around barefoot.

Blankets were thrown around the shoulders of those men who were wet and shaking.

Boots and water gear were of all varieties were the order of the day. Police and volunteers were drenched as they worked in the morning storms; hot coffee doughnuts and sandwiches, furnished by the Red Cross, appeared as fast as they were provided.

At noon, those who had worked all night were sent home to dry off and get a few hours sleep before returning to duty at 5 p.m.

While police and National Guard troops were concentrating on rescue work, members of REACT directed traffic, which grew in volume over the weekend, and hampered the rescue work. Men came to Wooster to assist from many surrounding communities, including Akron, Medina, and Massillon.

Pumping water from one of Hagan Westinghouse's plants was only one of the man clean-up jobs which faced Orrville residents when they awoke Saturday morning. Flooding and the power failure forced most Orrville industries to remain closed today.

Penn-Central passenger train 28 was stalled Saturday morning just west of Burton City due to a washout beneath the tracks. The 100-plus passengers, bound from New York to Chicago, were transferred to two chartered buses after a lengthy delay, and continued on their journey.
Hearts, Hands And Heads Join In Helping Others

While most of the weekend human rescue work was receiving the bulk of attention from both news media and the general public, there was also activity in all other sectors of this four-county community. Animals, furniture, autos and a wide variety of other personal possessions have been lost or ruined.

At least a dozen persons were admitted to Wooster Community Hospital where they received treatment for injuries received in connection with the weekend storm.

There will be mail in Wooster but it will be late some what. The Wooster Post Office said all carriers reported for work this morning and went on their routes.

Doyl Findley, Wayne County agricultural and 4-H agent, said he believes that damage to crops in the area must be severe, but he conceded that it is difficult to assess at this time.

A survey, he said, must be done from the air in order to assess the damage.

The chief concern in his office was the safety of the 100-4-Hers now camping on Kelley Islands off Sandusky. He said he has assured parents that they are all safe and are awaiting the resumption of ferry boat service to return home.

The service has been suspended because of the lake water being rough.

The youngsters, led by Dale Glass, Wayne County agricultural agent, have plenty to eat, he assured parents.

According to Findley, no horses are known to be lost as a result of the flood in the fairground which was submerged in water Friday night and Saturday morning. All the homes were evacuated to safety Saturday morning.

The only loss of lives in the fairgrounds, he said, was four dogs, including three pugs, which drowned.

Major H. S. Knickerbocker, head of the Salvation Army in Youngstown, was scheduled to conduct church services there Sunday.

"But when I was called to help in the Wooster area I knew I was needed," he said. "My wife took over the services."

Robert Forrider, Knickerbocker's son-in-law visiting him from Lorain, said he would help. Harvey, summer employee for Westlake in Mansfield, was the third member of the trio operating the free refreshment stand in the flood rescue and clean-up areas. Maj. William McGowan, Harvey's father, was head of the Salvation Army contingent here.

Bill Snyder, Doylestown who is a machinist for United of Akron, and Gaylord McComas, Wooster funeral director, were operating the Red Cross refreshment stand near flood areas Sunday.

Ben Kaufman and Dol Zappas, of Wooster, were among those rescuing horses at the Wayne County Fairgrounds.

"Water got as high as nine feet deep," said Kaufman, who is a welder at Babcock-Wilcox in Barberton and also an instructor of the Wooster Rifles Club. "I had a rubber raft and we paddled into the barns trying to rescue horses," he said. "We pulled three out to safety. I saw one dead animal float by."

"Most kids seemed to be helping," he continued. "Only way you could get it was by boat."

Rescuers cut holes in some of the roofs so they could go into the barns.

James Bailey, Sr., an employee of Wayne County Iron and Metal, was one of the volunteer rescue workers Sunday.

"My son is Ptl. Jim Bailey (Wooster Police Dept.). When I heard that he was stranded on a roof while helping flood victims and then finally rescued himself, I was so thankful I had to do something."

"So I just joined the flood volunteers. Least I could do," he continued. "Only way you could get it was by boat."

Mayor Paul Tiford and Arthur Miller inspected the dam at Miller's Lakes this morning, and issued the following statement:

"The dam will hold unless much more rain falls in the immediate future. Volunteers filled sandbags and packed them into the dam where it was leaking on Sunday afternoon. We would like to express our thanks to the volunteers," said Miller.

Several supermarkets have made their chalirln supplies available to the city, it is need ed."

Bessie Withrow of 335 Henry St., and her neighbor, Susie Brooks, were listed in fair condition this morning in Wooster Community Hospital.

They were injured Saturday morning when the gas heater in the basement of the George Boston residence at the Henry Street address blew up. The basement was flooded at the time.

Dean Grossman of Wooster Disposal Company reported to the Daily Record he has one truck available and is trying to borrow another for garbage pickup for his customers only. His customers will be notified by WWSF one day before pickup is made in an area. Customers are to then put their garbage containers at the curb.

Nixon Asked To Declare Disaster Area

Wayne County Commissioners have asked President Nixon to officially declare this entire area a disaster area.

If the President complies with the request, federal grants or loans at low interest rates will then be available for rehabilitation needs.

Commissioners reported that at least 100 bridges and bridge structures in the county road system have been damaged by the flooding.

Damage to the country's 1,000 miles of highway systems is extensive and, according to commissioners, may run into the millions of dollars needed for repair.

"Impossible to assess the amount," said commissioners Robert Miller.

At this time efforts are in progress to reach persons stranded because of impassable roads. All county-issued equipment was covered with water Saturday, seriously limiting operations of that department. Rescue crews were on duty or on alert.

In many situations, need for barricades at endangered spots was greater than could be immediately provided. Trucks, trees, limbs, and a variety of other warning devices were installed wherever the bridge damage or road collapse was known to exist.

Motorists are warned not to travel unless it is absolutely necessary and not to unfamiliar roads. There exists still a great danger of further road and bridge collapse.

ONG Assists On Duty

Called out at 4:30 Saturday morning, the Wooster unit of the Ohio National Guard, continued to provide assistance to local police.

Primary service has been in aiding search operations for flood victims and survivors and in preventing looting of flooded homes and businesses.

Fifty-four men of Company A, 1st Battalion, 140th Infantry, under Commander John E. Martin, have been active throughout the disaster area, making use of Guard jeeps, trucks, and ambulances. In addition, a Guard helicopter from Akron, effected rescues of people inaccessible by other means.

ROUTE 37, north and south of Orrville, was closed until late Saturday afternoon as rampaging waters flooded the highway in several places making travel extremely hazardous. Many other main arteries were closed, as well as most back roads and bridges.

WEST HIGH STREET was turned into a small river Saturday morning across from Buehlers Mart, as the Orrville drainage system was unable to handle the over ten inches of rain which fell on the area over a 12-hour period. Many other Orrville streets were flooded and impassable, but by late Saturday afternoon most of the water had receded.
Orrville Awaits Power; No Injuries Reported

Story By Ken Blum

Although there is much "inconvenience" and a significant amount of property damage in Orrville, excellent cooperation throughout the community and a smile from lady luck assured that there is nary an injury directly attributable to flood waters at last night.

Thanks to the Ohio Edison system, Orrville has about ten per cent of its power as it is produced.

The Municipal Plant, hooked on to Edison early Saturday evening, stopped the city its first elec-
trical power since 4:30 a.m. that morning, when 23 feet of water knocked out the Orrville genera-
tor.

The ten per cent power is being used in clean-up and rebuilding operations, but it is planned to pump water, while a few blocks in the northwest section of the city was.

All the water, 3,000,000 gallons of it, has now been pumped out of the power plant by the Orrville Fire Department’s pumps. The city has evacuated the surrounding area which volunteered their aid. Workmen are now concentrating on cleaning out the motors and repairing the generators.

Private contractors have worked with the city, and municipal employees have joined together in trying to restore full power as quickly as possible.

A spokesman for the Orrville Municipal Plant said that at this time it was impossible to make any guesses how long it would be before power can be fully re-
stored, and that any estimate would be misleading to the public. The spokesman went on to say that the city officials have several options open to them, and that they are exploring them all in the effort to restore power as quickly as possible.

Mayor Gordon Hostetler issued a proclamation Sunday morning which read as follows:

"We have declared a state of disaster in the City of Or-
ville,

The city has 10 per cent power from Ohio Edison and every effort is being made to get the Municipal Plant in operation.

"Citizens are urged to be extremely conservative of water.

Chief of Police Stocker, Fire Chief Woolley, and myself, wish to thank citizens for their tremendous coopera-
tion during this emergency.

Hostetler said that the majority portion of Saturday night patrolling the streets with police and, after three hours sleeping, he went again doing "all I could to help"

Sunday morning. Commenting on the cooperation exhibited throughout the community he stated, "People have been tremen-
dous cooperative ... and wonderful.

Basements Flooded

An innumerable amount of basements have been flooded in the community. At least three, and possibly four, basement walls have been known to col-

apse.

Three families reported col-
lapsed basement walls in the city’s west end. Hardest hit was Richard Troyer of 645 Lee Drive, whose entire back basement wall collapsed early Saturday morn-
ing while the family was sleep-
ing. At least two and probably part of another wall will have to be replaced before the Tovey’s can move back into their home, which may take until the end of the week. At present, they are staying with relatives next door.

Edward Martin of Meadow Lane lost a side basement wall around 3:45 a.m., while Elmer Arnold, also a res-
ident of Meadow Lane, reported that a small section of south basement wall gave way follow-
ing the second heavy rain Satu-
day night. Both Meadow Lane families were able to remain in their homes despite the serious damage. Basement damage also was reported at the Dunlap re-
Verase residence on Oak St. The ex-
uptent of the damage is not yet known.

The fire department has re-
ceived several requests to pump basements yet all efforts are and are directed toward the city’s utilities and emergency operations. Several private firms have donated their pumping equipment for use.

Five basements were flooded in a row on Crown Hill Road.

Streets And Roads Passable

Ohio route 57 south was passable early last Saturday morning. West High Street, a treacher-
er river in the morning, was cleared by mid-afternoon while the flood waters let a trail of debris in the West High Street shopping center. All Orrville streets are open with the exception of a small section of North Crown Hill Rd. North Main Street has been blocked for a short time Saturday morning in front of the Crown Steel Plant, yet was completely cleared of water in the afternoon.

Almost miraculously, there was only one minor accident re-
ported over the weekend (on pri-
vate property). All traffic lights in the city, except at High and Elm streets, have been out of operation. Stated Chief of Police William Stocker, "Traffic has held out amazingly well."

Police have been working long 24-hour shifts. The Police Dept is provid-
ed with a gasoline generator. Loudspeakers are used to in-
form residents to conserve water and of road advisories Sunday morning. The tornado warning was first issued at 11:16 and with-
drawn at 1:05.

Roads For Aprehension

There was room for some ap-

prehension Saturday night when the camshaft on the generator at Community Osteopathic Hospital broke. Volunteers immediately attempted to remedy the situation, but were stymied. Person-
nel in the hospital functioned for nearly three hours without power before Orrville Civil Defense contacted the National Guard in Akron. At 4 a.m., National Guard members from the 154th Na-
tional Guard Unit, 1st battalion, in Akron were present with a gas-
oline powered generator and two 1,000-gallon tanks of water. By 4:15 a.m. Sunday the generator was returned to the hospital.

Officer at the hospital reported that one emer-
gency case was handled after the power shutdown.

Harold Davis, official at the Osteopathic Hospital, stated that hospital personnel handled the situation very well using Coleman Lanterns and flash-
lights. "We had excellent coopera-
tion from all organizations... including REACT, Civil Defense, police and the Fire Department," he said.

A larger, 40,000 kilowatt gener-
ator was brought from Camp Perry later in the afternoon. It will take approximately two days to obtain parts for the hospital’s generator.

Two National Guardsmen, one for the water and one for the gener-
erator, are stationed at the hospi-
tal. They are Spec. 4 L. D. Hinkle and Spec. 4 R. C. Evans, both of Akron.

The water was apparently un-
necessary. No flood-related ad-
missions were reported at the hospital.

Harvey Norris, director of over the county suffered heavy money and personal losses from the severe thunder-
boxers which turned this year’s holiday into a major tragedy.

From the Dunlap Hospital, reported that "We’re in real fine shape." Nor-
ris said that the hospital is enjoy-
ing near capacity power from their auxiliary generator. Again, there are no admissions stem-
ming directly from the flood at Dunlap as of last night.

Battery-Operated

Telephones were operating on batteries in Orrville from approxi-
mately 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. when power finally disappoi-
ed. An auxiliary generator was then installed and is restoring full service to United Telephone Cir-

cuits in Orrville. Any difficulties new experienced would be at indi-

eridual residences ... not at the company itself.

There have been no reports of vandalism or any other crimes in Orrville since the flood.

Volunteer Help

Smith’s Dairy volunteered to store frozen foods early Sunday morning. At 1:30 p.m. their freezers were completely filled (power had been restored to the plant).

Virgil Burkholder of the dairy stated that "hundreds" of resi-
dents took advantage of the community ser-
vice. Those who were among the first to bring their food may have difficulty re-ob-
taining it until it is unstacked. The dairy purchased approximately 1,000 extra pounds of dry ice to accommodate the additional-

food.

Electricity was restored at Smith’s plant in sufficient time as to have no harm present inventory. Feasible deliveries were made Saturday and those drivers who couldn’t get through Saturday delivered Sunday.

Amstutz Hatchery reported that they will not know until later today if the power failure will cause serious damage, but said that one hatch already has been slightly damaged.

There has been no serious

damage at the J. M. Smucker Co., only some water in the base-

ment and the new office building.

However, the plan, except for maintenance and shipping, will be shut down until the power fail-

ure is over.

Saves Milk

Orrville Milk was able to avoid heavy losses to its inventory by getting small amounts of power off and on to save its milk. A spokesman for the company said, "We have been fortunate in having no serious damage ... it could have really been bad."

Orrville grocers reported that "red" meats (hamburger, pork, etc.) are not being sold. Many have shipped their in-

ventory to neighboring communities with electricity. The vacuum packed meats are being sold in large quantity and are safe for a long period of time unless ex-
posed to air.

Tom Abel of Abe’s IGA Food-

liner reported that 80 per cent of his red meats were transferred to Sayre’s IGA in Smithville. The basement to his cooler was flooded with 10 inches of water.

Besides grocery stores and drug stores, nearly all other busi-

ness was brought to a standstill in Orrville. Sayre oil Company tracks pumped gas to motorists in need Saturday or West Market St. Later, when power was par-
tially (10 per cent) restored to the community, the American Serv-

cice Station on North Main St. was opened.

The only restaurants able to open thusfar in Orrville are the Manhattan on 142 Depot St. and Pookie’s drive-in on North Main St. The Manhattan was able to open because it possesses a large gas stove while Pookie’s were in an area where power was re-

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FRONT STREET in Killbuck was a river as this picture shows. The house sets next to one owned by Andy Baker, which is believed to be the only not flooded on the first floor in Killbuck.

Holmes C. Is Hit Hard

MILLERSBURG — Holmes County points south and west of Millersburg were among those hardest hit in what is reported as the hardest storm of its history.

Striking with sudden velocity Friday at approximately 10:15 p.m. and continuing as a deluge through Saturday morning, the storm was estimated at 7.80 inches by Mrs. Gilbert Sayder, local observer for the U.S. Weather Bureau through 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

Ginger Hinkle, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hinkle of here was reported drowned in the first surge of flood waters at Hickory Lake where she was camping with her family. The body, recovered by Millersburg Firemen, was transported to Kil- liot Hartline Funeral Home where Holmes County Coroner, Dr. M. Robert Harton was to officially rule on the cause of death.

Millersburg was declared a disaster area Saturday morning and Red Cross headquarters were set up in the First United Presbyterian Church for those rescued. Emergency status for Holmes County was announced early Saturday morning at 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

First and nearly simultaneous notices of emergency were given in Millersburg when Donald Dut- sleep.

React of Stark County was called in to assist. A reported five units of the Town and City Fire department were stationed in Millersburg alone.

The Orrville Dietmasters assisted the fire department in several water rescues and, on at least one occasion, were used to shut gas off to flooded basements. On one occasion, a fire department boat was caught in a current when a swimmer dived in, and held on to a bridge and the boat in the same time until help was available.

At approximately 8 o’clock firemen answered a call at the Sam Hunstburger residence on 359 Washington Blvd when fire erupted in a furnace motor. The blaze was immediately extinguished and Hunstburger was taken to Dunlap Hospital for observation. He is reported in good condition.

neering Company made no estimate of damage can be made until water levels from the Millersburg substation automatic controls south of town.

Heister said detailed damage centered at Holmes County Fairgrounds and adjoining Hipp Lumber Company where wires hang precariously.

Train Halted

A 32-car Penn Central freight going to Akron from Columbus with one carload of perishable frozen food was halted when sandstone being undermined from the railway bridge west of Millersburg was swung on the track. Engineer G. R. Pullins called the train a 3:45 p.m. Saturday after striking the rock and backing the train. Except for Freeman W. S. Sutton, who left the train before waters rose, the crew was rescued by Millersburg firemen.

Two diesel engines were uncoupled and moved to the highest ground to protect them from water damaged.

There will be no fair this year," was the opinion expressed by fairboard member Lynn Newhman on observation of Holmes County fairground. And several businesses lying on the Killbuck river bank were damaged severely by the raging river.

William Faust estimated damage to his trucking terminal at $12,000 in stock and tools, with hill damage to the building. Seven trucks owned by him and three owned by other truckers and setting in his lot were nearly completely emerged in the flood waters.

A truck owned by Robert Chany valued at $16,000 and owned by Harley Williamson who was not available for comment, were parked at the fairgrounds and completely covered.

Millersburg firemen estimate a power wage used in emergency rescue may be a fateful loss.

Max Trappaged

Supt. Gilbert Snyder was trapped several hours in the
Old Timers Recall Big Downpour, Flood Of '13

Old timers today were comparing the downpour and flood of the last few days with the record storm of 1913.

There were many similarities and many differences, according to information given the Daily Record by John Wilson of the Research Center.

On both occasions more than ten inches of water fell in a short period. In 1913 the storm lasted for five days beginning Sunday, March 23. That day 1.6 inches of rain fell. On Monday there were 1.94 inches. The big rain came on the third day, 4.6 inches. The following day rainfall dropped to 1.4 inches, and on the final day .81 of an inch, (which included .4 inches of snow) was recorded. Total precipitation amounted to 10.18 inches.

Precipitation covering a four-day period from Friday evening, July 4 through Monday morning, July 7.

From Daily Record

- 90 Hour Downpour Causes Great Loss; Still Raining.
- The story said that high water, following many hours of continuous rainfall, completely shut Wooster from the outside world. Travel of all kinds being impossible.
- "Both railroads and the interurban car line were out of commission, and access to the city by road was impossible because of washouts and high water, every little stream being swollen far past the capacity of the bridges.
- "Old residents of the city, viewing the vast lake west and south of Wooster, searched their memories in vain to recall a time when the water had been higher or as high.
- The severe flood of last August made streams swifter, perhaps, but did not cause the high water that the rain, falling since Sunday morning, has produced.
- "Wooster people waded home from work Monday evening along streets that in places resembled rivers. Crossings were hard to get over, and lie people were hoping that conditions would be far better before morning.
- "The same conditions prevailed all over the county... Old Killbuck went on a wild rampage, rising steadily Monday afternoon and night, reached a stage Tuesday that it had never reached before.
- The entire state felt the impact of that storm.

IN SPITE OF Sunday afternoon rains, sightseers filled highways, this scene looking east on US 30 just at Pittsburgh Avenue limits of Wooster.
Power Restored In Rittman, Orrville

The tornado-like wind and the severe lightning storm that accompanied the Fourth of July cloudburst caused much damage to the electric utility facilities and forces of Ohio Edison Company.

About 50,000 customers — almost 7.3 per cent of all the Company's electric users — including the Rittman area — experienced service interruptions at one time or another for varying periods of time.

The most serious damage was along Lake Erie and across the northeast portion of the area served by the Company, but other divisions were also affected by the torrential rain, lightning and high winds. Downed power lines, mostly due to falling trees were scattered all over the area and lightning strikes on transformers and other facilities caused outages to many other customers.

At 10 p.m., Saturday, service had still not been restored to about 16,000 customers but practically all reported cases of outages were cleared up Monday, company officials said. More than 700 workers were engaged in the restoration of service throughout the company's area.

Some of these were line crews transferred from less affected divisions to areas where the damage was most severe.

In the Massillon division, it is estimated that 1,500 customers were without power sometime during the storm period.

Ohio Edison came to the assistance of the Orrville Municipal system, which lost its entire production due to flooding of the plant during Friday night. Power was made available to the city through an emergency connection constructed on Saturday between Edison's facilities and the municipal system. The connection, energized about 7 p.m., Saturday, is now providing partial requirements for the municipality's urgent needs.

The company also endeavored to assist the city of Wooster, which likewise suffered the loss of its municipal power plant production as a result of the flood. Conferences between company and municipal officials disclosed, however, that the electrical characteristics of the two systems did not permit interconnection with available facilities.

Efforts are continuing in the endeavor to solve the technical problems involved.

Edison's Massillon division manager, R. E. Dawson said that the storm was undoubtedly one of the most damaging ever experienced by the Company here.

Colleges, Schools To Reopen Facilities

The Ashland College residence hall will open Wednesday morning and meals will be served beginning with breakfast, according to Arthur Geusche, dean of the summer session.

All classes will be in session again starting Wednesday, he said.

The College of Wooster summer session has been canceled because of disruption of facilities from the flood. The second session will start on Monday.

Wooster High School summer school classes will start again on Wednesday morning, according to officials.
Stranded By The Flood, They Wanted Water

LODI — The fact is, every emergency there are some amusing incidents was proven Sunday night when Lodi police had a call for help from people living in the Garden Isle Farms area.

Over 1,000 acres of the muck land is under water, and several families who live on the farms are entirely cut off from any roads out. Sunday evening a Lodi police officer was asked by two people for help. They told him a 13-year-old boy had pulled his mother out of the water on a raft, and needed help.

Several calls were made and W. A. Young offered the use of his boat. Lodi firemen trucked the boat to the farms, got a motor, and went nearly a mile across the lake to three houses where the report was help was needed, but the people refused to leave. They said they needed water; so the firemen came back to town, got water, and made a second trip out, but the people still refused to leave.

Employees of the light company were washing in the stream to repair damage, and had light service restored to the marooned houses by early evening; so the people were not in as much need of help as the police were led to believe.

Utilities Supt. R. O. Eken estimated damage to the electric and water services will be approximately $1,500, but he made no estimate on what may have happened to sewage disposal plant.

Street Superintendent Merle Zimmerman has extra men working repairing the streets where berms have been washed out, gutters and catch basins filled, and sidewalks blown off. The worst street damage was on High Street where a portion of the street and band on both sides were washed out, necessitating the laying of a new sewer under the street, some land fill, and the resurfacing of a part of the street. Street damage has not been estimated, but it will be high.

The Lodi fire department worked all day Saturday and Sunday and late Sunday night pumping basements, and finally had to say that they could not take on any more pumping jobs where the water was a foot deep or less. Some basements had 12 feet of water, and the LaMarr Beauty Shoppe was entirely destroyed, along with all the furniture and equipment in the basement, three trucks loads of which were hauled out Sunday.

A part of the bank at the Letha Trailer Court on Medina Street caved in Community Park, taking with it an electric transformer and lines. There were no trailers parked at this point, and the power crews were able to pull the transformer out and reset it.

A new house being built at the corner of High and North Market Streets narrowly escaped being washed away when the bank along High Street washed down a small stream.

Though there is a great deal of cleanup to be done, several thousands of dollars in damage was done to heating equipment, refrigerators and other things in basements, there were no serious accidents in the village, and all-in-all, people in the village were lucky.

There have been several inquiries about what to do with waste materials after the recent flood.

M. V. Jackson, who has the contract for waste pick-up in the village, was in Monday to report that he is temporarily unable to get to the land fills because of flood conditions, but that he will resume pick-ups from his regular customers as soon as he can get into the land fills with wastes.

Jackson also asked that anyone desiring his services under the recent village ordinance, call him or write to him, Marshallville RD 2, or 652-2297 to make arrangements for pick-up services.

The old dump is temporarily open for the disposal of materials damaged by the flood, and persons with such materials are urged to get them hauled shortly, before the dura is permanently closed. The opening of the former dump is only a temporary measure due to the present emergency, and does not mean that the old dump will be open as formerly.

Patrons of Jackson will be billed directly by him for the services, but new customers must contact him for service.

The pick-up day for Lodi will be Friday, and refuse cans are to be placed at the curb for Friday pick-ups, which will begin as soon as the present emergency is over.
Here from Alexandria, Va., are professional Red Cross personnel, George Goobner, left, and Edwin Van Holland as they study a map of the stricken Wayne County community. The men came here to offer their experienced advice to local chapter workers.

Coffee by the gallons sustained volunteers furling recent emergency and at the Red Cross Chapter House, Mrs. Chester Franks, left and Mrs. Grant Rose had full time job keeping up with demands.

Fred Sherwin and Ray Hanlie, right, opened sewers on South Main Street in Creston Saturday.

Fund nears $2,000
Wooster's new Goodrich-Knissel Memorial Fund amounts to $7,357, said treasurer Jack Fisher in a progress report today. The fund for the benefit of dependents of policemen and firemen killed in the line of duty is being established in memory of Sgt. Paul Knissel and Ptl. Robert Goodrich, who died while on flood rescue operations July 5.

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Welfare open
The county Welfare Dept. on 124 N. Walnut St. is open but, Harley Jones, acting director, said the office is tending care of emergency cases only.

Water's force gouged away part of Oakley Rd. in north Wooster.
**Wooster Council Resumes Work In Aftermath Of Disaster Emergency**

Members of City Council and others in the municipal courtroom Monday night stood for a period honoring Patrolman Robert Goodrich of the Wooster Police Dept., who lost his life in the Saturday flood and Sgt. Paul Knisely, who is missing.

The tribute was made at the suggestion of Councilman-at-Large John Lawrence and Mayor Paul Tifford. A brief resolution, on behalf of City Council and the city administration, contained their “deep and most sincere sympathy to the families of these two men.”

In a 45-minute meeting, council members acted on four pieces of legislation. Rules were suspended to sign an agreement for membership in the North Central Council of Governments, which includes Knox, Richland, Ashland and Wayne counties.

**Government Group**

City Solicitor John Veney, at the request of Councilman-at-Large Rhee Benson, explained that the action will allow Wooster to take part in a federal government program dealing with crime problems under the Safe Streets Act.

It will cost the city no money, Veney said, and once the city is part of the district, it may choose whether it wishes to participate in the planning programs.

A right-of-way agreement with the Baltimore & Ohio railroad for the extension of sewer lines on Lincoln Way was also adopted under suspended rules.

An ordinance providing for a sewer in the Elm Heights subdistrict, was given second reading. On second reading was an ordinance vacating six alleys adjacent to Wooster Brush Company property. Rules were suspended to adopt the legislation. Benson, newly-appointed to fill the unexpired term of Robert Lerch, was named chairman of the Police and Fire Committee of council.

**Zoning Revision**

Ward Two Councilman Donald Kelts submitted a letter requesting three revisions of the zoning ordinance. The revisions would permit minor construction on below-minimum-width lots occupied by existing residences. His letter was referred to Laws and Ordinances Committee.

A communication from Ray Gasharre, Leo Dinkle, and Harold Franko, members of the assessment equalization board named to consider assessments for the Highland Park Road improvements, was referred to Streets and Alleys Committee.

**Annexation**

Among other communications were notification of the filing of petitions requesting annexation of two areas. The first involved 130.11 acres of land in the Milltown-Melrose Drive area and the second, 91.37 acres on the west side of Oak Hill. The petition has been filed by William Mullen.

A petition from Neil's Furniture and Jewell Motor Parts for vacation of an alley north from East South Street was referred to Streets and Alleys Committee.

Dallas Kaufman, Ward Four councilman, requested that the revision and amending of the zoning code pertaining to lot sizes be referred to the Planning Commission.

A special meeting of council will be held Monday at 8 p.m. to consider vacation of an alley on East South Street. The meeting will be preceded at 7:30 by a meeting of council as a committee of the whole to consider the proposed budget.

**Disaster Provision**

At the request of Ward Three Councilman David Goldsberry, Mayor Tifford explained the federal law under which Wooster has asked to be designated a disaster area.

This law, the mayor said, provides federal funds to municipalities for repairing damage sustained in case of disaster. The federal government will pay complete costs for repair of such things as water and sewer plants, water and sewer lines and streets. Federal funds can also be obtained to assist in paying for damaged bridges.

A representative of the government was in Wooster Monday to confer with city officials on the damage done by last Saturday's flood and the mayor told council, "I'm sure we are in line for federal assistance."

The mayor read a resolution expressing appreciation to all civilian, volunteers, members of the city service-safety department, and other law enforcement agencies who worked and gave their services during the weekend disaster.

Lawrence suggested that a resolution of respect be sent to the Goodrich and Knisely families. All councilmen and three spectators were present for the reading, with President J. Garber Drushal presiding. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**Resolution**

have worked diligently for extremely long hours to keep the loss of lives and property at a minimum, and WHEREAS, the Citizens of Wooster have cooperated to the fullest during this period and a great many have contributed much voluntary service; THEREFORE, it is resolved that the Wooster City Council and City administration express our most sincere thanks and appreciation to all of those who have helped during this crisis in our city.

**IN APPLE CREEK**

The bridge near the American Legion Post had a sizeable chunk of its approach washed away.

**Three Cars Lost By One Area Family**

APPLE CREEK — Although the storm damage here, as a whole, was comparatively light, the Bill Clark family lost two cars and a station wagon under ten feet of water. The Clarkes have ten children.

Clark said the water looked like a huge rushing river. His mother described it as "like Niagara Falls."

They had worked all week freenating crops now, according to the elderly Mrs. Clark, they were all gone, ruined when the basement flooded.

A daughter was almost swept away trying to save horses which were up to their necks in water in the small barn behind the house. Mrs. Lola Chesney was taken to the hospital with a heart attack after the storm hit.

The laundromat is in operation 24 hours, and someone is present to give assistance when needed.

**Crisis Slows College Events**

College of Wooster offices and buildings will be closed until Monday, July 24, it was announced today by President J. Garber Drushal.

However, all maintenance and custodial personnel are asked to report as usual, he said.

Lowry Center is closed to all visitors this week. The Wooster Inn dining room is closed until adequate water service is restored. Arrangements for the Ohio Synod School scheduled to begin next week are incomplete pending replacement of water service.

College summer school director William Hoffman stated that this week's classes, marking the end of the first summer term, have not been cancelled.
Power Restoration Relief To Orrvillites

BY JON KINNEY

Activity in Orrville Monday moved very slowly as industry and residents attempted to finish clean-up operations of damage resulting from the July 4th storm. It will be a long time before things are completely back to normal, but the emergency is over and relief finally came for many Orrville residents Monday afternoon when electric power was partially restored, after being out for almost 60 hours.

The Orrville Municipal Plant was able to turn on one 7,500 kilowatt generator at 2:30 p.m. Monday afternoon, after the motor had been cleaned and restored. The power from this one working generator is inadequate to serve everyone, but efforts are being made to get the other generators back in service as quickly as possible and the power company will serve as many customers as they can with the limited power.

Ray Williams, member of the Public Utilities Board, stated that rumors that it would be four to five days before full power could be restored were untrue.

The generation was increased by the utility company to serve the essential food storage industries, and keep the city supply adequate. This we have done.

"Some areas of town have received small amounts of power because they are on the same circuit and not because of any preferential treatment."

One-Third Power

Since Orrville has use of its one generator, which can supply about one-third normal power, it is no longer hooked up with Ohio Edison. Sam Bohlen, another member of the Public Utilities Board, told the Daily Record that municipal officials hope to have a second generator operating between 10 a.m. and noon today (Tuesday). Together the two generators will be able to serve almost all of the domestic load while industrial power will remain limited until full power can be restored.

"The people and industries of Orrville have been especially considerate in this trying situation," said Bohlen, "and we appreciate it."

Orrville has received a lot of help from Cleveland, Akron, and Canton, professional people in their fields, electricians and engineers. Orrville's firemen were finally allowed to go home Monday at 7 p.m. after being on emergency duty since Friday at 10 p.m. The fire department had to be on round-the-clock duty because fire sirens were inoperable. The sirens were fixed Monday evening, allowing the firemen to get some well deserved rest, after providing the city with protection and making numerous rescues.

The only activity for the Orrville Fire Department Monday was answering a call from Wooster to help look for bodies. Seventeen men, some of them skidivers, were sent to Wooster early in the morning.

Despite various rumors on the subject, the Orrville Police Department said that they had no reports of looting or burglary in the city since the power failure.

Open For Business

About two-thirds of the downtown business establishments were open for business Monday, although some had only candle power, while most industries were closed or operating on a very limited basis. All drug stores and groceries were open to fill the needs of the many people who lost food or other items due to the storm.

Seven of Orrville's twelve gas stations were also open.

Superintendent Howard Netley reported that none of Orrville's five public schools received any damage and that summer school classes would resume today.

Roy Moffet, manager of Ohio Central Telephone in Orrville, reported that an estimated 100 lines are still out of service, probably affecting around 250 individual phones in the Orrville area. His men are working overtime to repair the damaged lines, and Moffet hopes everything will be cleaned up by Wednesday.

Ohio Central had been operating on auxiliary power since Saturday afternoon until they went back to regular power Monday.

Mail Delay

Postmaster John Schromen stated that the Orrville Post Office was planning on complete deliveries Monday, except for a few isolated rural areas. Work at the post office was slowed up by as much as 50 per cent over the weekend due to lack of power, but all city routes received their mail Saturday, except for those streets which were badly flooded, while mail reached only one-third of the rural routes.

Orrville continued to be lucky as far as any accidents being attributed to the storm or the conditions following it. Neither of the city's two hospitals reported any admissions due to the storm, and there were no traffic accidents reported. Most of the city's traffic lights were back in operation by late afternoon, which relieved most of the traffic congestion downtown.

The National Guard unit from Akron was still on duty at the Orrville Community Osteopathic Hospital, and will remain there providing emergency electric and water power until the city has full power restored. Monday morning the Guard took a water tank and a generator to Dunlap Memorial Hospital in case some kind of an emergency should develop.

Public Breakfast

The Augsburg Lutheran Church opened up their doors Monday, preparing breakfast for over 100 people, many of them police, firemen and civil defense workers. They also had hot meals available throughout the day for elderly people who might have lost all their food.

Orrville's Fourth of July celebration, which was cut short by the thunder showers Friday night, is not over yet. The Jaycees are attempting to make plans for the fireworks, the completion of the softball tourney, and the car drawing. They are hoping to tentatively schedule these events for this Saturday, but details have not been finalized, and any information will be available later in the week.

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VOLUNTEERS search near place where police Patrolman Robert Goodrich's body was found Monday. Each mound of rubbish, piled up by flooded Little Apple Creek, made hunting for victims more tedious. Spot is about a mile downstream from Bauer Road bridge where Goodrich and Sgt. Paul Kinsley were swept away in rescue boat early Saturday.

DAY AND NIGHT SHIFT — Clifford Merrison, left, president of the Wayne County Chapter of the American Red Cross, along with Robert Johnson, ARC disaster chairman, are among the many weary workers who have served the community these past few days.
FLOOD DELAYS

Hospital Trip

SMITHVILLE — Firemen charted 14 bridges and culverts in their fire area, out or impassable in the Green-Wayne area due to weekend floods.

In addition to the Milton Street Bridge and the West Prospect Street culvert, bridges or culverts are out on County Road 44 south of 502, the back Wooster-Orrville Road east of Geyers Chapel Road, 228 east of 76, 78 east of 76, 78 west of 76, 112 west of 76, 86 east of 112, 22 at 112, 123 west of 76, 68 north of 221, 64 south of 21, 121 east of Wooster, 124 north of 23 and 120 east of 145.

Firemen spent Sunday pumping basements, hauling water to the Wayne County Jail in Wooster, filling containers of persons needing water and standing by to assist with the hauling of water to Kidron, Orrville and Marshallville.

Two pumps, owned by the department, had to be torn down, cleaned out with some rebuilding also to keep them in operation.

Firemen also assisted in recovering the three flooded automobiles west of the village on 502 where four persons were rescued early Saturday morning.

Cars in the area belonged to Paul Smith and Mrs. Mary Catherine Rohrer both of Smithville and to Orrville Cab Co. of Orrville.

Mrs. Rohrer was attempting to get to work at an Orrville Hospital, while Smith was trying to assist Mr. Ray Boggs of Smithville in her efforts to get to Dunlap Hospital in Orrville for a childbirth.

Mrs. Boggs, her husband and father Everett Fenner stalled their car four times in the high water between Smithville and Orrville. Just east of the Oak Grove Church, their car hit a log in the high water and completely gave out.

Friends of Boggs from Orrville took them the rest of the way to the hospital, where a 7%-pound baby girl was delivered Saturday morning.

A partial power shortage was in the northwest part of the village during the early hours of Saturday morning.

Firemen also transported a portable generator to the Wayne County Airport late Saturday afternoon, but it didn’t provide enough current to run gasoline pumps to fill the Army helicopters in service in the Wooster area. After several attempts to service the copter with aviation gas, it took off for Akron Canton airport to refuel.

Some food from Orrville deep freezers and refrigerators was reported stored in Smithville homes and relatives were able to use bathroom facilities of local persons.

In addition to damage reports in Saturday’s Record, this additional information was obtained.

Several rental trailers located at the Gulf Service Station flowed downstream. Water is being pumped from the new well drilled on former Vocational School land and from the well on the Weathersfield Road.

All planned events at the Smithville park for the week have been cancelled. Ball teams and players are asked to clean up the debris and getting the park back in shape.

Workmen for the Penn Central Railroad were looking east and west tracks together at Weathersfield making their operational as one single track in order to facilitate movement of trains. The tracks were con

Many Respond in Rittman, Help Still Needed There

RITTMAN — Community Service Headquarters’ appeal to area residence on WWST Monday, brought food, clothing, and furniture into the Rittman area.

Many was also donated.

A Canton radio station picked up the appeal and broadcast the need and Canton citizens responded with a camper and station wagon loaded with supplies delivered by the station. The Ferrer bakery of Canton supplied cases of buns and bread.

Individuals from the area responded with volunteer workers and man power to deliver furniture.

Wayne County REACT set up headquarters at city hall and provided communications.

Mass and Summit Counties REACT, Chippewa Valley Citizen Band Radio and Wadsworth Ansering service all contributed with needed supplies.

The response was overwhelming by organizations such as merchants as well as private households, gave food for families in the Rittman area.

Rittman mayor Ashton Hall said Tuesday morning, “We have no idea how many families are without homes and what the damage really is in Rittman.”

The Wadsworth Salvation Army donated clothing and Richard Ingmand, Rittman Kroger store manager, donated hundreds of pounds of food.

Food and household goods and some clothing are still needed.

City hall will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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Area’s Damage Is $17 Million

With most of this four-county area still reeling from the disastrous flood-day flooding which left 14 persons known dead and at least 12 still missing and possibly drowned, the vicious waters remained in Holmes County, leaving hundreds, particularly in the village of Killbuck, as refugees.

Gov. James A. Rhodes this morning issued property damage estimates which total $17.7 million for the four counties. His figures included: Wayne, $11 million; Holmes, $5.3 million; Ashland, $1 million; and Medina, $400,000.

Wooster alone has damages estimated at $3.5 million, including more than half that amount considered lost in destruction to the Northeast Expressway, which was near completion.

State and national figures from both governmental and volunteer agencies are converging on the area to assess damages, indicate what aid will be provided and offer assistance in recovery from the nearly 11 inches of rain which fell here in a 72-hour period.

Gov. James A. Rhodes, along with state highway director P. E. Manthei, were in Wooster Tuesday to inspect the flooding damage in Holmes County, particularly in Killbuck. National Red Cross officials have been here, Ohio Highway Patrol superintendent was last Saturday, and a representative of the federal Emergency Service was here Monday, all but promising federal aid.

The list of known dead in the Daily Record area remained at 14 this noon, with at least 22 names on the list of those still missing. An additional presumed drowned in Holmes County is that of John McMillen, as elderly man who was in Killbuck and also accounted for are Frank and Mary Smith of Barberton who were in a car apparently flooded off the road near Loudonville.

Wooster was still without water Tuesday, its pumping station inundated Saturday when operations ceased at 5 a.m. There was a possibility that the water supply on a very limited basis might be resumed late Tuesday night. Residents are warned to keep water faucets closed so that when supply resumes, none is lost inadvertently.

Lack of water has contributed to industrial and business closings and has weary firemen on alert since only tank trucks are available to provide protection.

Roads Are Blocked

The list of state, federal, county and township roads which are closed, dangerous or one-way is lengthy. Bridges are out, roadbeds crumbled, berms damaged and ditches block many highways throughout the entire area.

Highway department officials repeatedly emphasized the necessity of caution and are discouraging any travel until it is absolutely necessary and then only on roads with which a motorist is familiar.

Concrete list of the governor’s county-by-county flood property damage estimate:

Ashland, $1,010,000; Ash tuba, $60,000; Cuyahoga, $50,000; Erie, $2,120,000; Harrison, $70,000; Holmes, $5,200,000; Huron, $3,700,000; Licking, $50,000; Lorain, $70,000; Lucas, $250,000; Medina, $140,000; Morgan, $420,000; Muskingum, $120,000; Ottawa, $3,600,000; Richland, $70,000; Sandusky, $110,000; Seneca, $30,000; Stark, $100,000; Trumbull, $30,000; Tuscarawas, $500,000; Wayne, $1,100,000; and Wood, $150,000.

Sedona, muddy landscape covers most of Wayne and south through Holmes Counties. As mud-filled waters pick up fallen trees, broken bridges, smashed buildings and even overgrown vehicles, problems increase, and the search for missing persons becomes more difficult.

Some property owners may be given a reprieve of tax obligations if Wayne County commissioners make effective a law passed by the Ohio Legislature about two years ago. According to State Sen. James R. Leody, the commissioners have the authority to grant a one-year extension on payment of real and personal property tax to those whose damages meet certain stipulations.

Tornadoes Hurt

An Orrville dairy truck driver, Homer Hostetler, of Dalton, is now believed drowned after his semi-truck went off a highway in the Jeromesville area.

Crop losses is expected to be high, into the millions of dollars and much depends on weather the remainder of this week, farm experts indicated. If no more rains come, it is possible the lesser damaged fields may drain off sufficiently to allow plantings to survive.

The courthouse will remain closed until the water service is resumed, as will numerous industries.

State highways closed include 3 south; 42 at West Salem; 44 north of Dalton; 85 west; 441 out of Mt. Eaton; 362 west of Wooster and 604 from 3 to 73 at and the Ashland County line.

Highway officials are asking especially that drivers do not remove barriers.

Offices in the Wayne County Engineering Building on Vanover Street off the fairground are open. These are, in addition to the engineer’s office and the county highway maintenance department, the Cooperative Extension Service.

The extension service, located in the basement of the new building, was flooded with three inches of water.

Dale Glass, county agricultural extension agent, said he has contacted various agricultural agencies in the county to plan for an aerial survey of crop damage in the county. Details, he said, have yet to be worked out.

Following are additions and changes in this area’s flood casualty list as published Monday:

Known Drowned

Mrs. Doris Wirth, 26, Wooster
Misses
Homer Hostetler, Dalton
John Baumgartner, Wooster
John McMillen, Killbuck
Frank Smith, Barberton
Mary Smith, Barberton
Safe
Gary Woodruff, Wooster
Paul Taylor, Wooster
Esther Williams, Wooster
Wanda Williams, Wooster

From left, Karl Parry, Dave Schilling and Ken Barton.

HIGH ON the list of Wayne County Heroes are REACT members, including this trio who helped at Red Cross Headquarters.

Council Plans Pool Clean-Up

Millersburg Councilmen took a tour of the village to survey storm damage for around three-quarters of an hour preceding their regular meeting Monday evening.

A good part of the remainder of the evening was in discussing what is to be done.

Walker Sempel is to view same areas of damage over the village and recommend action to the council at its next meeting.

It was decided that the council will proceed with clean-up activities at the Municipal Swimming Pool immediately and open the pool as soon as possible. All buildings included the damage bathroom, which is unsafe, are to be scrapped. No new bathroom will be constructed this year.

Mayor Rupert Fry announced that as soon as the buildings have been disposed of all volunteer help available is welcome to come and help clean up the pool area. The mayor also asks that local organizations give some thought to the need for a new bathroom for next year. Village finances will not stretch for this, the mayor said, and he is hopeful that some local organizations will come up with some financial assistance for this.

Street repairs are in progress, but engineering services will be needed for some. It was decided to recompose that the railroad install larger culverts under their railroad beds while they are making repairs, in order to allow water to drain away more quickly.

Dredging of Soprano Run was discussed and rebuilding of the levies repairs or Wooster Road, East Jones Street, North Grant Street, Monroe and other areas were also discussed. The mayor commented that the village is hampered not only by lack of money, but also lack of equipment.

It was announced that for the time being, the running building down the levee of the pool will be fenced off and left as it is for the present until it is seen whether any federal funds will be available to assist in rebuilding. The building is not considered safe and no one will be allowed to use it as it is.

Fire Chief Irvich Schlabach reported on rescue activities of the local department. He said that they had over 200 calls the first day of the storm, with three radios and two telephones in service. He considered the area lucky that it didn’t lose more lives. Assistant Chief Richard Folks reported that a rough schedule of hours worked by the firemen totaled 174 hours for 22 of the 30 members. Eight had not reported their hours. He said a number of wives also had put in many hours cooking and keeping hot food available to the men.

The chief said the department appreciates the several donations of food that were received.
School Is Refugee Center

JENNY MYER and Norma Ashcraft are among the many efficient helpers working in Killbuck (school) disaster center kitchen.

EILEEN PATTERSON and Norma Ashcraft carry drinking water transported into the area for safe drinking.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK ROACH: "How did the flood affect us? Everything’s gone. All we have is what’s on our backs." But they can still manage wry grins.

Flood Victim’s Family: “We’re All Stronger”

Editor, Daily Record:
Words cannot express the feelings for all the kindnesses shown the survivors of John Mann.

We sincerely wish to thank all of the workers of the Red Cross and REACT and the private citizens in their effort to locate John and the help and consideration shown us after the recovery of his body.

This past weekend has made us all stronger and closer together and shown how wonderful people can be in the time of tragedy.

We are so proud of John and know he gave his life trying to save others.

Our hearts go out to all the other people who have lost loved ones and those homes in the past flood. May God bless and keep you all.

Mrs. Betty Mann, Children, and Mother and Dad, Brothers and Sisters.

Other Losses Can’t Compare With Lives

Editor, Daily Record:
If I seem to show a decided lack of compassion and concern over the loss of such tangible properties as homes, barns and buildings, I hope that my many friends in this area will forgive me for thinking as I do, that the loss of my dear friend and neighbor, Mrs. Doris Wirth and daughter, are more deserving of my compassion and grief than a piece of property which is replaceable.

I can understand how one must feel to have to start over again and rebuild in years to come what in one night was destroyed.

As others around know, when you lose a friend, a neighbor or a loved one, the loss is complete. We only have our memories to sustain us in our time of great loss.

Doris and Sharon only lived here at Jefferson (4534 West Lincoln Way) about 15 months, but she was a neighbor and they will both be sorely missed.

Only those who listened to the REACT broadcasts can fully realize how much we owe REACT, the Red Cross, and all those who worked day and night to help those in dire need.

I hope we as a community do not forget to publically and loudly proclaim our eternal thanks to those who gave their lives and those who risked their lives to come to our aid.

Clarence R., (Bud) Everhart Jr. 4830 W. Lincoln Way Wooster

There Are Lots Of Thoughtful People Around

Editor, Daily Record:
We would like to express our appreciation to all the people who pitched in unselphishly and helped us when the water went through our house.

People down on their knees in the slimy mud and just took over and did a great job of getting it cleaned out.

The deed was greatly, greatly appreciated.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dal, who rouesd us out with their car horn on that terrible morning, July 6th at 5 a.m. It makes you realize there are a lot of very thoughtful people around.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wilson from Glenmont, Ohio

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Food Flood Damage And Mildew Problems

**BY MARGARET A. ROUSSEAU**
County Extension Agent, Home Economics

Flood damage questions have been popular at the Extension Office the past week. Here are a few with answers that should be of interest to you.

What food, which has been in contact with flood waters, should be destroyed and why? All foods except those in sealed metal cans Why? Because seepage can carry harmful bacteria into the contents of all but the most tightly sealed containers.

What is the procedure for salvaging sealed metal cans which were covered by flood waters? Inspect these cans and destroy any that bulge or leak. Remove labels and wash the cans in warm water containing soap or detergent, then immerse the cans for two minutes in a chlorine solution of one tablespoon of 5 per cent household laundry bleach in one gallon of water. Rinse in clean water and dry to prevent rusting.

What about mildew? Mildew is a thin, often whitish growth produced on many kinds of surfaces by molds. Molds are simple plants belonging to the group known as fungi. Though always present in the air, molds that cause mildew need moisture and certain temperatures in order to grow.

Molds that cause mildew grow on anything from which they can get enough food. In homes they develop most often on cotton, linen, rayon, silk, wool, leather, wood and paper. Many man-made fibers are resistant to mildew.

Molds that cause mildew flourish wherever it is damp, warm, poorly aired, poorly lighted — in cellars, in crawl spaces of house without basements, in damp clothes piled up for drying. These molds are also likely to grow in a newly build house because of moisture in the building materials.

As the molds grow they cause considerable damage. They often leave a musty odor. They discolor fabrics and sometimes eat into them so severely that the fabrics rot and fall to pieces.

**TUESDAY...**

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W. Salem Area Reports Damage

**WEST SALEM — Highwaymen, police, firemen, officials and concerned citizens began an alert midnight Friday when storm damages to properties, bridges, roads, began being reported in the Northwestern section of Wayne County.**

Pumping water from flooded basements in West Salem and New Pittsburg by the Fire Departments began at midnight Friday.

**GARY CHISHOLM** and Fred Emery of South Main Street, Congress were taken from their homes by relatives and Mrs. Charles Malcomb of West Beutsey Street, West Salem was rescued from her home at 3 a.m. by Jim Mendenhall and Ray Howman by boat. Water was estimated six feet deep covering at least four cars in West Salem area. Maccut was at work with the highway department at the time.

The dam of a farm pond at the Charles Fair property on county road 36 was saved by the WSPD pumping water from the pond, swollen by the heavy rains.

Interstate 71 traffic rerouted to West Salem when high waters covered the highway soon filled the town with first arrivals reaching there at 7:30 a.m. Some of the motorists did go to Latrobe and New Pittsburg as the homes of Chester Fireshote, D. H. Rhadebaugh and Glenn Meninnor. All roads to Wooster and Ashland were closed.

In the forefront Laguncillas at the Legion Hall began making coffee, serving donuts and sandwiches. With more people than could be served there the United Methodist Church was opened to the people for meals and the Holcombe opened their restaurant that was closed for the holiday.

At 1:30 p.m. Ohio 42 East was opened and by 7:30 p.m. one lane of Interstate 71 south was open to allow motorists leaving to be on their way.

About 10 a.m. a steady stream of traffic from the Medina interchange at Interstate 71 on Ohio 42 began to appear and continued through the night until 1 p.m. Sunday. The bridge on Ohio 42 west was closed to traffic.

Two tankers of fresh water from West Salem were taken to the Wooster Community Hospital by the West Salem and New Pittsburg fire departments. Saturday afternoon and the police department took a CD Generator to Wooster, Sunday evening.

The West Salem Fire Department were called to the underpass at Albion Saturday afternoon, where two boys had hopped from a shelf into deep water and were rescued by persons nearby before the firemen arrived.

A few news notes include the Rev. Homer Denny of the Ackerman-Counter Church of God had to evacuate his cattle due to high water in barn. Rev. Denny’s farm is east of Muddy Fork on Ohio 236. Mr. and Mrs. David Berry and children, an estimated twenty persons with one chain saw and John grill with a tractor cleared the Ohio 60 highway at Hillman farm of six or eight trees that had fallen across the road from the north side and shale rocks that had been washed from the south side.

Superintendent Frank Grenert stated no storm damages were reported at the Northwestern schools.

Damages to crops included the loss of a hundred acres of corn at the Bill Kline farm.

**SMITHVILLE BRIDGE — The Ohio 6 bridge over Sugar Creek, Saturday on W. Main St. in Smithville was still above the ravaging water.**

Penna. R. R., 1913 Flood, Shreve Ohio

Holmesville Plant, Employees Give $2,000 To Disaster Fund

Gifts totaling $2,000 were received by the Holmes County Red Cross for disaster relief on Monday morning from the employees and management of Buckeye-Holmesville Mfg. Co.

The plant management and the employees through their welfare fund, each donated a check for $1,000 to the local chapter’s disaster committee. Receiving the donations were Richard Algeo, chairman of the Red Cross fund drive; and Norbert Chase, chairman of the county disaster committee.

**ANOTHER TIME — A few area residents recall the previous record-holer, the flood of 1913. Felix Van Nunsan of Shreve provided this post card photo taken along the Pennsylvania Railroad, whose tracks are completely under water near Shreve.**
Rhodes Tours Area; Utilities Restored

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The swift current and debris have made diving operations impossible, according to a spokesman for the department.

Expect Slow Business Time

The Killbuck Elevator operation will be slowed down, due to the flood. We expect to be situated better by the week of the 21st.

We want to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Red Cross, Salvation Army, the many fire departments, special groups and many many fine people for coming to the aid of our village in so many different ways.

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Hospital Has Own Well Water Supply

Wooster Community Hospital started receiving water for its irrigation system this morning from a 500-foot well which is being drilled on the south side of the building Sunday afternoon.

Water was pumped until the irrigation was opened Tuesday morning, causing the pressure to drop. Waldo K. Landis, hospital administrator, told the Daily Record Tuesday morning that until Wooster's water plant is in operation, the hospital laundry will be processed at Aultman hospital in Canton.

The Wooster Fire Dept. delivered 2,000 gallons of water to the hospital Tuesday to re-charge the hospital's lines, Landis said.

Cancel Picnic

The Missionary picnic for the Central Christian Church scheduled for the home of Mrs. Walter Jones for Thursday evening has been cancelled.

Correction

GLENNMONT - Preachers homes reported lost in the flood had severe damage, but are repairable. Also, it was James Shminkaferman evacuated instead of James Dennis as reported in an earlier edition.
Wooster Water Works Employes Fought Hard To Restore Service

By Richard Horn

In the excitement of disaster the community's attention naturally centered on the loss of human life and displacement of families. By now, however, many of the more obscure stories of the flood can be told.

While everyone has been accurately aware of disruption of water service, few have inquired of the water treatment plant beyond asking “When will the water be turned on?”

Yet the station crew under Don Thompson and with much outside assistance has worked almost round the clock since Saturday to restore water service to Wooster.

Events for Thompson and his workers first moved beyond the ordinary at about 1 a.m. Saturday when he was called to the station to remove lawn-moving equipment stored in a low-lying building.

As water continued to rise rapidly, it began to flow into the pump house heating units. Only then, at perhaps 3:30 a.m., did the threat to the main pumps and motors become evident, said Thompson.

The men worked feverishly for two hours trying to remove the main pump's electric motor. Before the two ton motor could be disconnected and raised, however, rising water collapsed a window and seeped into the pump room itself.

Only at this point did Thompson and his men abandon their efforts. Thompson said the room filled almost to the catwalk 15 feet above in less than an hour. By 5 a.m. Saturday the damage had been done.

Moistening of all approaches to the water station and failure of power there prevented any repair measures from being taken until noon Sunday when several large pumps arrived.

These units had emptied the main room by 9 p.m. Sunday and enabled the crew to remove the main motor. The unit was shipped immediately to a Canton company where it was cleaned, dried, and reassembled. By Tuesday morning the motor was back in place.

Meanwhile, while the motor was being serviced, Thompson and men were kept busy removing mud from the equipment, drying electrical lines and controls, and sterilizing and disinfecting all water treatment facilities at the station.

Finally by late Tuesday afternoon the plant was functioning again and furnishing at least parts of Wooster with a limited supply of water.

Thompson notes that this water should still be boiled if it is to be used for drinking. Hopefully the flood did no major damage to the water distribution system, which would necessitate further expenditure of water service.

Thompson also stated that, as elsewhere in the emergency, many thanks are in order to many people for their assistance, particularly to contractors who furnished pumps to empty the building.

MUD IN UNDERGROUND pipe room at the water plant had to be removed from pipes and controls, and pipe system disinfected before water service could be restored to Wooster.

DAMAGE INSPECTION

Wooster residents in houses which may have been damaged by the flood last weekend may have their homes inspected by personnel from the Office of Code Enforcement. Thomas Pittenger, director of code enforcement, said Tuesday.

The office is in the municipal building on North Market Street and those who wish this service may call by phone or go to the office. The inspection will be done as soon as possible, Pittenger said.

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BOIL ALL WATER

MILLERSBURG — All drinking water must be boiled for one minute before drinking. The water from the tap is still not safe and should not be drunk without boiling until Friday.

PRECIOUS WATER — Persons in waterless Wooster have been using all means of transportation to get water home. Here Tom Peppard is pulling brother, Tom, and a can of water to the Peppard home on N. Market St.

DON THOMSON, at right in hat, directs installation of the water plant's main pump motor after it was removed and flood damage repaired. Workers include regular plant employees and men from Hannon Electric Co.
Orrville Public Utilities Board Appreciates Ohio Edison Help

The private contractors and volunteers who helped out during the emergency. At times there have been over 100 people working at the plant; more than half outside help, and some men have been going on 24-hour shifts or more.

Orrville Sewage Treatment Plant reported that it may be two weeks before they can be back to complete operation. High water ran into all the buildings, filling the basements and shutting off work on sewage altogether. Ken Killinger, chief operator at the plant, stated that the staff is busy cleaning up motors and other needed machinery, while sewage must be dumped into the creek untreated.

There have been no trains through Orrville since early Saturday morning on the main Penn Central line, except for work trains. Traffic has been stopped because of a washed-out road west of Burton City, and because two bridges were out near Wooster. The tracks have been patched, and the first train was expected through early Tuesday evening, but it may be a few days before traffic is back to normal.

Orrville Police reported that the only main highway closed to Orrville which was still closed due to the storm was Ohio 84 from U.S. 30 to Marshallville.

All Orrville homes and surrounding farms had electric power by Tuesday morning, ending for some people a three day blackout. The Municipal Plant was able to get a second boiler and generator operating about 9:30 a.m. Tuesday morning, bringing Orrville up to about 80 per cent of their normal power.

Two generators still need repair work before the power plant will be back to full power, and officials were unable to give a firm timetable for the completion of the work. While Orrville is now able to serve all its domestic customers, industry is still limited to the amount of power it can draw. Municipal officials report that local industries have been most cooperative, staggered or curtailing their production.

Orrville has not yet announced for the two families said.

It is hoped that response to the Memorial will be sufficient to allow continued aid in the event that other lives are lost.

Those who wish to share may send contributions to Jack Fisher, president of the Wayne County National Bank, or take money to either the bank's main office downtown or its northeast branch on Real Ave. in Wooster.

**Memorial Fund For Policemen**

A Goodrich-Knight Memorial Fund will be established as a memorial to the two Wooster police officers whose lives were given this week when the boat in which they were attempting to rescue stranded Bauer Rd. residents capsized early Saturday morning.

The money received in this fund will be used for the benefit of Wooster police and firemen whose lives are lost in the line of duty, spokesmen from Wednesday... July 9 Daily Record

Insurance Loss In Storm Is $4.6 Million

CLEVELAND (UPI) — Total insurable losses resulting from the July 4 storms which struck northern Ohio amounted to an estimated $4.6 million according to a statement issued Tuesday by the Insurance Board of Cleveland.

Clinton L. Tempelman, executive vice president of the insurance board, said he figure included a $2.7 million loss in Cuyahoga County, most of it at Lakewood.

The loss does not include damage to boats and autos, Tempelman said. "This information will not be available until all reports are in."
MILLERSBURG — Top-level officials met hurriedly in Holmes County Courthouse Tuesday morning to set the date of flood-stricken area and to formulate plans for the aftermath of the disaster.

Norbert Chane, Red Cross Disaster Chairman, called on Herman Proper, mayor of Killbuck for a report of that area and was informed that the water pumps are still flooded and work to uncover them is underway.

Holmes County Health Commissioner Dr. A. J. Earney outlined the plans proposed by his office to protect the health and safety of area residents, especially in the areas of water drinking, food, and shelter. Earney told the group that when the pumps are operable, they should be disconnected, and flushed at the source, and flushed again with chlorine.

Cold water supplies, if the well water is clean, it is safe to assume it is pure. Cloudy water means either faulty equipment or surface water infiltration. Cloudy water should be pumped until it becomes clear.

After all systems have been treated, testing for safety is recommended. Spring water is almost always contaminated, and should be boiled.

Rolling of water with too much chlorine will reduce the intensity in taste, and shaking the water will restore oxygen.

Jim Estill, prosecuting attorney, also spoke as an observer and announced that the water supply should be operational by noon Tuesday and informed Dr. Earney that his suggested purification measures had been followed previously at the pumping station. Estill promised legal backing for orders from the health office concerning the county’s safety regarding water and food supplies.

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from the area and suggested that one person be placed in charge of all major operations. Clean-up crews should be warned not to smoke. Escaping gas may be a hazard.

Water heaters in all flooded homes must not be made operational until qualified personnel has checked them for security.

Those reporting for clean-up detail should bring their own equipment. Recommended for the detail are: snow shovel, mop, bucket, and broom. Supplies for all workers are not available.

Dr. Earney suggests the following procedure. Clear the area of water under pressure if any is available. Remove water and mud. Clean up outside the area, to prevent tracking contamination. While chlorine is recommended in all cleaning operation, it is required at least in the final washing.

While emergency help is available, every person is responsible for the restoring of his own property. One is obligated to do it for himself.

Approximately 200 homes in the Killbuck area were affected in a manner and degree by the flood. Dr. Earney suggests that flooded basements not be pumped out before the ground water pressure has receded to avoid re-filling and caring in. The Mayor, of the Memorial Disaster Committee, agreed to take charge of clean-up coordination, and law enforcement will be handled by the Sheriff’s Department.

At the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Chase, Red Cross disaster chairman; Doris Harper, National Red Cross representative; A. George Commer, Red Cross heading disaster in the area; A. J. Earney, National Disaster representative in Holmes County; and Brian Eckings, Australian disaster student; Dorothy Lydic, Madeline Towner, Jean Holmes, James Estill, Herman Proper, Sheriff Darryl Weiss, Richard Allee, Dr. A. J. Earney, Wooster patrolman Don Goodman, and Tom Moyer.

1,600 Shots Given

Dr. A. J. Earney, Holmes County health commissioner; has reported there have been 1,600 doses of vaccine given to the residents of Holmes County to guard against typhoid. Monday and Tuesday, 1,000 of the shots at Killbuck and 600 in Millersburg. They will continue to give shots to all who wish to take them, both at the Holmes County courthouse in Millersburg and at the Killbuck School.

BOWMAN STREET gave way to the top.

BUSY DAY FOR DR. EARNEY — Closing his day with the administration of vaccine for typhoid fever. Holmes County Health Commissioners performed the service from 9 a.m.

Tuesday until the supplies ran out after 1,000 injections. In the morning he addressed the disaster crews who met for a report on the status of the companies who were damaged by the flood. Dr. Earney outlined recommendations by his office for treatment of the drinking water, and provided rules for using food and clothing damaged by the flood.

STONE WAS QUARRIED by the water along side State 494 east of Congress as it rushed down hill toward Killbuck Creek that is in center background washing over the bridge and B. & O. tracks.
Wooster's Firms Continue Clean Up

Storm and flood damage in Wooster was not by any means limited to the eastern portion of town. On West Liberty Street, two local businesses suffered particularly severe financial losses as flood waters invaded both the Wooster Lumber Co. and the Harold Cook Rambler and truck agency across from the fairgrounds.

At the auto agency, their 15 vehicles were totally or partially submerging as water covered car lots and poured into buildings there. At the Lumber Co., piles of boards and building supplies lay warped and strewn about—some unsalvageable, much unusable.

Harold Cook stated that every attempt was being made to return service facilities to operation. "We're trying to get back into business to take care of our customers."

But almost all of his service equipment uses electric motors, and all of these must be dried out and cleaned. Cook added, "You can't be in this business without tools."

Louis Carter, owner of Wooster Lumber, commented, "Despite the loss here, my sympathy goes to the families of flood victims. This is something new and tragic to all of us."

Damage to his own business will run to at least a quarter million dollars, and could easily run one or two hundred thousand more. In addition to the lumber losses, most electrically run wood working machinery in the mill was damaged. This will take time to return to service condition.

Cook said that he could not estimate the total damage to his establishment. "It all depends on the settlement we come to with the insurance company." His cars and trucks in inventory were covered by insurance.

All the cars at least will be sold to the insurance company. The trucks will be cleaned and reconditioned. New ones will still be warranted by International Harvester.

Carter's situation well illustrates Wooster's generous response to the disaster victims. Employees, friends, and customers have contributed—have aided in the lumber company cleanup. "I'd like to thank them all for being so understanding. For People who haven't been through something like this, to be so understanding is a real lift to us," Carter said.

Emergency Squad Aids Four Residents

MILLERSBURG — Emergency Squad answered four calls Wednesday, two of which were youths reacting to typhoid shots administered earlier in the day.

Jackie Hoffman, 11, of Elyria, collapsed while hiking at Skyview Regular Baptist Camp at 4:30 p.m. and Amy Weaver, 7 of Norwalk, became ill while at Lake Buckhorn at 5:45 p.m.

Squadmen were called to the Baptist Camp also at 11:36 a.m. when caretaker William Bechtol of Clark possibly had a heart attack while working in the barn. At 7:55 p.m. Cary Rice, 66, received a cut above her right eye when she fell on sidewalk on East Adams Street. All the victims were taken to Pomerene Memorial Hospital.

A LARGE MOBILE pump, donated by Dowell Co., assists in draining Wooster's water station building housing control mechanisms.

WATER DAMAGE CLEAN-UP TIME — Spots of high water still remain in the Lincoln Way West and fairgrounds area where businesses and entertainment areas alike were flooded out by Killbuck Creek. Arena Fairsummer theater has shifted its production schedules to accommodate the disruption and business places along Old Mansfield Road are cleaning up water damage and business places.

HIGH WATER DAMAGE AREA — Although the aerial photo looks innocent enough now, high water temporarily staled a number of Wooster businesses and took a toll of lives in the area south of the city near Apple Creek. Bus and garbage services as well as many factories in the area suspended operations until the area could be reached for clean up.
Loudonville Mayor Heads Flood Drive

LOUDONVILLE — Mayor Mel Shilling heads up a clothing drive for residents of Killbuck who were hit harder than Loudonville. So far, five truckloads of bedding and clothing have been donated. St. Peter’s Church set 40 quilts which they had made to send overseas. Others contributed new and used clothing and blankets.

Mayor Shilling said the Loudonville people had forgotten their own small troubles in attempts to help the others.

Residents of the flooded areas of Loudonville and vicinity began cleanup operations Sunday after the water had receded to more normal levels. Water had receded back within the river banks by this morning.

The Black Fork River reached a crest of 15 feet Saturday just before noon, said Ed Pennell of the Water Department, and then gradually began receding.

At the height of the flooding, water had inundated the Loudonville Canoe Livery and the base ment home of the chateau-type home of owners Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nave. Also under water was the nearby business lot of Burgess Motor Sales were about eight ambulances and hearses were parked. The Nave family evacuated their home, removing all furniture and personal belongings. Nave returned home to the livery site and began cleanup work in the basement today.

Several other families were also evacuated from the lower section of Loudonville, known as Blacktown.

Below the bridge on Main Street, water had completely covered Riverside Park. Sunshine Biscuit Co. along Mill Road was also under water.

The eastern section of town along Ohio 3, another low spot, had four more business places in several feet of water — S.S.’s East Side Shell, McClure Motors, Smm’s Drive In and Byland Motel. Byland Motel’s guests were moved from the McClure lot to the school lot. Animals being boarded by Byland were moved to higher levels, and a horse was taken from the premises. By 11 a.m. Sunday Ed’s shell Station was open for business following cleanup operations by owner Ed Campbell and family and friends. Zmm’s Drive In will remain closed until the interior damage can be repaired.

Most of the flood damage to residences was along a four-block section of E. Main Street, where torrential waters poured off the hillside and onto the streets. About 15 homes in this area had flooded basements with the north side of the street taking the brunt of the water.

Loudonville Fire Department pumps were put into use and continued pumping water throughout Saturday night and Sunday. Owners were salvaging water-soaked contents throughout the day.

Pumping operations were interrupted at about 11 p.m. Saturday to answer a fire call to the Presbyterian Church. Smoke coming from the smoke pot was found to have wafted across the street from the incinerator of the Lutheran Church.

About six miles north of town, Wally Camp Site was a sea of water, although the pavilion and home of the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Smith, were not affected. According to Mrs. Smith, approximately 500 camper units were registered for the holiday weekend. When the storm struck about 1 a.m. Saturday, campers were warned to evacuate and many plied belongings into their vehicles and headed toward Loudonville.

Only about 30 of the total camping outfits were wrecked or left awash in the wake of the flood. About 1,200 10-pc picnic tables were aloof, but a considerable number of them may be salvaged.

A large amount of supplies for the July 4th weekend was lost at electrical facilities were shut off. The owners and about 10 employees of the camp, along with other friends, were out Sunday to begin the gigantic cleanup. The Smiths hope to drain the swimming pool, remove accumulated debris and restore the area within a short time.

"The hundreds of campers who moved into Loudonville early Saturday were parked along the streets and in the schoolgrounds of the McMullen and Budd schools. The Red Cross set up facilities in the basement of the Lutheran Church to aid the campers’ plight. Local restaurants, service stations and grocery stores accommodated their needs until they could continue home. Many local residents also turned to the aid of the unfortunate campers."

In summing up the Loudonville situation, Mayor Mel Shilling was high in his praise of local people for their offers of aid to unfortunate victims of the flood, especially the local police and fire department members, Red Cross, volunteer workers and residents who offered food, shelter and help in cleaning up. His only grievance was with the large number of sight-seers who took to the roads to view the damaged areas and constituted a hazard.

Mayor Shilling said there will be a tremendous cleanup job especially for the street department. "No doubt there will have to be some appropriation of funds to take care of the flood damage," he said.

Batsdorf Road Youths Start Relief Help

Between 15 and 20 children in the Batsdorf Road area southwest of Wooster have their own flood relief project and, as of Wednesday afternoon, they had collected $48 for the Red Cross.

"Children, principally from homes on Wilma and Clover drives, are canvassing the neighborhood with various money-raising schemes, ranging from soliciting donations to selling old records and toys, sometimes to each other."

For the time when fathers are returning home from work they planned a concession stand. Said one adult from the area:

"Maybe hearing about these kids going around with their wagons for a good cause will inspire youngsters in other neighborhoods to do something."

HELPING WITH RESTORATION in Fredericksburg are many Amishmen. Village officials say they could begin to break every one for all the help, food, etc., that has been provided during the flood.
Concerned Governor Is Reassuring On Area Visit

By Eliner Taylor

Gov. James A. Rhodes, accompanied by an entourage of newsmen and state officials, took a 96-hour tour of northern Ohio in Wooster on Tuesday evening with a prayer for storm-stricken families, a promise that both state and federal funds would be forthcoming, and a picnic "sort of" supper for his retinue.

In some previous visits to this community Gov. Rhodes has appeared to be following a routine format in verbal niceties, but Tuesday his attitude was different. His concern became a personal one and he showed a new and unusual eagerness to converse on a one-to-one basis.

As he stood on US 3 east of Wooster over the Bauer Road bridge, looking down on lamaged homes and their residents who perhaps were hardest hit here by the July Fourth rain rampage, the state's top official sought out Daily Record representatives.

"Tell me what happened here," he asked. "How did those policemen drown? What were the others doing to lose their lives?"

As deeply concerned as he was about the property damage and the immediate Wooster area's loss of life, Gov. Rhodes repeatedly turned the conversation to the plight of Killbuck families. "The most devastated place in Ohio," he called it yesterday.

In what first appeared to be a "bit overdone" assemblage of newspaper and radio reporters, television cameramen, and newspaper photographers along with a sizeable contingent of state officials, the crowd's presence later became understood.

"Sorry Story" Told

Said the governor: "I want this story of storm damage told to everyone in Ohio and I want these highway department employees and my legislators and cabinet officials to see why I am insisting on what we do all we can to provide money for your area."

He told a group which half filled the municipal courtroom in Wooster, "I can't explain how I feel. This tragedy is ill-justice by Mother Nature."

With the governor were State Senator James R. Locdy and Rep. Ralph E. Fisher, both representing Wayne County in the Ohio legislature who, Gov. Rhodes will ask to approve a bill granting financial aid to families of farmmen and farmwomen whose lives are lost in the line of duty.

Also in the compliment of state officials was highway director Perle E. Masheter, who told the Daily Record, "Don't worry about your Northeast Expressway being completed. We will see that you have the money and the work will be done as quickly as possible. It may not be finished in time for the planned August opening, but it will be finished."

Masheter explained that construction contracts on such jobs as the one left in grief and mourning. Give strength and hope in this dark hour and comfort to the grieving.

We give thanks for a bountiful Ohio, for the good people of this state who are giving. With the help of these prayers and Thy guidance, let us continue this spirit of working together for a better community and a better country."

Outlier Wooster's Needs

At municipal building Gov. Rhodes met privately for a short time with Tifford and service director Martin Oswald, who outlined the city's estimated damage assessment of $15 million.

Then, meeting with the news media representatives Rep. Fisher described local problems and repeated the information that application of federal aid by Wayne County for an estimated $1 million assistance to government agencies needed to help rebuild and repair devastated properties.

After, during the two-hour tour here, Sen. Leedey explained, "Unfortunately this does nothing for the individual or the business owner who has had severe financial loss. It only goes to publicly-supported agencies for rehabilitation programs."

A bill which has already passed the House of Representatives and is nearing a Senate vote this week, is one Gov. Rhodes endorses. It would be retroactive to Jan. 1 and would provide state money to next of kin, if a member of police or fire department has lost his life while on duty.

Rhodes told his city hall listeners, "I hope this is the last flood I ever see." He has high praise for Amish community men and women, he said, "give their service unsellessly and never ask more than friendship and a better community."

"Make Strong Men Weak"

"It's a helpless feeling to see families such as those I visited in Killbuck and those whom you have here without homes. Because we have not experienced that sorrow, we cannot know the grief they feel."

Commented Mr. Rhodes, "These terrible things make strong men weak, made middle class families homeless, and put the poor into new depths of poverty. After the things I've seen this week, along Lake Erie and in Holmes and Wayne counties, I find it hard to say what I feel."

Before the city hall meeting was disbanded, the governor asked that those in the room pray with him. "Have mercy on the souls sacrificed, the property destroyed, the men left in grief and mourning. Give strength and hope in this dark hour and comfort to the grieving."

We give thanks for a bountiful Ohio, for the good people of this state who are giving. With the help of these prayers and Thy guidance, let us continue this spirit of working together for a better community and a better country.

Tour Wooster

In 10 cars, with Gov. Rhodes riding in a heavy patrol auto at the head of the procession, the 50 newsmen and state representatives..."
TIMKEN PLANT'S EMERGING — High water made an island out of the TimkenCo. plant south of Wooster and four days after the crest of high water in the Killbuck Valley area the plant area is still partially covered. Farm fields and homes in the area are still soggy as workers and residents start clean up operations.

Also surviving are his wife, the former Marcia Cameron Knisely and the couple's two children, Scott Allen and Lisa Ann.

Survivors include a brother, Claude and Mrs. Thomas (Ruby) Tucker both of Wooster.

Sgt. Knisely was graduated from Wooster High School and had studied at numerous law enforcement schools, including the dog-training courses in Baltimore.

He joined Wooster Police department in 1963 and had been employed at Ideal Dairy in Wooster prior to that time. McIntire Funeral Home is in charge.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish may consider contributions to a newly established "Knisely-Knisely Memorial Fund" which will become a memorial to Sgt. Knisely and Patrolman Robert Goodrich whose lives were lost last week.

Homer Hostetler

DALTON — The body of Homer W. Hostetler, 37, of 610 Main Street, Dalton was recovered near Jeromesville, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

He was employed by the Orrville Milk Company as a driver. Mr. Hostetler was a member of the Orrville Moose Lodge and a graduate of Holmesville High School.

Survivors include his widow Sylvia, 4 sons Gary, of Massillon; Rodney of Pottstown, Pa.; Eric and Philip of the home; 4 sisters Mrs. Calvin Troyer, Holmesville; Mrs. Kate Stryer, Benton; Mrs. Ora Hostetler, Holmesville; Mrs. Ada Bittle, Caston; 2 half brothers Perry of Millersburg; Oscar of Louisville; one grandson and 3 step-grandsons.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the Desvoisins Funeral Home, Rev. Ralph Fogal pastor of the Dalton Presbyterian Church will conduct the service. Burial will be in Dalton Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

Flood Victims Services

Sgt. Paul Knisely

Services for Sgt. Paul H. Knisely, 36, of 4811 Enalene Rd. Wooster (Madisonburg) who lost his life early Saturday morning as a victim of the holiday floods, will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Central Christian Church in which he belonged.

Friends may call at the church one hour before time of services. His pastor, Rev. Ken Keiper will officiate. Burial will be in Wooster.

Sgt. Knisely was born March 27, 1939, in Millersburg the son of Homer and Jane Hendershot Knisely, Wooster, who survive.

The new Northeast Expressway damages were visible as the visitors drove through Highland Park, west on Portage Road, then to the surprise of most of the crowd, stopped for previously-ordered hamburgers and soft drinks at the Green Leaf Restaurant.

Those local residents eating dinner in parked cars there were a bit startled, to say the least, when the parade cars and other state-owned vehicles filled the back end of the parking lot.

In the surprise probably became greater when Ohio's Governor hopped out of the first auto, went into the kitchen and returned with a box filled with sandwiches.

The "acting governors." "I've been living on hamburgers all week with that man," I never thought I'd miss my mother's cooking, but I do now!"

It was while he stood around during this "dinner half-hour" that Gov. Rhodes showed a new side of himself, at least to those not regularly associated with him.

One Subject Today

It was here he promised to insist that the state give as much aid as it could to help in the obviously gigantic rebuilding need, and to insist that the police-firemen's family aid bill be approved.

"What can these people do?" he asked more than once. "What can be done to help them?" He referred to his favorite theme, education-jobs, which has almost become a single word for Gov. Rhodes. "We've got to train our young people, and we've got to give them work."

Often on his visits to Wooster and Waynecrest, it has been Gov. Rhodes who moved toward his car to leave. Often he has appeared to have more on his mind than the subject about which he was conversing.

Tuesday, the reverse was true and readily evident. He looked you squarely in the eye, plans to help those who need help were uppermost in his mind.

"It is terrible. It is heartbreaking. I'm going to do as much as I can as Governor of Ohio to get help," said Ohio's chief executive last before he climbed aboard the plane which had flown from Columbus to take the drive back to Columbus last night.
Gov. Rhodes Came, Saw And Promised Ohio-Assistance

Mark Height, Suggests Rhodes

By Vic Die

Gov. James A. Rhodes loves Ohio like a baby and when any part of it is harmed, he acts like an incensed parent. That is the impression of this writer as he toured the flood-stricken Wooster area in the same car with the Governor Tuesday evening.

Others in the car, one of a caravan, were P. E. Masheter, director of the Ohio Dept. of Highways; Maj. Gen. S. T. Del Corso, adj. gen. of Ohio National Guard; and a state highway patrolman.

As we passed the Wayne County Fairgrounds, the Governor looked at the high water marks on the fence: “See that old tire at the top of the fence. Paint it white. It will help you remember how high the water went,” he said. “We hope it will never happen again.”

When he found out that the Wayne County Fair is scheduled for early September, he said: “You’ll be ready. And it will be a good fair.”

After hearing about the two Wooster policemen who had been drowned, the Governor shook his head. “Say, there is more than one area of the legislature now that would pay the widow and family of every policeman, fireman or state patrolman for life. If the law enforcement officials is killed in the line of duty, we need that bill. Give me a piece of paper, so I can make a note to really push it.”

“I think of it, a young policeman (Sgt. Paul Kniseley) with children,” he added. “He was just getting started.”

About the National Guard and its part in flood rescue work, Gov. Rhodes said: “Without the National Guard we couldn’t keep Ohio together. They are there for floods, explosions, fires, tornadoes and any other emergency.”

The Governor couldn’t say enough about the Amish. “These people are gentle,” he said. “At Killbuck one of them came up to me and said: ‘Don’t worry Governor. We can get the work done. I’ll have 200 men here tomorrow’.”

Gov. Rhodes was talking about his visit to Killbuck (Holmes County) where 200 families are living in a school house. A reported 90 per cent of the homes have been washed out. Many Amishmen are among the clean-up volunteers.

While visiting the Soaptown area (U.S. 30 just east of Wooster), Gov. Rhodes was visibly shaken. “Look at these people. They are good people. After losing all they have, it is difficult to know just what goes on in their minds.”

After working in his Columbus office from 7 a.m. to noon and then touring Coshocton, Holmes and Wayne Counties, Gov. Rhodes had developed a real appetite, for his favorites: a hamburger and coke.

Before leaving the Wooster Municipal Building, the Governor had one of his party call the Greenleaf Restaurant for 100 hamburgers and colas. He allowed about an hour or touring Wooster.

“Are we getting close to the Greenleaf,” he said about three times during the trip.

“You know the hamburger is the greatest thing invented,” said the man who once operated a restaurant. “How else can you serve so many people so fast, and it’s good, too. Only decision you have to make is whether you want onions or pickles.”

While standing and visiting in the driveway lot, Gov. Rhodes munched his hamburger as he talked about area flood damage, new highways, natural resources and flood control. “As far as I’m concerned this is a real disaster area,” he said. “I hope I never see anything like this again.”

But man who talks about jobs and people, seemed most concerned about the loss of life. He summed up his feelings in remarks at the Municipal Building:

“After 96 hours of observing the ravages of Ohio’s worst storm; after seeing the devastation left by the ensuing floods; after visiting the homeless, it is impossible to find words that can replace the great loss of those concerned.

“Here in the Wooster area, with 15 dead and 10 more missing, what can I say to lessen the pain, burden and grief of the loved ones left behind? “As a man humble before God, I can only offer a prayer, a prayer from all the people of Ohio: Our Heavenly Father:

“Have mercy on the souls of those who have made the supreme sacrifice for their loved ones.”

“Comfort those who are left in grief and mourning. Give them strength and hope in this dark hour.

“Our hearts are full as we share this sorrow and are humbled by the loss. Our prayers are for them on this day.

“God, we give thanks for a beautiful Ohio and all the good people who have given of their hearts to assist in this great emergency.”

“With Your help and Your guidance, we shall continue in a spirit of working together so that all may look forward to a better tomorrow, in Your name.”

CABINET MEMBER — With the chief executive as he reached Wooster city hall yesterday was Director of Ohio’s Natural Resources department, Fred Merr.

Tours Holmes Co.; Killbuck ‘Devastated’

Gov. James A. Rhodes left Columbus at noon by plane, arrived first at the Coshocton airport then was taken by a highway patrol car to the Millersburg and Killbuck village areas.

“Most Devastate”

Killbuck, a town of 1,000 in Holmes County, also was hard hit. Rhodes said it was “the most devistate community in Ohio” as a result of the storm and flooding because 95 per cent of its residents were displaced.

The Killbuck Elementary School had been turned into an emergency disaster center. The classrooms were full of cots, with chairs and desks heaped in the back. One room was a "babies' dormitory" with cases of strained food jars and stuffed toys predominating. In the girls' quarters, a portable record player was blaring out a soulful ballad.

In the hall, Dr. Paul Roth was giving typhoid shots as a precautionary measure. He had more than 1,600 takers. There was no drinking water. Rhodes promised equipment to pump out basements and clear roads of debris.

In the streets below, the residents wandered about in boots and mud-stained clothes trying to figure out where to start in cleaning up.

Some gathered in knots on the street corners to get a glimpse of the governor. A few had cameras to snap his picture. Other townspeople were not so fortunate. Their soggy furniture was piled in front of their clapboard houses which bore a brown stripe about four feet off the ground as a reminder of the high water mark.

Trees, shrubs and cars all were branded with a coat of tan. The governor stopped on part of a bridge which disappeared below the coffee-colored waters of Killbuck Creek.

Rhodes chatted with Roy Mast of Berlin, a member of the Mennoite Disaster Service which has rounded up 400 volunteers to help clean up.

“I admire your religion,” the governor told the bearded gentleman clad in faded blue work clothes. “You people have never failed us in any disaster. You have always come through. This is a most Christian thing you are doing. You are a great American.”

“We appreciate this country we live in,” Mast replied.

Rhodes also observed damage in Coshocton County, where he is calling for $1.3 million in aid.

He saw a covered bridge more than 100 years old stinking in Dougherty Creek where the raging waters had knocked it from its supports.

In Coshocton, Mayor S. G. Wharton said his town is just “trying to dry out.” He expressed gratitude to Rhodes for the state help he is receiving.

“We know we have some real friends in Columbus,” Wharton said.
Chamber To Aid In Securing SBA Loans

The Wooster Chamber of Commerce announced today that it had been in contact with the Cleveland office of the Small Business Administration regarding government loans to aid those suffering damages from the disaster which struck Wooster and Wayne County.

T. R. Lugeneal, executive vice president of the Chamber said, "We are naturally greatly concerned about the business and personal losses suffered by people in this and surrounding communities. Mayor Tifford requested that we contact the Governor's office and John McElroy, the Governor's assistant. This was done and McElroy instructed us to appeal to the SBA for help."

A team of federal investigators is already working in this area in an effort to arrive at preliminary estimates.

The Wooster Chamber has been asked to gather and coordinate all information which will help the SBA to determine what request should be made to Washington for funding of loans to be made to business and individuals suffering losses directly attributable to the July 4 disaster.

Persons whose business or non-farm residence suffered damage during the disaster period, should please or write to the Wooster Chamber of Commerce with the following information:

- Name and address
- Physical damage suffered and its cause
- Estimate of the monetary cost of the damage
- Estimated dollar value of your home or business

The body of Police Sgt. Paul Knisely, 30, who had been missing since early Saturday morning, was recovered shortly after 4 p.m. Tuesday. It was found on the south side of Apple Creek near the sale barn.

Two search parties organized at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday to begin hunting for 12 persons who were still missing. The body of another Wooster policeman, Robert Goodrich, was found Monday about a quarter of a mile from the place where his boat was last seen. Mrs. Doris Virth, 25, was also found Monday near the Gold Star feed mill.

One group on Tuesday was composed of seven members of the Orrville Diversiters Club, William and Nelson Weirick of Wooster, and Sgt. Peter Raymond of the Wooster Police Dept. Aiding this group as line tenders were members of the Wooster Fire Dept. and several volunteers.

The second party consisted of city police and firemen. Both parties started the search at the bridge over Apple Creek at Bauer Road and proceeded southeast.

They were unsuccessful until shortly after 4 p.m. when a member of the ground search party reported to the divers that there was a body at the Madison Street bridge.

Searchers theorized that Sgt. Knisely's body apparently had been loosened from the debris by the divers who had been in the water in that area, pulling down debris along the banks.

The police department was manned Tuesday night by personnel from the Orrville Police Dept., which also furnished police cars. There was also civilian help at the station.

During hours of services for Sgt. Goodrich, civilian personnel experienced in the operation of the police department will be in charge. Policemen from Mansfield will operate patrols on the street.

The search for more flood victims continued Tuesday up to the hour of funerals services and will be resumed or Thursday morning.

Funeral arrangements for Sgt. Knisely had not been completed Wednesday morning.

Fredericksburg Waters Recede

FREDERICKSBURG — Acting Mayor Frank Lemos, declared the village a disaster area Monday morning.

Crews have some of the creeks opened now, and the water is receding.

Men are still hauling trees and raising furniture away.
Now Is Time To Plan Killbuck Valley Dam

A DAM across the Killbuck Valley is the only way to control the water situation west of Wooster.

We've talked about this many times. But no one has done anything. A joint city-county commission should be given this problem. There may be a way of including our area in the Muskingum watershed system. Maybe we'll have to seek federal and state funds. But there must be a way.

The Wayne-Holmes area has become increasingly important over the years. Our population is rising constantly. Industry is coming in. We need a strong, long-range program.

We well remember when the Muskingum watershed was instigated years ago. It has saved property owners millions of dollars through the years. And it has provided some wonderful vacation and recreation areas.

Something should be done immediately. We urge city, county and chamber of commerce officials to get together at once. We've been dilly-dallying for years. Now is the time to act.

Red Cross, Two US Agencies Offer Aid

There are three major sources for aid to flood damaged homes on a long-range basis after the initial disaster relief, according to a Daily Record survey Thursday.

The Red Cross, the Federal Small Business Administration, and the Federal Farm Home Administration are in position and authorized to extend such aid.

Representatives of both types of financial institutions in Wooster give assurance that such banks will do all within their power and the legal limitations to meet family situations.

In most cases where there are mortgage payments, adjustments as to time and possibly terms will be arranged.

However, neither type institution will serve as an agency for any federal or state agency to provide emergency financial aid on a long-term basis. Whatever local aid is given will be on a local basis and at the personal level.

According to a Red Cross summary, 1,850 Wayne County families have suffered enough flood loss to affect their normal living habits. In Wayne County five homes were completely destroyed, six suffered major damage, and others had minor damage. Ten trailers in which people lived were destroyed and two had major damage.

In the Red Cross disaster district including Wayne, Holmes, Ashland, Coshocton and Stark counties a total of 1,850 homes were damaged.

What Red Cross Does

According to George Coomer of Alexandria, Va., National Red Cross disaster district director, this is what the Red Cross can do:

1. Help meet your family's immediate needs for temporary shelter, food, clothing, and emergency medical and nursing care. If you need this kind of help, report immediately to the nearest Red Cross disaster office or emergency shelter. In Wooster at 124 N. Walnut St., phone 264-9017 or 264-3972.

2. Help bridge the gap between what can be done toward recovery and needs. For some families Red Cross help may include: food, clothing, and maintenance; repairing or rebuilding of owner-occupied homes; replacing furniture and other household necessities; providing medical and nursing care and hospitalization; replacing occupational supplies and equipment.

"All such help is an outright gift of the American people through the Red Cross," says the agency.

To get aid from the Federal Small Business Administration, application may be made through the Wooster Chamber of Commerce, north side of Public Square. Already nine applications have been received for a total of $912,100.

Russell Laugmebel, Chamber manager, said these preliminary applications are needed to establish need for disaster aid through the Cleveland federal office.

These forms require: Name, Address; Flood damage description; insurance coverage; dollar estimate; and total value of business or property.

A conservative estimate from the Wayne County extension office place the number of actual farm homes damaged by the flood at 25. Most of these were in the Orrville, Seville-Stirling, Fredericksburg or Funk-Craigton areas.

Application for farm-home aid is handled through the Farmers Home Administration, USDA, 345 N. Market St., phone 207-1154.

Russell G. Zimmerman, county superintendent in charge of Ashland Holmes and Wayne, said that loans on an emergency basis would be available to farm and non-farm rural residents in the flood area.

LONG NIGHT — For seven hours red-haired Dale Taylor hung to this tree where he pressed his mouth against the trunk as water raced over his legs for at least seven hours.
Wayne and Holmes continued to inch their way back to normal by Thursday, as the death toll remained at 18 known to have drowned and at least 19 persons still missing after the Fourth of July flooding.

Bodies not yet recovered include those of John (Jack) Baumgartner; Sharon Wirth, 4; a six-week-old infant; Roger Wetherington; and Patty Loyett. Ward Taggart, and Cindy Givay, all lost in the Wooster area.

They were all in a boat which overturned in the Little Apple Creek early Saturday in the Bauer Road area. Also passengers in that same boat are known dead, Mrs. Doris Wirth, Sharon's mother, who was caring for the baby for the county welfare department; John M. Mann; Mrs. Wirth's stepmother, Lovina Taylor; and Raisi Bright.

In the same boat was Walter Campbell of Wooster, apparently the only survivor of the capsizing.

The body of Kathy Schonauer, 7, of North Lawrence, was found Wednesday. Still missing is Ada Elliott, 6, of Killbuck.

Also among those not yet located are Frank and Mary Smith of Smithville, who were in the Loudonville area and friends in another auto reported the Smith's absence which has yet to be denied or confirmed.

Search for those unaccounted for continues.

Killed, Others Clean Up

In Killbuck about 48 men from the Ohio National Guard are still on duty today, turning away unauthorized traffic and guarding the village against any looting or other problems.

The Mennonite Disaster Service is on the job in Killbuck, where most of those who lost their homes early Saturday morning have been living at the school. Some residents have gone back to their damaged homes and are beginning clean-up attempts. Others, whose homes were washed away or too badly damaged to be occupied, are being sheltered at the school. Operation clean sweep is in full swing and numerous volunteers are at work. The Mennonite Disaster Service group and Amish, shying away from any publicity, have been at work throughout the community. Also armed with mops, brooms, shovels and buckets are youthful scrubbers supervised by the Red Cross, Boy Scout leaders and various other volunteer organizations.

No Actual Typhoon

Resident of Holmes County are urged to have typhoon shots which are being provided free of charge.

There are no typhoid, but health department officials point out that conditions exist which might be conducive to spread of disease. Contaminated water supplies and untreated sewerage lend themselves to typhoid, they explained.

Wayne County is also advised to see private physicians for typhoon shots if they are involved in clean-up work or living in areas where there might be any question about sewerage disposal.

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PTL. ROBERT GOODRICH of Wooster Police Dept., drowned while engaged in flood rescue operations, was buried Wednesday.

Oswald explained that this is a precautionary measure. "We don't want the chance of disease surrounding the situation," Oswald said.

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Rhodes Plane

Rhodes Plane Has Near Miss

Over Holmes Co.

COLUMBUS (UPI) — The plane carrying Gov. James A. Rhodes and several other state officials over food - ravaged northern Ohio Wednesday made a sharp turn to avoid an oncoming small aircraft.

State Aviation Chief Norman J. Crabtree said today a possible mid - air collision was averted over Holmes County.

"A little plane was coming at us who was not supposed to be there," Crabtree said. "I am sure he never saw us so we had to make a fast sharp turn."

Crabtree said he intended to make a report to the Federal Aviation Authority, but that he was unable to see the small plane's identification number.

The incident occurred while Rhodes was inspecting parts of northern Ohio which were devastated by Fourth of July storms and floods.

Aboard the DC3 with Rhodes were 20 other persons, including state Sen. Bishop J. Kilpatrick, D - Wyrren, Highway Director P. E. Mabiebe, Natural Resources Director Fred E. Morr, Deputy Natural Resources Director Melvin Rehels, Parks Chief Vern Hall and James A. Duerr of Rhodes' staff.

B R I D G E  O N  O H I O  392 west of Wooster and north of old Route 30 is near bottom of aerial photograph showing flood damaged cornfield of Jones Alexander and Chris Geiser. Por-
Red Cross, A Focus In Disaster

An impression of the hectic activity taking place in the Wayne Co. Chapter house of the American Red Cross in Woonsen was written by Mrs. Gladys Beecher, former executive secretary of the county organization.

It's hard to believe it, unless you see it for yourself. The Wayne County Chapter house of the American Red Cross is filled with Red Cross staff, both local and national, volunteer workers and victims of the flood.

It looks like a disorganized but everyone knows what his job is or what his needs are. Except for bumping each other as they go from job to job or from the canteen to a cot, everything seems to mesh.

This volunteer is just sitting here listening. Volunteers staffing phones channel requests to other volunteers. Just hear the directors in the main conference area in the big box if new sheets ... some children in the Red Cross shelter upstairs are being taken to a doctor by a volunteer.

The United Fund held a meeting with Red Cross officials to work out arrangements for all the extra Red Cross funds that will be needed ... More trucks just arrived to hold all the water needed ... clothing comes in and is allocated.

Youth Red Cross volunteers from area high schools staff the canteen tables, the boys drive to disaster areas with food and coffee and run errands, usually on foot, around town ... phones are rung to ensure that tornadoes take messages to cooperating organizations.

Just now a donation of 500 squares of wash and dry towels came to ... that will save water ... the fire department is in need of more water for toilets.

A crippled woman is settled comfortably in the shelter; she was carried upstairs by volunteers ... children are up there playing with donated toys and with toys stored by the children that belong to Jr. Red Cross. A baby is taking a nap on a cot while mother rests beside her.

Flood victims come in and are registered then sent on to clothing and food main areas. Confused 

REACT is in its permanent headquarters upstairs ... messages for all the surrounding area go and come from that room ... phones ring constantly ... more volunteers come in to register the tired ones ... some of them have been here for 24 hours or more.

Now a report of a drowning must be sent to a family in Canada. A staff member will relay the message by phone through the Red Cross area office in Alexandria, Va. ... here comes someone with hundreds of candles. Wooster doesn't need them so someone is phoning Red Cross volunteers in Orrsville to see if they can get back to their base ... Red Cross must phone the Red Cross field director at his base to ask for an extension of leave.

In the midst of all this service to military families must go on. Work goes on in the office as well as in the field. The flood must be dealt with in the best possible way.

One thing that is certain is that there will be no rest. The day's work will go on until the water is gone. The next day's work will go on until the water is gone. And so on.

The floods have destroyed more than homes; they have destroyed the lives of many people. But the Red Cross will be there to help them.

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WCSF Heading Drive To Aid Flood Victims

JEFFERSON — Members of Oak Chapel United Methodist Church, who had raised $1000 in two days on Sunday to contribute to a fund to aid the flood victims in the Wooster area.

SUNDAY service

WORK AHEAD — Harold Reeder, right, deputy director of division 3 of Ohio's highway department met with Wayne County's top fireman, E. H. McGuire, Tuesday. The two were part of the Gov. Rhodes contingent which viewed the flood damages to the area.

Casualty

Persons whose home, automobile, boat or other property was damaged by the recent severe storm and floods may be able to deduct casualty losses in excess of $100 on their 1969 Federal income tax return.

The taxpayer must be prepared to prove that a casualty or theft loss occurred and the amount of the loss that is deductible.

Frank S. Tarsett Jr., district director of Internal Revenue for Northern Ohio, said that the following information should be furnished when a casualty loss is claimed:

The nature of the casualty and when it occurred.

That the loss was the direct result of the casualty.

That the property claimed as a loss was the owner of the property when the loss occurred.

That the value of the property before and after the casualty.

That the amount of insurance or other compensation received or receivable is not included.

The costs of repairing an auto, home or other property or replacing or cleaning up after a casualty are not deductible as a casualty loss. However, these costs may be used as a measure of the decrease in value of the property if they are necessary to restore the property to its pre-casualty condition and the value of the property after repairs is not more than its value before the casualty.

Casualty deductions for business property are not subject to the $100 limitation.

More information can be secured at any Internal Revenue Service office.
The City of Wooster sorrowfully held funeral services Wednesday for a policeman who lost his life while on duty, and is

Letter Gives Appreciation For Storm Aid

Dear Officer Goodrich,

One very cold night last winter you and officer Warrington (Whapman) came upon a woman and three children stranded on highway 3. I have told this story to every friend I meet and have likened it to the Good Samaritan. This was indeed an act of kindness as any Bible story ever told. May the Lord Bless You and cause His fact to shine upon you, as the scripture says "As ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me." unquote.

You will be happy to note that due to your concern for my children not one developed so much as a sniffle.

The rest of our trip home was uneventful.

Whether this is a sample of the Wooster Police force or the personal application of a dedicated man's heart I do not know, but as a Child of God I do know His rich blessings are upon you.

As a member of the Executive Board of Christian Women's Club of Canton, I thought it proper to personally extend an invitation to your wives to attend one of our luncheons occurring the second Thursday of each month. It would be our privilege to meet and share with them the fellowship we do enjoy.

Thanks to you my children's first experience with policemen was to learn that the law is good and for our benefit and protection.

Thank You,
Mrs. Gloria Karcher, A.N. Canton

planning services for a second officer tomorrow.

Services were held in the West Hill Baptist Church yesterday afternoon for Patrolman Robert Goodrich, 36, who drowned as he was attempting to rescue flood victims in the Baser Road area early Saturday morning.

A companion in the boat with Goodrich, Sgt. Paul Kus Pussy, 30, will be buried on Friday afternoon. The two officers and a third, Goodrich's son, David, were swept into the muddy waters of Apple Creek when the boat capsized. Young Goodrich was rescued downstream later in the morning. Searchers found Robert Goodrich's body on Monday and Kus Pussy's on Tuesday.

Uniformed officers representing the law enforcement agencies of Wayne County and neighboring counties attended the services for Sgt. Goodrich which were held at 2 p.m. at the church on Wayne Co. Rd. 22.

The new church was filled to overflowing as officers, workers and friends of the police department were present.

Rev. Lisle Beautiful, pastor, conducted the service. He read familiar verses from the Bible and spoke briefly and simply about Sgt. Goodrich, who was a member of the church.

In his tribute to the policeman who had given his life to the service of the Wooster community, Rev. Beautiful paid tribute to all of the area's police officers, to their devotion, like Goodrich's, often going beyond the call of duty.

Bob Goodrich, the minister said, died as he had lived, helping people. When the call came early last Saturday morning, Goodrich answered it without hesitation as he always did, Mr. Beautiful continued.

He liked people and he spent his life helping them, the speaker said. He was a loyal police officer and one of whom his colleagues could be proud. We are all

blessed to have known him, Rev. Beautiful concluded.

As part of the service the clergyman read a letter sent to the Wooster Police Dept. by a North Canton resident whom Sgt. Goodrich had aided on a stormy night last winter when she and her three children needed assistance on the highway.

The action of the Wooster patrolman was typical of the kind of person he was, Rev. Beautiful said. It would be impossible to tell how many persons he had helped simply because he wanted to be of service to his fellow man.

A cortège of over 50 automobiles, led by law enforcement agency vehicles with red lights flashing, made its way slowly across Co. Rd. 22 from the church, east on West Liberty Street, north on Market Street, Quinby Avenue and Cleveland Road to Sherwood Memorial Gardens where an interment service was held.

The casket, covered with an American flag, coaxed by police officers and friends, was placed in the hearse.


After a prayer by Rev. Beautiful, Sgt. Garth Steves, president of the Fraternal Order of Police, of which Sgt. Goodrich was a member, read a brief eulogy.

The flag was removed from the casket and folded by Detective Paul Garver of the police department and Joseph Palermo, and given to Mrs. Goodrich.

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An estimated 26 feet of water was in the backyard, five feet of it into the first floor of the house.

Although the furniture was ruined, knob knobs had floated about with no breakage. A decorative small broom lamp was returned neatly to its position on the window sill, upside down. When the water receded, aluminum lawn chairs in the yard were still in place.

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There is still some confusion about a Ward Taggart whose name was on the missing list.

There is no available information about anyone by that name and it is believed now that perhaps the name is in error.

The name of "CindyCVEY" was taken from the missing list today after investigation by the Daily Record revealed there to be no such person. Error in transmitting a message from Miss Sivey asking for information about a "Cindy" resulted in the name being placed on the list.

1,000 Fed at School

Frank and Mary Smith of Barberton, listed as missing, have been located and are safe at their home.

In the Killbuck area meals are still being provided at the school, with 1,000 persons fed there Wednesday. More than 2,000 have received free-type hot meals.

Killbuck volunteers and officials report that there is an abundance of food on hand, given by individuals and business firms and they also said no more clothing is needed at the moment. Money is the greatest need as families whose property and personal possessions make an effort to replace lost or damaged items.

Holmes County commissioners have estimated the road and bridge replacements needed will cost more than a half million dollars. With the aid of hundreds of volunteer workers, considerable work has been done to clean up flooded areas of the village. The Holmes Co. health commission has again asked that all residents of their county accept the free typhoid shots. There is no report of typhoid, but conditions are such that, without the utmost precaution, serious illnesses could occur.

Waiting is Terrible

Search continues along the Little Apple Creek Valley, south from Bauer Road where eight other victims' bodies have been located since Sunday. Still missing, all Woosterians, are Joe Baumgartner, 34, Ward Taggart, age unknown; Sharon Wirth, 4, and a six-week-old infant.

Baumgartner was an employee of Dowell Co. and was known to have been in a boat which capsized early Saturday. One other man in the boat survived, bodies of five others in that same boat have been recovered. The Wirth child and the infant were also in the boat.

Baumgartner's wife, Shirley, and his two small children, Debbie, 7 and Karen, 6 issued a special request through the Record this morning. "Please pray for us that he or his body will be found. The waiting is unbearable."

Red Cross Offers Aid In Disaster

The American Red Cross disaster services team, with disaster headquarters located in the Killbuck school, urges disaster victims to apply for recovery assistance as soon as possible.

Those Killbuck area residents in need of help or guidance should go to Red Cross disaster headquarters promptly. Disaster recovery experts are at the school and are ready, willing, and able to provide assistance with speed and efficiency.

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Red Cross assistance is a gift to help disaster victims to get back on their feet. It bridges the gap between what one can do for himself and what one needs.

Assistance may include food, rent, clothing, medical and nursing care, household furnishings, repair or rebuilding of homes, and replacement of occupational supplies and equipment.

Red Cross does not sell food or any other disaster supplies or take liens on homes, and never asks for repayment for disaster assistance.

Each family applying for Red Cross assistance is given individual attention and in complete
given as quickly as possible, with consideration given to health, age, or other problems that might create unusual conditions.

MERLE MOORE, usually a white-collar worker of Killbuck Savings Bank, steps right up in his work clothes to undertake the tremendous task of cleaning out the new building following the good. Records needed sorting too, and that task followed.
Loudonville Has Damage Report

LOUDONVILLE — The small town has a very big heart. It has sent four truckloads of clothing, food and toys to Killbuck, one of the hardest hit areas by the recent rainstorm, with three more truckloads ready to go.

The relief goods have been donated by citizens in the Loudonville-Ashland area in response to an appeal by the city fathers and service organizations.

“We just have to see it to believe the tremendous response we have,” said Mayor E. Bill Stilling.

One merchant in downtown Loudonville simply took dresses from the rack, the women’s organization of St. Peter’s Church donated 45 brand new quilts; and another organization gave boxes of blankets that have never been opened, pointed out the mayor.

“It proves,” said Stilling, “that whenever there is tragedy, people will forget themselves and think for those less fortunate.”

The Loudonville area escaped much of the thunderous uproar from last Friday’s electrical rainstorm.

There were some landslides on Wally Road and on Mill Road, but they have been cleaned up, he said.

“We should be thankful for what we came out very good. Truthfully, we didn’t have much damage.”

One of the hardest hit areas in Loudonville was the Wally Camp site where high water sent some 800 campers to town.

“Our biggest trouble was to take care of the campers,” the mayor said.

Due to shortage of hotel facilities, the campers were “camped” in Lutheran Church and in the high school gymnasium.

All through the flooding period, Loudonville experienced no power cut or water shortage.

“We were so fortunate and we have a lot to thank for.”

The four truckloads of clothing and other relief items, all sorted out and packed in boxes, were taken to Killbuck Tuesday by Lester Albertson, a councilman, Joe Dennison, an East Ohio Gas Co. employee, and two citizens, Ed McQuaid and Robert Fry.

Mayor Stilling reported that the response from Killbuck was very good.

As days went by, donations from citizens continued to pile up in the Community Yacht Center. Mayor indicated that it might think of sending some clothing to the stricken area in Wooster if Killbuck had no further need.

Dampness remained.

Due to the pile up of ash and debris following last week’s flood, an emergency measure reopening the dumping facilities south of town was put into effect following Monday night’s council meeting. Council also decided to provide improvements to the dump access road and approved a change in hours at the dump.

Hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday.

This week found all the flood affected area, starting from the bottom up as residents commenced to clear out mud soaked basements and low areas. Most of the business places were open as usual Monday with the exception of a few that were harder hit by the flood.

In the east section of town near Shell Station reported no damage while Zimm’s Drive In estimated their loss at about $600 due to food spoilage and damage to mowers of the ice machine and refrigerator.

Both places, along with McCarr Motors and Byland Animal Hospital, were back in operation by Monday.

Sunshine Biscuit Co. along Mill Rd. began operating Wednesday on a limited basis as motors for one section are still no in operation. With the aid of extra help, hired for the wheat harvest, the mill will be back on a normal routine next week.

Protestor sales on West Main St. reported several thousand dollars damage to basement and equipment. A large number of tires are drying out waiting to be sorted and cleaned.

Recreational Facilities

Across the bridge, at Loudonville Canoe Livery, rafts of canoes are back in place and life jackets hang nearby, but it will be several weeks before canoe trips will be available due to the high water level on the Black Fork River. The Nave family moved back into their home on Wednesday and are concentrating on clean-up and repair work on the basement and livery grounds.

Pleasant Hill Canoe Livery at Perrysville is open for business this weekend. They will transport canoe enthusiasts up the river to paddle down stream to the livery where picnic grounds and restrooms are available. The same plan was used over the Memorial holiday with good results when 800 canoes made the trip.

Private campgrounds in the area and Mohican State Park have been open all week although there have been some damage due to washout.

Even the Wally Camp Site, the hardest hit of the recreational facilities, will be offering limited camping this weekend. Although the lower area near the river is not usable, campers will be accommodated on higher ground.

All facilities in the pavilion, which includes kitchen, laundry, showers and flush toilets are in working order. Drinking water is being tested but there has been no problem with the water.

Yesterday, the last of the flood damaged camping trailers were pulled out from the muddy banks of the river and hauled along side other damaged camper trailers near the road. Work crews consisting of 11 regular employees of the campground operated the high lift and truck to remove the soggy debris in the area. They have been aided by volunteer help from both Loudonville residents and seasonal campers who have stayed on during the cleanup.

Piles of salvaged camping equipment lay about the pavilion area ended up as an apparent total loss as storm. Four truckloads of clothing, food and toys have been sent to Killbuck by the Loudonville area people.

A TIME TO SHARE — Mrs. Joe Stanger and her son, Gene of Loudonville Rd 1 donate a boxful of clothing to the needy in Killbuck, one of the hardest hit areas by the recent rainstorm, only 200 were salvages. Work will commence shortly on draining the pool and leveling and reseeding the damaged grounds.

TEETERING HOME in Fredericksburg is rented by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Larson. Their home has which been blocked up on railroad ties.

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Sheriff's Deputies Were On Job Too

An exhausted Wayne County sheriff's department has drawn a second breath and found time to answer questions about "where were you when the rains came?"

Sheriff Glenn Rike and his staff, understaffed to begin with, simply did double-shift duty in all areas of the county.

With log-books far being complete, because none one has had time to do desk-reporting the past few days, Deputies Dick Henry and Charlie Otto know that at least 1,000 calls came into the sheriff's department offices from midnight Friday, July 4th, through the weekend when conditions in the area were at their worst.

Rescues from water-swamped cars and trucks were made, motorists guided in from flooding roads to higher ground and boats manned in the hardest-hit areas.

Sheriff Rike has been ill for several days, included among his problems a painful case of bursitis which has made it necessary for him to have his right arm in a sling. Nevertheless, he handled the innumerable telephone calls and directed much of his staff's work by radio contact with cruisers.

Deputies Darrell Woodward and James Shelly waded and almost swam through deepening waters in the Rowsburg area and took two men off the roof of their truck cab where the water was licking around ankles and near where another trucker lost his life.

Deputy Cecil Bellamy, again ignoring political subdivisions limits down on Vine St. and managed to take two men from the roof of their home.

Houses north of the Wayne County Speedway near Orrville were being swamped and deputies Jim Taylor and Richard Elders got these residents off drier and safer land.

Most of the men had worked their regular eight-hour shifts on the holiday, all out on highways watching for Fourth of July traffic and other problems. Those whose shifts ended at 10 p.m. Friday night simply stayed on duty because already then the hard rains had begun to create road problems. The shifts lengthened, for some, through Saturday, to 18 and 20 hours or more. No one kept track of time.

Deputy Woodward went in the Ohio National Guard helicopter sent here and helped spot stranded victims and aided in their rescue or directed ground crews to them.

Deputy Wayne Wagner was on vacation but came in quickly and worked in the Orrville area. He was aided by Dr. J. Garber Drushal, president of the College of Wooster who brought his son and the family motor boat. With Wagner in charge of directions the Drushals made their way through the flooded land.

Few persons outside of county highway department superintendent Sid Bucher and county engineer Walter Metter, know local back roads as well as do the deputies in the sheriff's department.

When emergency and sometimes frantic calls came Saturday often people were able to be content enough only to give their names or some local "nickname" of a road. It wasn't often necessary for the deputies of Sheriff Rike to ask more specific directions.

Just as are other agencies involved in recent rescue work, the sheriff's department is tired and perhaps almost as much as to the Wooster police department, they feel appreciate the loss of the two city policemen who were drowned.

For the deputies, the job is far from over, although work-hours are not nearly so long as they were for several days earlier this week.

Deputy Henry gives a bit of hearty-voiced warning. "We always think we are safe here in Wayne County. People are saying this is a once-in-a-life-time tragedy. We'd better all remember that fickle weather could produce the same thing again anytime."

WAYNE CO. RED CROSS chapter house isn't exactly like home, but it is better than the home the children of Mrs. Genee Collins had to leave because of high water. The children are, from left, Tyla, 2, Donna Sue, 3, Christine, 13, and Russell, 7.

Wayne Red Cross Aids Flood Victims

Clifford Morrison, chairman of the board of the Wayne County American Red Cross and Robert Johnson, disaster chairman, urge all flood victims in the county in need of assistance to apply at the Chapter House at 124 North Walnut Street.

The Red Cross is ready to offer emergency assistance to all flood victims in need of clothing, food, and housing.

Morrison also announced that those who suffered loss of household furnishings, occupational supplies and equipment, and damage to homes should also apply at the chapter for assistance.

Morrison pointed out that American Red Cross assistance is based on need, not loss, and that each application will be handled on an individual basis.

All American Red Cross assistance to disaster victims is an outright gift, Morrison added.

WWST Came Through

FOR EMERGENCY on-the-spot news this area turned to Radio Station WWST this disaster weekend. Announcements were relayed through Red Cross Headquarters to REACT to the station because of loss of phone connections, Saturday and Sunday. Emergency generators were pressed into service. Local paid advertising was canceled causing loss of revenue. News staff and engineers worked nearly around the clock.

We congratulate WWST personnel.

Writer Congratulates Community

IT IS A sad reflection to know that a touch stone in the nature of a dire calamity is required to unlock our self-centered souls in order to realize our responsibility to other human beings, but it is a fact.

While the recent flood has proven to be the most severe single disaster that has befallen our area since the recording of history, it has succeeded in bringing out the real character of the type of people who live in Wayne County. It is unfortunate that we need such violent catastrophes, where many innocent, self-sacrificed, to bring us to our real selves. Sacrifice has been the keystone of our religious structure which governs the large majority of our local inhabitants.

One has only to look at the columns of the Daily Record since the advent of the storm to learn of the multiplicity of unselfish sacrifices, (even unto death), that have been recorded, and they will no doubt continue for some time. These selfless acts have placed the "Golden Rule" in emblazoned letters in the firmament. These stories have also helped to relegated the very small minority of our race who have so loudly proclaimed the false theory that "God is Dead," to utter oblivion. Calamities bring out the real character in human beings, and give the lie to much of the cheap literature that is being presented to our people through print, and television. It reminds one of the saying uttered by Daniel Defoe, "Calamities of Life are shared among the upper and lower part of mankind."

Gay Richard

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Flood Moves Overton's Store 30 Feet; Goods Stay On Shelf

Flooding in Overton took its toll in damages, but "it could have been a lot worse," stated William Steen, owner of the store there. One small house was washed off a hill, but the owner is reportedly in good spirits, despite his loss. Logs, stumps, sagging porches, and muddy yards serve as evidence of the weather's wrath, but the small town is rapidly cleaning up.

"It looked terrible at first, but everybody's gotten out and picked up some of the weeds," said one local resident.

Most of the damage occurred when basements and the electrical appliances and furnaces in them were submerged. In a few hours, the water rose two feet into first floors. Other casualties of the storm included a few chicken houses and dog kennels, and a damaged garage.

Most surprising result of the storm was the "relocation" of the Overton Store. The flooded stream beside the store lifted the small frame structure off its mounting skids and carried it 30 feet before setting it down.

"All that fell off the shelves was a couple of boxes of cornflakes," said owner Steen.

In photo, Mr. and Mrs. Steen stand in front of transplanted store, while arrow in background shows where building formerly stood.

Funeral Held For Officer Killed On Duty By Flood

A memorial service for Sgt. Paul Kinsey, 30, who lost his life in the July 5 flood was held Friday afternoon at Central Christian Church.

For the second time in 48 hours, fellow members of the Wooster Police Department, through tears, gathered at the service. Police officers and city officials, joined by friends and family to pay tribute to a Wooster policeman who died in the line of duty.

Services were held on Wednesday for Patrolman Grant Goodrich, 26, who, with Kinsey, was swept away when his boat was caught in swift current. With the fatal news that Sgt. Kinsey, a husband of the late Maggie Kinsey, and father of Goodrich's son, David, who is also a member of the Wooster police force. He was thrown from the boat and rescued.

Nearly 80 officers, including Wooster policemen, personnel from the Wooster Post of the Ohio State Patrol, Wayne County Sheriff's Dept., Wooster Fire Dept. and police personnel from neighboring communities, attended the service for Sgt. Kinsey held 3:30 p.m. Friday, with Rev. Paul Kerr officiating.

The service included the singing of two hymns, prayers, readings from Scripture and a tribute by Mr. Paul Kerr.

"The success of a man is not judged by the number of years he has lived but by how he spent those years — how and for what he lived and for what he may have been called to die," Rev. Kerr said.

Noting that Jesus said, "Greater love hath no man than he that lays down his life for his friend," Rev. Kerr told his listeners who filled the church. Today we salute Sgt. Paul Kinsey who last Saturday paid the supreme price for this kind of loyalty.

We also pay tribute," he continued, "to all of his comrades who by nature of their responsibility put service before self.

"All of you, placed in the same position last Saturday morning, would have launched a boat and desperately tried, as he tried, to save those crying for help," Rev. Kerr said.

The minister of the church to which Sgt. Kinsey belonged pointed out his deep compassion for people. He was concerned with this ideal for every policeman, Mr. Kerr said. His underlying motive was always to help the image of the police department in the eyes of the public, he added.

"Paul, like Bob Goodrich, died as he lived — helping people." As a policeman, he gave the job everything he had, Rev. Kerr continued. "It was more than a job. It was his very life.

"A policeman's emergency beckoned and he answered without hesitation," the speaker concluded.

Following the service, the casket was carried from the church as fellow officers formed a corridor on either side of the sidewalk.

 Pallbearers were: Police Chief Carl Yundt, Detective John Richy, Detective Paul Garver, Sergeant James Pearce, Patrolman Richard Landers, and Deputy Sheriff Keith Wolverten of Geauga County.

Urns for the memorial service were: Gary Palmer of the Wooster Fire Dept.; Patrolmen Bruce Braeg, James Bailey, and Donald Mottiner of the Wooster Police Dept.

The funeral cortege, headed by a double line of police cars with their red lights flashing, traveled slowly to Wooster Cemetery, going north on Market, Quinary and Cleveland Road to Winter Street, east on Winter to Beall Avenue, south on Beall to Liberty, west on Liberty to Columbus Avenue, from Columbus east on the expressway to the Madison Avenue exit and south into the cemetery.

Red Cross Sets Up At Rittman Police Station

RITTMAN — Wayne County Chapter of the Red Cross has set up an office at the police station here in Rittman to help flood disaster families who are in need of assistance.

According to Van Holland, disaster area director for the Wayne County area, 20 families in the area were affected due to the flood waters and since most of the people could not go to Wooster and apply for their needs due to their situation there the Red Cross has come here.

The duty of the Red Cross is to bridge the gap between family resources, which is based on need, not loss. All assistance from the Red Cross is a gift and there is no charge made.

There is a disaster fund in the Wayne County Chapter if anyone wishes to contribute.

Local women who are in charge of the Red Cross office are Mrs. Sadie Kunkler, Mrs. Joanne Widmer, and Mrs. Minnie Bodinger, along with volunteers assisting.

The Red Cross Center will be open through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Some of the needs that the Red Cross will provide are: shelter if needed, food, clothing, repairs on homes, replacement of furniture, occupational tools and equipment, and medical bills.

Five families in the area have applied already.

Many Help WWST Tell Flood Story

Editor, Daily Record:

In the past few days dozens and dozens of messages of thanks and praise have been coming into Station WWST regarding our coverage of the disaster that struck this area last weekend. We at "Radio Wooster" appreciate the kind comments very much. But actually, it is the Station that should be thanking others. And as is always the case, it is impossible to name everyone — so many did so much.

Private individuals and area firemen helped secure the emergency generators that got WWST back on the air last Saturday morning. The men and women of REACT and the Red Cross citizens band radio network, through really tremendous work, kept the station in touch with the Red Cross, the police and the area in general. Had it not been for these private radio operators, we could NOT have done any job for the area at all.

The folks at the Red Cross, the police, firemen, state patrol sheriff's department, the Civil Defense and other private charity groups, the Health Department officials, all were very pre- cious to us. They kept our emergency messages and the news items that were of critical importance to the community and area.

While our staff was working round-the-clock, dozens of people provided food for us, brought in to studios when we could not leave. Dozens of others — and we still do not know the names of many who stopped in and helped take messages and do the necessary typing.

To all of these hundreds of folks who made it possible for us to do our job, we can only say THANK YOU, very much! We would publicly like to thank the entire staff of WWST "Radio Wooster" for their tireless and most professional efforts throughout this period of work in an area under very trying conditions. But I know they would want me to say also, that they were just "doing their job" — best they could. We all sincerely feel that in time of emergency, the staff and the facilities of the radio station really BELONG to the community. We were only trying, as best we could, to operate with that in mind.

Quentin W. Leitner

Kindness Eases Flood Sorrow

Sorrow came from the parents of six-year-old Roger Henthorn who was drowned early Saturday morning in Bauer Road flooding. Services have already been held earlier that week for the Wooster child.

Editor, Daily Record:

While the flood may extent the deep appreciation we feel for the people of our community. One of the results lost weing one is great, but our friends, relatives, and neighbors have helped ease that sorrow by helping us and others pull through this tragedy.

Thank you for all your kindness in our time of need. For Mrs. Dale Heathen.
Man Is Ninth Confirmed As Wooster Flood Victim

Saturday, shortly before noon, Wooster policemen and divers from Wooster and Orrville recovered the body of the city's eighth flood victim, John Baumgartner, 34.

He was found near the bend in Apple Creek, east of Grassman's garage on Freeland Road. The area is the same in which six other victims were found, five on Sunday, July 6, and another the next day. In the daily Record's circulation area a total of 15 flood victims' bodies have been recovered.

Baumgartner was an employee of the Dowell Division of Dow Chemical Co., which has a plant on Bauer Road north of old US 30. He, John Campbell, and Saul Bright, all Dowell employees, were in a boat owned by John Mann as they attempted to rescue residents of the lowland area. The only one of the four men to survive was Campbell.

Children Are Missing

Also in the boat were six other persons, two women and four children; bodies of all but the two smallest children have been recovered.

Two other flood victims were Wooster policemen, Patrolman Robert Goodrich, 36, and Sgt. Paul Kneisl. The pair, along with Goodrich's son, David, also a Wooster patrolman, were conducting rescue operations in the elderly towser's boat when it spun out of control in swift current.

David Goodrich was thrown out, swept downstream and discovered safe after daybreak where he had tied himself to a tree along the bank of the creek.

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His father's body was found on Monday morning and Sgt. Kneisl's body was recovered late Tuesday afternoon.

Still missing are Sharon Wirth, four, and a six-week-old boy being cared for by Mrs. Doris Wirth, 25, also a flood victim.

Search Goes On

The search for victims has continued daily since Sunday, July 6, during daylight. The work has been concentrated in the area between the bridge on old US 30 and the Gold Star feed mill at the foot of Spruce Street, where the body of Mrs. Wirth was found.

The flood struck town of July night, when a 10.4-inch rain started. Most of those drowned have been found in the bend of Apple Creek about a half mile from where the tragic rescue operations began. The boat used by Goodrich and Mann can be seen near the bend where the victims were found.

Wooster Police Chief Carl Yang said Sunday that a daily search for the remaining two victims will continue. Thick, oozy mud and tumbled piles of debris make the search extremely difficult, he said.

Lived Here 15 Years

Mr. Baumgartner was born in Akron, Feb. 16, 1930 to Barton J. and Marian Shade Baumgartner. He was a resident of the Wooster-Smithville area for the past 15 years.

A truck driver for Dowell, he was a social member of American Legion Post 68.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Mays of Wooster; daughter, Deborah Kay and Karen Louise at home; and stepfather, Carl Gundinger of Portage Lakes.

His mother died in 1963 and his father in 1942.

Memorial services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at McIntire Funeral Home with Rev. Lowell Steiner of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church officiating.

Burial was Sunday in Sherwood Memorial Gardens.

Moisture Control Board — Tony Catanzarite checks out the soggy control board at the sewage plant. Last of the water was drained from the plant Thursday and the clean up job began.

FLOWER BUILDING at the Holmes Co. Fairgrounds is a complete loss. Fire Chief Levi Schlabach, a fair board member, points to the roof resting on the ground. Part of the building floated downstream and has not been located.

Wooster Twp.
Firemen Are Donating Time

At a meeting this week, Wooster Township Fire Department members voted not to accept pay for more than 76 man hours which they worked during last week's flood disaster in the Wooster area.

Members of the department are normally paid by the Wooster Township Trustees and are paid by the hour as long as the emergency exists. Chief Harrison Arnold said Tuesday the men voted to donate their time because of the cost of the disaster. Their pay would have amounted to about $1,800.

Arnold said the department hauled 2,000 gallons of water into Wooster while the water plant was out of operation. Township firemen also hauled 1,000 gallons each to the New Ed Lo and West View Manor nursing homes.

MILLERSBURG COMMUNITY swimming pool, with the bathhouse resting near the shallow end, is expected to be cleaned up for use within two weeks or so, according to Richard Maxwell, village council president.
By Elinor Taylor

All Paul Taylor can do now is pick up the pieces and start over again.

Last week, when his daughter, the four-year-old son was washed downstream a mile from where he lived, hanging for hours to a tree until firemen came in by boat and rescued the child.

Whatever the Taylors did, they drove it. "We had fun and we were happy," said the bereaved father and husband Monday. "I've got to be thankful for." The Fourth of July was one of those "fun days." With Paul driving, they went to Zanesville to visit his sister. They stayed there for the fireworks display, heading back to Wooster about 10 p.m. In the car with him were his wife, Lovina Mast Taylor; his daughter, Doris Wirth and her little girl, Sharon, 4, and his son, Dale, 9.

Because the trip was exciting, they invited a friend, Patty Lovejoy, to join them. There was little Anthony, a six-week-old baby whom Mrs. Wirth had kept since he was only four days old because the welfare department needed a foster home for the infant.

The ride back home was uneventful, although there was high water from Coshocton north.

As they reached their Bauer Rd. neighborhood, the water was deep, but lights were on in nearby houses. So the Taylors drove the quarter mile north from the Pittsburgh Ave. extension intersection.

Taylor drives a huge transport truck for Ford Motor Co. and he had it left, loaded with brand new automobiles, on the back of his mobile home. "Better not try to go in the house," he thought and attempted to turn his car around, perhaps to go to Jefferson where Mrs. Wirth lived. But the car stalled.

Already some neighbors were leaving. The police came by in boats and urged evacuation, twice. But the Taylors decided the rain would soon stop and they crossed the street to the Henthorn home where a number of persons already were gathering to wait for the flooding to recede.

But the water kept rising and when police called again for them to leave, the decision was made to send the women and children out first. A boat, with John Mann at the controls and three others, John Baumgartner, Walter Campbell and Basil Brighouse, it was, leaving from the Cowell Co. some 100 yards farther north.

Rescue By Boat

Lovina, Doris, Sharon, Dale, little Anthony, Patty and six-year-old Roger Henthorn, who was visiting his grandparents, climbed in. The family dog (in photo) and cat didn't take up much room, so they were carried along. A Wooster police officer gave his rainscoat so that little Tony wouldn't catch cold.

It was 2:30 a.m., Saturday, July 6. Lightning flashes made the water-covered community on Bauer Rd. as bright as day for fractions of seconds.

Recall Paul Taylor; "I could see the water over the back of their boat.

"Halfway down to US 30 the boat hit what now is believed to have been a rock which had floated away from a drilling company's station. The boat overturned and everyone was thrown from it Walter Campbell grabbed on to a tree, Dale, and he thinks Doris, hung on to the boat bottom as it was carried down a steep embankment into the Little Apple Creek bed and through the bridge over which traffic drives.

The torrent of water funneled through that smaller space "exploded" as it reached the opposite side of the highway. Dale heard Doris scream, then he was thrown against a fence.

Mixed Memories

Days and nights are mixed up for Dale and his Dad yet, and the moments which followed the fence-grabbing are confused too. The flooding water tore the nine-year-old boy from the fence and he grabbed a tree which was swirling downstream.

About three-quarters of a mile south he was thrown against a tree still standing. "I hung on to it branch, swung my feet up higher and grabbed the tree around the trunk." The child held on to that tree until about 9:30 a.m. Saturday when someone heard him calling for help and directed firemen to the scene.

Paul Taylor was still back in the house across the road from his home. Boats could no longer negotiate the angry water. He and those with him went to the second floor and water reached the top of the stairs. Soon after daylight a boat came for them and they were taken to safety near the main highway.

It was a larger boat than the one in which the family had left. By daylight, he could see his home overturned. The auto transport truck was gone, all of the new cars carried away by water.

Paul Taylor doesn't know who told him that the other boat had capsized. He waited for a while, then out of desperation, decided to drive to Apple Creek to tell his in-laws the sad news.

The Red Cross

Shortly after he left, Dale was found and taken to the Red Cross Chapter House. Taylor's older son, Roy, knew his father would have the car radio on and that the message of Dale's safety broadcast immediately, the only good news in more than a week of tragedy.

All the passengers in that first boat had been drowned without the exception of Sharon and the baby. Lovina Taylor's body was discovered near the tree where her son had clung for hours.

Monday when Dale and Paul, along with other relatives with whom the two are living, took the Daily Record over the sad route, they found some of their mobile home's dishes, wall paneling and other items in that same debris.

Now what? Paul Taylor is going to use his home insurance money to buy a new one and have it put back at the same former site. "We like it here. We have wonderful neighbors, Dale wants to go back to Wooster Township School again and this flood was something I don't think will ever happen again," he says sadly.

His neighbors understand. They were all hit. Houses and their contents were heavily damaged. Pets pets drowned. Other mobile homes, at least seven of them, were washed away or smashed into stronger buildings and trees, demolishing the living quarters.

"It is about all a man can take," says Paul Taylor and his voice gives way to the heartbeat few persons have to experience. "No matter where I had to go to deliver those new cars, I tried to arrange my route so I would be home each night. We enjoyed doing things together as a family," Taylor said.

Bleak Outlook

There is absolutely nothing left which is salvageable. The interior of the mobile home is full of debris, mud-covered and the furniture is ruined. Two ponies are gone, one known to have been drowned, the other presumed so. Just he and Dale remain. Roy Taylor is married and lives in north Wooster.

"I'm not going back to work for a while," he says. "We had so many friends and so many relatives. They want us to come and get straightened out a little bit. It is hard to think. I don't know what to do...."

Neither the father nor his young son sleep much. They aren't hungry either. "We were happy, I guess that is important," Paul Taylor keeps saying.

"If it is a big word, 'If,' they hadn't gone home, they might all be living. 'If' those in the first boat had stayed in the neighbor's home, they might not have drowned.

No one can say. How much more can a man take?

"No more," says Paul Taylor. "No more at all."

FIRST STOP — Thrown from a boat, nine-year-old Dale Taylor was swept down North Bauer Rd. under a US 30A bridge, then thrown into this fence on the south side of the highway. Raging water broke his hold and he caught a tree which carried him nearly a mile on down the gully where he hung on to another tree until rescued.

PUSHED OVER — The Taylor's 12 by 60 foot mobile home, almost brand new, was pushed over on its side, carried more than 100 feet before ramming a garage. All interior furniture was smashed or ruined beyond repair.
Some Spots In Wayne Had As Much As 16 Inches Of Rain

This map made by the state weather bureau in Columbus shows the severity of the July 4-5 storm which inundated this area and other parts of northern Ohio.

Forty were killed, eight by falling trees, two by lightning, six by power lines, and 24 by drowning.

Wayne county got the worst of the deluge, as seen by the black area. The Sandusky region was badly hit.

The official reported said Wooster received 10.32 inches. But bucket surveys, according to climatologist Marvin Miller showed that one area near Smithville got 14 inches and another area three miles north of Wooster received 16 inches.

In Smithville, said climatologist Miller, one man had just set up an eight-by-30-foot swimming pool. He measured 14 inches of rainfall in the "dry" swimming pool. North of Wooster about three miles, a man had set out an empty bucket. It received 16 inches of rain.

Figures indicated that the July 4-5 flood was the second worst in history. Damages of between $80 million and $140 million have been estimated. The 1913 flood which was over the entire state caused $295.5 million in damages. Damages in the flood of 1959 ran to more than $190 million.

People apparently didn't heed the warnings of the weather department. Of 101 persons questioned by the state weather representatives, 50 were not aware that severe thunder storms had been forecast.

The list of cooperative weather bureau systems reporting more than four times 4-5 inches of rain from the July 4-5 storm reveals the following:

- Ashland county - Ashland (8.39); Charles Mill Dam (4.60); Mohicanville dam (8.17)
- Pleasant Hill Dam (5.8)
- Coshocton County - Coshocton Agricultural Research Station (5.40)
- Erie County - Sandusky (4.50)
- Fulton County - Wauseon (4.02)
- Harrison County - Claysville Dam (4.55)
- Holmes County - Millersburg (4.35)
- Huron County - Norwalk (9.72); Plymouth (5.02)
- Lorain County - Gibral (4.40)
- Lucas County - Toledo AP (4.41)
- Medina County - Chippewa
- Lake (5.58)
- Richland County - Mansfield AP (5.23)
- Sandusky County - Fremont (9.55)
- Stark County - Massillon (6.59)
- Tuscarawas County - Abroad Dam (5.20); Beach City Dam (8.24); Bolivar Dam (6.18); Dover Dam (6.50); Newcomersville (4.64); New Philadelphia (4.30)
- Wayne County - Marsh Ville (5.44); Wooster (10.22)
- Wood County - Bowling Green (4.05)

Although several funnel clouds were sighted (July 45) only two reports of wind damage have been judged as being caused by tornadoes. The confirmed tornado occurred near Perry in Lake County and near Findlay in Hancock County.

Mayor Tilloff also was notified Tuesday that in the village of Warren, damage was estimated at $5000. Mayor Tilloff was notified that in the village of Warren, damage was estimated at $5000.

The Small Business Administration has announced that it will make grants of $75 million available to the state, but no action has been taken on the request.

Tentative property damage to the area was estimated in excess of $30 million and crop losses at more than $40 million.

P. E. Muster, Ohio director of highways, said damage to state roads could be as high as $10 million but that the federal government would provide emergency relief to finance 10 per cent of the cost.

In a related development, Ohio Natural Resources Director Fred E. Morr said his department had sent field teams to the areas to try to obtain rainfall measurements and flood water levels of the July 4 deluge.

He said the information would be recorded to prevent planning data for future projects to minimize the damaging effects of future floods.
Prompt Red Cross Action Minimizes Victims’ Suffering

By Jean Flattery

Prompt action by the volunteers and staff of the Wayne County Chapter of the Red Cross assisted by both personnel and funds made immediately available by the national organization have minimized the suffering of the many families forced out of their homes in July.

Commenting on the excellent performance of the Red Cross during the disaster, Mayor Paul Timby praised the chapter for the efficiency of its operation and on its continuing work of assistance to the families of those whose aid has been able to return to their homes.

125 Apply

According to Clifford Morrison, chapter chairman, many families who applied to the Red Cross to date and approximately $10,000 has been spent for emergency housing, food, and clothing, replacement of occu- pational tools, replacement of furniture and the repair of homes.

"This amount," Morrison explained, "is only a start. It is early days in the assistance program and by the time the complete list of the disaster sufferers are met the figure will be much higher."

Morrison and Robert Johnson chapter disaster chairman have been on duty at the chapter house, 114 N. Walnut St., almost constantly since one o'clock in the morning of July 5.

Directing the Wayne County disaster operation for the national organization is Mrs. William Holland, assistant director of disaster for the Eastern Area of the Red Cross. S. Stewart Stockley, Winchester, Va., is case work supervisor; Miss Mary Larson, Alexandria, Va., is case work supervisor; Mrs. William Sullivan, Port Washington Rd. 11, Ohio, residential secretary; Mrs. Arthur Wal- clark, Charlottesville, Va.; Mrs. Barbara Groves, S. Dartmouth, Mass.; Phillip Williams, Brooklyn, Ohio; and John P. Kwdasays are case workers.

Mrs. Raymond Dix, Mrs. E. K. Emerson, Mrs. Arthur Moore, Rev. Russell Goldner and Mrs. Joel Pratt are chapter volun- teers, assisting the case work su- pervisor in the recovery program.

Asserting that the national staff will remain in Wooster until most of those flood victims needing extended supervision return to their normal pre-disaster status, Holland explained that the Red Cross tries to help meet what the family can do toward its own recovery and what is needed beyond. A flood of this magnitude is an outright gift of the American people through the Red Cross, and every effort has been made to accept for, nor rejected.

Begun Early July

The American Red Cross Chapter of the Wayne County chapter in meeting the emergency period of the worst disaster in Wooster in 36 years, is a dramatic one. It began in the early morning hours of July 5 when Morrison, assisted by Mrs. Ruth O’Brien, chapter executive di- rector, drove through pouring rain, lightning and thunder to the chapter house to organize per- sonnel and commander supplies which to meet the emergency.

The disaster chairman arrived at almost the same time and dawn broke volunteers appeared in larger and larger numbers to offer their assistance whenever needed. During the first three or four days more than 30 volunteers served in one capacity or another, according to Mrs. George Felt, chairman of volunteers who, on the scene almost at the time of the flood, Mrs. O’Brien, arranged for the care of the flood victims, housed them in the chapter house on the second floor of the chapter house. Godblesses Of Sandwiches

Women in the canteen, working in shifts night and day, made literally hundreds of sandwiches, prepared and packed meals of hot coffee and packed cold drinks for transport by motor canteens to the classic crew and the men working in the flooded areas. They came to bring food and cider working. Although the chapter loaned its mobile canteen and trucks were made to the various localities two or three times a day.

Meals were served all day and all night to the families in the shelter, to the volunteers and staff and to those in the chapter house and to the men of REACT who were working around the clock searching the flooded areas for missing mem- bers of families, and transporting the St. John's Hospital doctor and nurses, to relatives or friends.

Telephones answered by volun- teers were in constant use day and night. Over a hundred messages came through according to Mrs. O'Brien, who said that many were from long distance callers inquiring about their families, fearing they were in the flooded areas. Others were from friends and were from Wooster residents, men and women, teenagers and boys and girls, offering to come and help.

Filled With Helpers

The chapter house was, in fact, filled with helpers of all ages. Teenagers, both boys and girls, formed clean-up crews and with adult supervisors helped in the flooded areas. Men of both col- lege and town joined in directing and taking part in the program. "Teenagers," said Mrs. Felt, "were our main stay. We couldn’t have operated as efficiently without them. The young men in and out of the building, helped keep the chapter house and office supplied with coffee, tea and baby-sat with the children of flood victims while their parents were interviewed and acted as receptionists.

Kep Tubs Full

"During the water shortage the boys of Wooster High School and College with water for the use of canteen workers (who had to bid it) and for the toilets. When the tele- phones were full of messages over the chapter house and came back with the answers, if any were indicated. They were immediately resent.

Response was immediate and generous to any requests made, according to Miss Bessie Knowlton, who said that a call for food brought casserole, pots of soup, cookies and other food to the flooded areas. Clothing came in such quantities that it had to be moved to a store room for sorting and distribution by the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Before the supply left headquarters however, many flood victims were replaced in cooking utensils, bedding and clothing.

Housing Big Need

At the present time housing is the paramount need, Mrs. O'Brien points out. Lack of medium and low cost housing is delaying the workers in helping families return to their pre-flood status. The flooding of the area shows where loss of income is involved, or the family had lost the rent money because of the flood.

Without sufficient funds to duplicate the amount the Red Cross will pay the assiduous a past time as soon as lodging can be found.

The chapter chairman is ask- ing that we be given the chap- ter of any available low cost rentals. Also he urges that indi- viduals or any family they know of who suffered flood losses and has not yet called at chapter headquarters to come as soon as possible. All information given, he points out, is kept in confi- dence. The Red Cross, he states, wants to help anyone who has suffered flood caused losses.

Office Hours

Clifford Morrison, chairman of the Wayne County Chapter of the Red Cross has announced the office hours of the Disaster Head- quarters as:

Monday Through Friday Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All families with flood caused losses are urged to come.

Local ‘Hams’ Aided In Disaster Work

The success of the Amateur Radio Emergency Net during the recent emergency was made possi- ble by local hams who gave up their sleep and stayed away from their jobs just to be sure that the messages go to the worried receivers.

The Red Cross Base station had as operators Mel Locke (WARBZ), Frank Sawor (WAWBH), Bob Brady (WARQY), and Ken Barton (KDFB) of Wooster. Chuck Harmen, Wooster, operated the station in the city on a visit stopped in and took his turn at the mike.

Messages were passed to the following operators who passed them on by way of his low band and were able to assure delivery anywhere on the globe. Beulah Skelly (WAVEQ), Wooster; Kelly Heinbuch (K8YRD), of Millersburg; Archie Carney (WARQ), of Mansfield; John Paul Warner (WDVNN), Wooster; Mike Miller (WAVEQ), Elyria; John Cady (KDSCC), Canton; Murphy (WARQYY), of Starkville; and Kermit Grumm (WFLFJ), Wooster.

The outstanding station during the disaster was located at the base station in Millersburg. With the assistance of the local hams and the telephone company and station, the station was set up and manned 24 hours a day until the emergency was over.

Donald L. Collins (WARWQ) of 412 Wooster Road operated and kept the lines open to the south.

The Flood Story

Some thoughts of the Wayne-Holmes County floods of July 4 may carry some strange paradoxes.

Many things happened during the 2 hours of tragedy that we would like to forget. Death and destruction are never pleasant.

Other things happened which serve as a tribute to the courage and resourcefulness of an area partially paralyzed by more than 11 inches of rain which began about the same time July 4th fires were about to light up the sky.

Chances are that neither this generation nor those of whom we will inherit such a performance in our area by nature and man. But the stories about the Killbuck, Apple Creek and Little Apple Creek, Christmas Run and Doughty Creek will continue to flow. The 15 days from the first rains until the very end of the conditionally sub-come down July 19 should be chronicled.

This "Flood-1969" tabloid is a day-by-day account of the flood, rescue operations and clean-up activities as the events occurred. All of the reports are based on information received from Red Cross relief agencies and the Goodrich-Kissley Blue Coat Fund — will help ease the burden of those who suffered most and the police and firemen who will continue to serve our citizenry. To them, we dedicate "Flood 1969."

Raymond and Victor Dix