

Beach Residents Flee Storm

Mar. 6, 1962 E.g.

Route 14

Closed

By Flood

**Rodney and Airbase
Schools Shut Down;
Utility Lines Hit**

Gale force winds rushed through Delaware today, flooding coastal areas downstate, causing minor damage everywhere and driving a heavy snow through the northern portion of the state.

State police at Dover were concerned about rescue operations which got under way this morning for residents of Kent County beach areas.

A slashing rain pounded Kent and Sussex beaches all night. Route 14 was closed from Dewey Beach to the Indian River Inlet. The ocean broke over dunes in three places, depositing sand and water on the highway.

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The U.S. Weather Bureau at the Greater Wilmington Airport reported the winds would continue at 30-40 m.p.h. today, but would remain strong at 20-30 m.p.h. tonight and tomorrow.

The weatherman was predicting an accumulation of four inches of snow before the fall ended late this afternoon.

A snow emergency alert was proclaimed in Wilmington shortly before 8 a.m., but the alert was called off at 10:32.

The winds were blamed for toppling a giant elm tree on a University of Delaware guard and for lifting a trailer-type carrier from a tractor carrier and dropping it in the middle of the Delaware Memorial Bridge.

Delaware's midsection appeared to have sustained the hardest blows during the driving wind and rain storm this morning.

State police were evacuating residents of Kitts Hummock, and Bowers, Pickering and Woodland Beaches. Water covered most of the beach areas and was lapping at the front doors of many homes.

SCHOOL WAS called off for the day in Kent County's Caesar Rodney Special School District when a power failure knocked out heating systems.

Rehoboth and Lewes beaches were flooded from the all-night rain and a section of Rehoboth boardwalk was washed away near the Hotel Henlopen.

The storm stopped abruptly downstate shortly before 8 a.m. and the sun came out briefly. By 10:30, however, winds had again reached gale force.

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Storm Hits State

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glass classroom windows would be shattered after two broke early this morning. Damage at the base itself was reported minor, but departing aircraft was delayed several hours.

NORTHERN DELAWARE could only wait for the heavy snow expected after a night of jarring winds had caused power failures and much damage.

Upstate roads were becoming slushier and wetter by the minute, but above-freezing temperatures at least kept the highways clear of ice.

Most of today's damage was attributed to overnight winds which reached a peak of 51 m.p.h. just before 6 a.m.

The only personal injury reported was to Warren R. Hardin, 57, the University of Delaware guard who was making his rounds when an uprooted tree struck him in its descent near Purnell Hall.

NEWARK POLICE found Hardin. He was taken to Wilmington General Hospital. Police said he escaped death when the tree struck an iron fence.

One eastbound lane of the Delaware Memorial Bridge was tied up for about two hours when a tractor hauling a flatbed with a box-type structure, sed in hauling seabound cargoes overland, lost its load.

Bridge police said the clamps holding the box in place apparently gave way and the lashing winds lifted the box from its platform and dumped it on the bridge.

POLICE SAID they were afraid to attempt lifting the box with a crane, fearing high winds would whisk it over the side of the bridge. The box had to be dragged from the span by a truck. It is owned by the Pan-Atlantic Sea-Land Co., of Newark, N.J., police said.

Officials of the Delaware Power & Light Co. said their troubles began about 5 a.m. when tree limb-snapping gusts caused utility wires to strike together or burn.

They reported few electrical failures in the city. Most of the trouble occurred west and northwest of Wilmington.

Areas without electricity for varying periods this morning included North Star, Korner Ketch, Hockessin, Deerhurst, Green Acres, Radnor Green, Claymont, Ashborne Hills and Holly Oak.

NO MAJOR damage occurred, a power company spokesman said, and by 8:30 a.m.

complaint calls began tapering off.

Trees were reported down at 11th and Franklin Streets, where a parked auto was badly damaged, in the 400 block E. 3rd St., at Second and Rodney Streets, and on Maryland Avenue, just outside the city.

Several business signs either fell or were taken down before they did by city firemen, and several burglar alarms were touched off by the wind.

Commuters arriving in the city early were met by rolling trash cans, shredded awnings and small sections of loose roofing.

Hockessin, Sanford Prep, and Friends Schools all were closed because of power failures as were some Cecil County, Md., schools.

ANTICIPATION of heavy snow also closed down most northern Delaware kindergartens and schools in nearby Pennsylvania.

Robert A. Mitchell, chief engineer for the city's Department of Public Works, said sand and salt trucks were ready to go, but added reports he received indicated most of the snow was melting on city streets.

The late winter storm was enveloping the eastern quarter of the nation today and had dumped nearly two feet of snow on portions of Virginia. Light snow extended southward into Alabama.

Heavy snow warnings were in effect for inland sections of Virginia, eastern West Virginia, western and northern Maryland, most of Pennsylvania, New York and southern New England. Rain and sleet pelted coastal areas.

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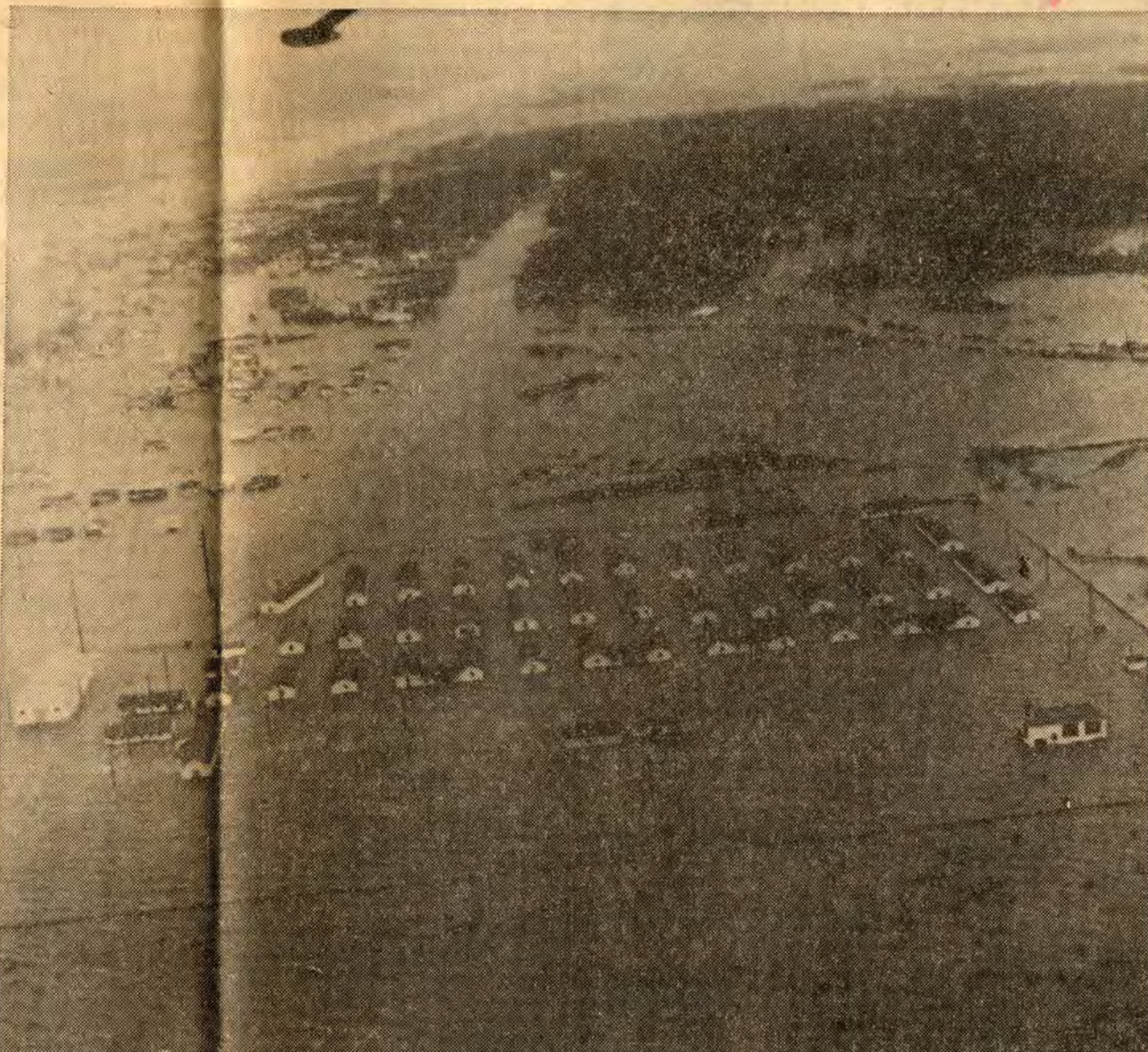
Text of Carvel Disaster Plea

Text of the telegram sent by Gov. Carvel to President Kennedy at 8:30 p.m. yesterday:

The President
White House
Dear Mr. President:

For the past 14 hours I have personally been surveying the awful destruction on our Delaware coast caused by the most devastating and disastrous storm in the memory of living Delawareans. It is estimated that \$50 million worth of damage has been caused to Delaware property and the end is not yet in sight. Abnormally high winds of gale velocity and high tides averaging five feet above normal continue to reap a terrible toll of destruction.

Thousands of homes have been completely destroyed and many thousands more are partially under water. I urgently request that you proclaim the coastal area of Delaware, from Fenwick Island to Delaware City, for a depth of five miles westward from the coastline, as a disaster area, and subject to all the assistance which the laws of the United States provide for such a condition. We are grateful for the help being rendered to us by the Second Army and the Office of Civil Defense in this emergency.



800 Men Protect Property

**Troopers Boosted
In Storm-Hit Areas
To Block Pillage**

Delaware National Guard units yesterday picked up five boys for looting in the Rehoboth Beach area.

The guard turned them over to civil authorities. Their names were not disclosed.

MORE THAN 800 officers and men of the guard are now on duty in areas hardest hit by Tuesday's storm to assist in protecting property and prevent looting and pillaging of stores and homes.

Brig. Gen. Herbert O. Wardell, commanding general of the 261st Artillery Brigade, said last night the guardsmen now on duty are armed and under orders to prevent looting. He said he was making the announcement to prevent any misunderstanding.

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National Guard camp barracks at Bethany Beach barely peek above the water.

All-American Engineering Co. Photo

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"THERE MAY be some inconvenience," he said, "but the policy was adopted to protect the interests of the residents of the distressed areas."

But, he emphasized, martial law has not been declared, as earlier rumored.

The guard, he said, is co-operating with civil authorities to safeguard property and prevent looting.

Said the general: "The guardsmen are doing a terrific job, conducting themselves in a businesslike manner in performing their duties."

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As we ascended from the Georgetown Airport I saw little that would foreshadow the ravaged coast line of Delaware.

Patches of snow lined the secondary roads of Sussex County but nothing on the horizon yet indicated the extent of the storm's wrath.

HERE AND THERE in the farm land below I could see occasional splotches of brown water, newly ploughed fur-

rows, glazed over with ice and a purple hue in the woodland.

Some five minutes after we were airborne Capt. Drummond yelled above the roaring engine that we were approaching the flooded area.

As we dipped around to the left I was still somewhat skeptical about the extent of damage. I noticed several places north of Broadkill where the bay had broken through sandy barriers but the summer cottages seemed to be intact.

Fifteen seconds later I knew the reports had not been exaggerated. Drummond nudged me and pointed out the inland side of the plane. "That house is not

supposed to be there," the pilot said. He told me that the block-like object below had been washed two miles inland from its shore-line foundation.

STILL FURTHER along the shore I could see tiny red and white frame structures which seemed to have been lifted from the coastal villages and dropped into muddy waters a mile or so from the shore.

I was informed by Drummond that the devastated area was Slaughter Beach.

"Anyway, it was," Drummond said.

"North of that little anglers' resort was a trace of a jetty which extended some

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AFTER WE stepped out of the olive drab aircraft the wind was already kicking up to about 40 miles an-hour. Drummond and other members of the National Guard who met us, battened down the craft with ropes and stakes.

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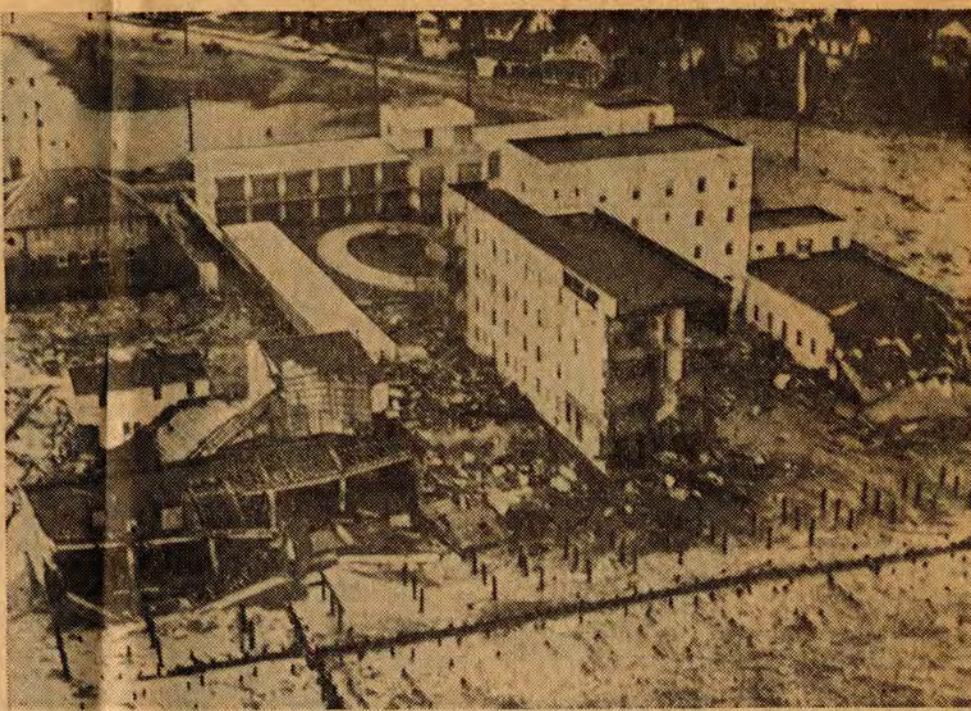
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The jovial truck driver took us to Milford and from there we hitched a ride to Georgetown.

Jim Flood of the Dover Bureau called a tow truck to the rescue.



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THE DOCK at the Indian River Yacht Club, beyond Riverdale, is covered with four feet

of water but the building itself, on high ground, has not been damaged.

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The first ten were taken off one at a time by a National Guard H-13 helicopter piloted by Capt. James R. Sulpizi of New Castle. He made ten trips as the plane could accommodate only one passenger.

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Nine persons, stranded in a truck, were rescued early yesterday after being trapped by the waters between Bethany Beach and Fenwick Island for seven hours. They included two state troopers and two state highway workers.

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'Disaster' Label Is Sought

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Federal Aid Asked;

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In 'Worst' Storm

Estimating \$50 million damage, Gov. Elbert N. Carvel yesterday asked President Kennedy to declare the Delaware coast a federal disaster area.

The governor sent a telegram to the President after a day-long inspection of the ravaged coast in the wake of the worst storm in the memory of residents.

"The devastation was terrible," said Carvel. "I don't

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From Bowers on the bay to Fenwick Island at the tip of the state coast, nothing escaped damage.

Further north, the river swept over the Battery in New Castle. Inland, Milford's business district was awash. Milton, another inland spot, had water covering its main streets.

REHOBOTH BEACH, the state's biggest resort, was a shambles. The entire boardwalk was ripped away; the Hotel Henlopen dining room, a one-story wing of the four-story building, was under water; the tip of the east wing of the hotel was ripped open, exposing rooms on each floor; the Atlantic Sands Motel, a resort showplace, had a wall battered down.

Two persons are still missing. Seven-year-old Eugene Waters is missing and feared drowned at Bowers. Five other children of Mr. and Mrs. John Waters drowned Tuesday, as

Other storm photos and stories on Pages 2, 3, 15 and 34. Full page of pictures on Page 38.

only the parents, one child and Mrs. Waters' blind mother survived the flood.

Also missing is Mrs. Richard O'Brien, wife of a major at Dover Air Force Base. He returned to their Slaughter Beach home Wednesday to find it destroyed by wind and tide. She has not been seen since.

The Delaware Chapter, American Red Cross, estimates it is caring for 300 evacuees from the beachfront areas. Centers are located in Georgetown, Milford, Lewes and Ocean View.

IN WASHINGTON, Sen. John J. Williams announced he will tour the area today with officers of the Army Corps of Engineers. He said

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SEA-TOSSED COTTAGES—Tilted homes at Maryland Avenue and the boardwalk in Rehoboth Beach attest to the fury of re-

peated flood tides. Boardwalk planks are piled against shifted walls. Chunks of concrete are from road leading to shore.

Staff photograph by Lloyd Teitsworth



Rules Given

Calls for Advice Flood Tax Office

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"**THE LOSS**, however determined, must be reduced by the insurance proceeds and by the amount of any cash or property received from disaster relief agencies for the purpose of restoring property lost or damaged in the storm."

The revenue offices in Dover, Georgetown and Wilmington have available without charge a limited supply of document 5174, explaining more fully how to claim storm losses. Requests for the pamphlet will be honored in the order of their receipt until an additional supply can be obtained, Brown said.



CLEANUP—Small earth mover waits at head of Rehoboth Avenue in Rehoboth Beach to clean up debris washed from oceanfront along resort town's

Staff photograph by Lloyd Teitworth
main thoroughfare. The damaged Belhaven Hotel is in background.



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STORM-MADE KINDLING—Trade Winds Gift Shop, seven blocks north of Rehoboth Avenue in Rehoboth Beach, in vicinity of Lake Avenue, perches precariously over ocean. This picture was taken after tide had receded yesterday afternoon.

The Weather

Clearer and cold tonight, tomorrow increasing cloudiness and continued cold. Chance of rain or snow tomorrow night.

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Disaster Status Asked; Tides Continue High

Additional storm pictures on pages 2, 3 and Second Newsfront.

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The 141st Ordinance Co., Capt. John J. Smith, alerted yesterday afternoon and moved to Sussex County this morning for use where needed.

ALL GUARDSMEN on duty are under the command of the 160th Artillery Group Headquarters, commanded by Col. Kenneth C. Madden. Brig. Gen. Herbert O. Wardell, senior tactical commander, is on the scene, coordinating the Guard's activities with local authorities.

Gen. Wardell and Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Scannell, state adjutant general, are both attending the disaster meeting being held this morning in Rehoboth.

All state police assigned to the normal 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift at State Road and Penny Hill stations are working 12 hours shifts, thus relieving the 4 p.m. to midnight shifts at both stations for assignment in Georgetown.

THE SAME schedule was adopted for troopers at Bridgeville and the extra shift of men was sent to Georgetown.

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After the Storm Wrought Its Damage

Aerial view shows how beachfront homes at Rehoboth Beach are wrecked or tilted after foundations were washed away.

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SMALLER RESORT towns north and south of Rehoboth Beach were closed to traffic today. Sections of highway were still under water.

Damage at Bethany Beach was extensive, according to an eyewitness.

Mrs. Irma Barnett, Ocean View, said most of the beach homes on Atlantic Avenue fronting the ocean at Bethany Beach were damaged or destroyed.

She said Holiday House Inn suffered heavy damage, as did some of the motels near the ocean. She said homes in South Bethany "broke up like cardboard boxes" as waves struck at their understructure.

"It's terrible," she said "The beach here is still under three feet of water. Those houses nearest the beach just went down in the wink of an eye."

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Sold in Time

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THE GOVERNOR and others who were with him yesterday all had the same general comment: "You can't believe it unless you see it."

Carvel began his tour of Sussex at 7 a.m. yesterday, meeting Col. John P. Ferguson, state police superintendent, and Highway Department officials at the Georgetown state police station.

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Red Cross Reports \$85,509 In Gifts; Storm Needs Cited

Cash gifts and pledges totaling \$85,509, about 27 per cent of the goal of \$315,042, were reported today by the Delaware Chapter, American Red Cross, in its 1962 fund raising campaign.

The announcement was made by John N. McDowell, drive chairman, at a report meeting of division leaders at noon in the Red Cross Chapter House, 910 Gilpin Avenue.

"We are encouraged by early returns, but increased giving of 10 per cent or more over last year's contributions will be necessary from each division to reach our goal," McDowell said.

"FUNDS contributed by Del-

awareans to the Red Cross aid victims of storms such as the one that hit the state on Tuesday," McDowell declared.

"When the storm struck, the 11 branch areas under the Delaware chapter went into action with carefully prepared disaster plans. Red Cross shelters were opened at Lewes, Georgetown, Milford, Dover and Ocean View, and one at Millsboro was opened on a standby basis."

McDowell said the state Red Cross provided shelter, food and clothing for the evacuees.

"HUNDREDS of Red Cross volunteers throughout the state,

some members of local units, others from organizations such as volunteer fire companies, labored around the clock to help the Red Cross in its mercy task," he stated.

"This week's storm which will cause large expenditures by the Red Cross in providing relief points up the need for all Delawareans to make generous contributions to this year's drive."

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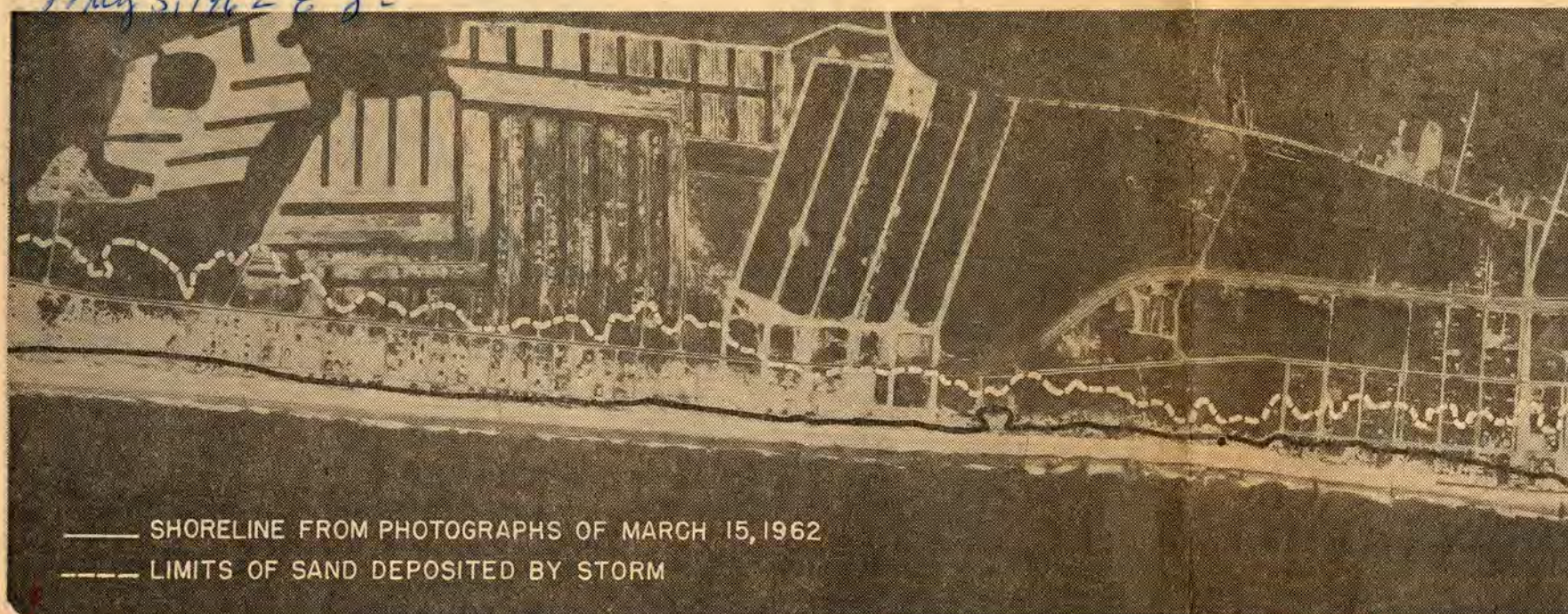
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"This week's storm which will cause large expenditures by the Red Cross in providing relief points up the need for all Delawareans to make generous contributions to this year's drive."

The campaign leader explained that one of the primary responsibilities of the Red Cross since 1881 has been to provide food and shelter for disaster victims.

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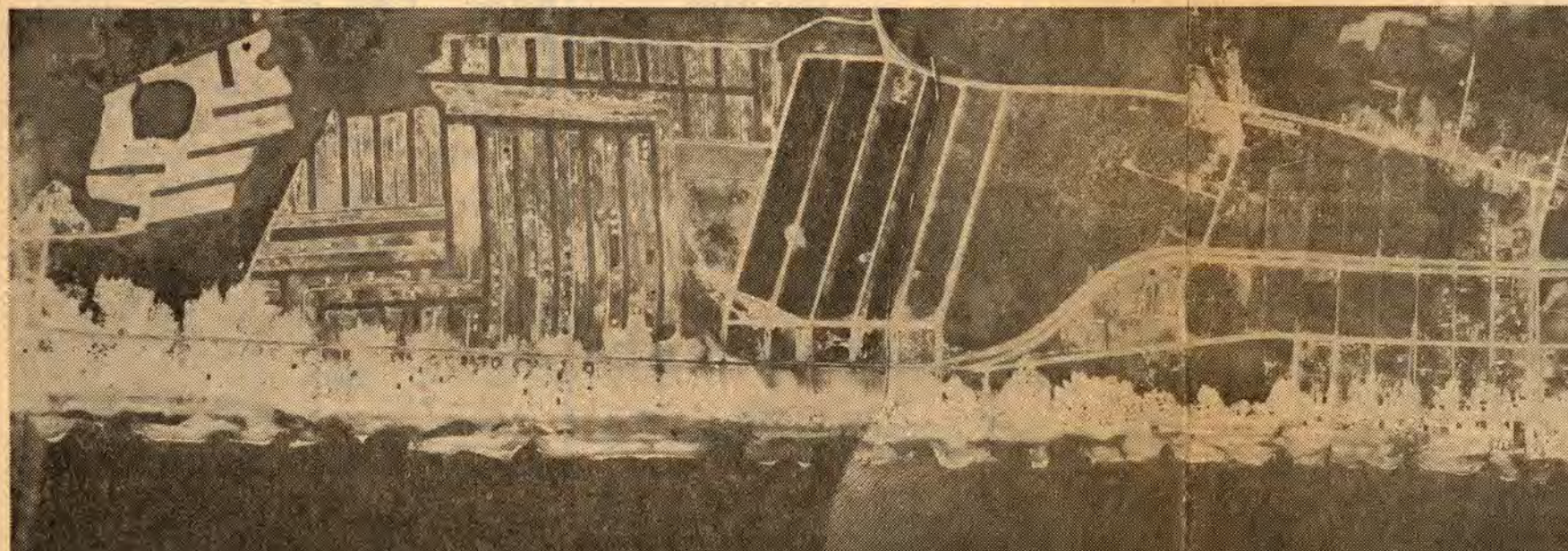
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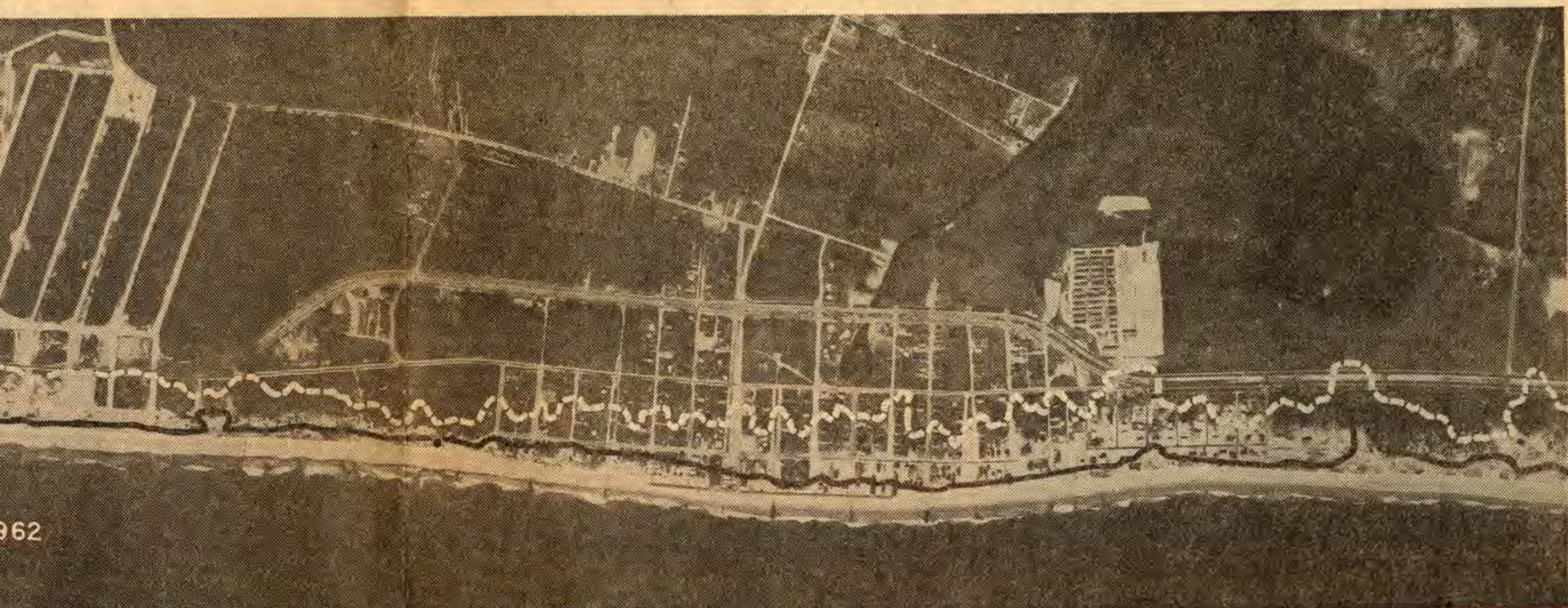
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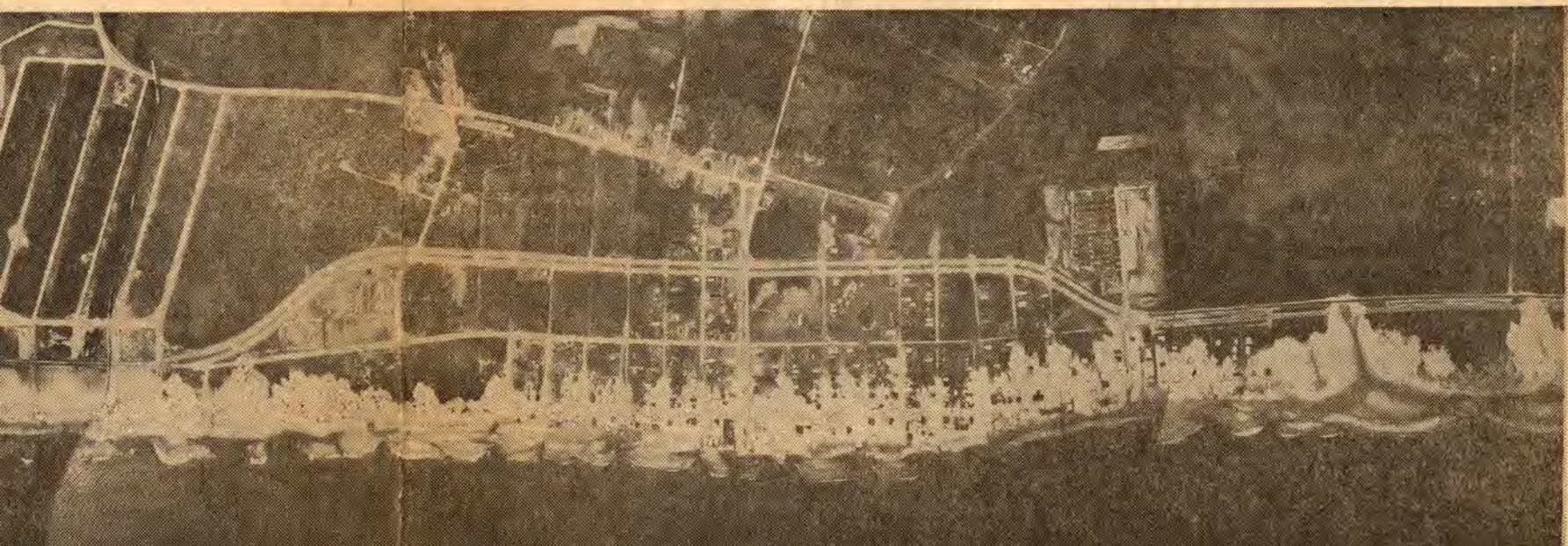
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 will put their new homes up—on piles.



Chicken Losses

Set at 1 Million

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Chicken raisers in Sussex County report the loss of nearly a million chickens, drowned in this week's severe storm.

George Knox of Bethany Beach reported the loss of 17,000.

Preston Townsend, of Townsend's Inc., Millsboro, said his firm had not lost many broilers but had lost a few prize breeders.

Murray's Feed Service, Inc., Frankford, among the heaviest losers, had not been able to total all losses. All their chickens in the Dagsboro-Ocean View area drowned, Edwin Murray said.

State Sen. Curtis W. Steen said one project in Dagsboro lost 26,000.

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First Task

Is to Aid

Homeless

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Top-Level Talk Held

At Rehoboth on U.S. Aid in Rebuilding

Delaware's coordinator of disaster relief lost no time today in assuming his new duties.

He is Elisha C. Dukes, secretary of state. Dukes flew over the storm-damaged Delaware coast this morning and announced that his first job will be to help the homeless.

The appointment of Dukes was announced by Gov. Elbert N. Carvel on a day highlighted by a top-level meeting in Rehoboth Beach to plan for federal aid to storm-ravaged areas.

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tion for any such new road. Even with the ocean receded today, there were sections where Rehoboth Bay and the ocean are joined by shallow water.

Daniel Mikaitis of the Office of Emergency Planning has been named federal coordinator for the Delaware disaster area. He will work with Dukes and will maintain an office in the secretary of state's office.

Today's top-level meeting in the Rehoboth Beach Town Hall was told that initial reports on damage to the beachfront area of Rehoboth Beach will be ready within two days.

C. B. Brown of the Army Corps of Engineers in Philadelphia told the meeting of area, state and federal officials that the extent of federal action to be taken will be governed by President Kennedy's decision on establishing Rehoboth as a disaster area.

ANNOUNCEMENT of that decision is expected this afternoon. See **DISASTER—Page 2, Col. 3**

The Weather

Snow probably becoming mixed with rain tonight and ending tomorrow morning. Cloudy and continued cold tomorrow afternoon.

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Sightseers Given Warning: Keep Away From Coast

*Additional storm pictures on Pages 2, 3, 6, 10 and
Second Newsfront.*

REHOBOTH BEACH—Sightseers were warned today to stay away from Delaware's storm-torn coastal areas.

Property owners may enter the area if they have passes, but armed National Guardsmen have orders to keep all others out.

Many coastal lowlands are still inaccessible and under water, three days after the state's most devastating storm in memory.

Passes for property owners are being issued by the local and state police and the National Guard.

Arrangements are being considered whereby Boy Scouts will be on hand tomorrow and Sunday to escort authorized persons into the disaster area.

The National Guardsmen will remain in the area at least until Monday.

RESIDENTS OF Bethany Beach today began their search for remains of more than score of homes washed into the sea.

Persons stood in line for an hour or more at Lord Baltimore School at Ocean View this morning seeking National Guard passes to visit the beach site of the disaster.

Mountainous tides which swept at least 24 Bethany Beach dwellings into the sea Wednesday and Thursday were receding this morning but still were well above normal.

The entire beach front was pushed back a half a block, piling sand five feet deep the length of Atlantic Ave., which runs parallel to the beach.



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Fenwick Island at Low Tide

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the homes in the foreground from the ocean beach are gone. This
area was accessible only from the air and will remain cut off for
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HOMES ON the land side of Atlantic Ave., which for the most part escaped the sea's fury, were up to their windowsills in sand and debris. One resident reported that the mountain of sand contains everything from refrigerators to lawn mowers.

Water was standing two and a half feet deep in many of the homes along Rt. 26 between Bethany Beach and Ocean View, and the highway was closed to traffic. Some autos parked in garages were completely covered by water, while the adjoining houses, raised from the beach, were still dry.

MAYOR Juel Stamper said damage continues to mount in Rehoboth with each high tide.

Because the sea wall was destroyed, there is nothing to halt oncoming waves from doing further damage.

He said he could not make a final estimate of damage but called \$5 million "a low estimate." The Atlantic Sands Motel alone, he said, represented a \$500,000 investment.

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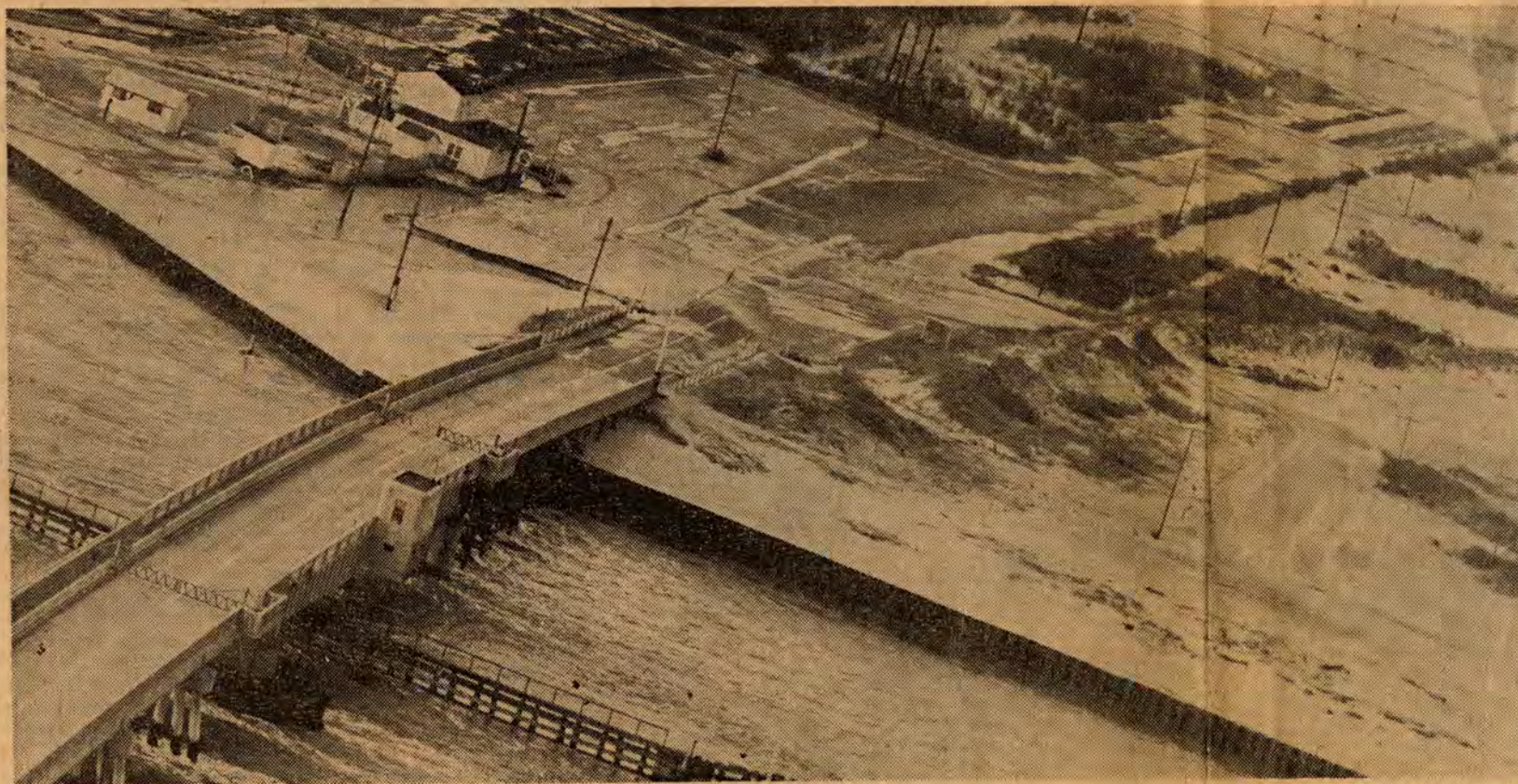
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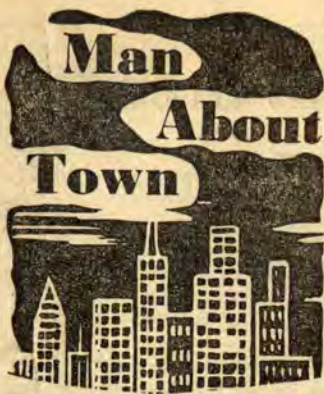


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Indian River Inlet Bridge Gates Closed

Gates on Cullen Bridge over Indian River Inlet are closed to non-existent traffic on Route 14. The highway north of bridge

is covered with sand. In center right is a sample of cuts made in the sand by high water.



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By Carl G. Smith

WITH THE storm there was bound to be a revival of the old saw about Delaware having more counties at low tide than at high tide.

At long last we have learned the name of that fourth county that appears only at low tide.

It happened during John Chancellor's morning newscast on the NBC network Friday. He was detailing the storm damage state by state. Finally he said, "Down in Delaware, in Carvel County, the damage was..."

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Verbal Venom

K. L. Emmons of 1923 Kynwyd Road, Graylyn Crest, says I would not have written last week that 19th century denunciations are better than modern ones if I had ever attended a zoning hearing.

Emmons suggests that I attend one or two and see if I still believe that "maybe the reason progress seems to be faster now is that you can't find denunciations like this any more." (I wrote that about an 1830 tract against a railroad).

"If a zoning hearing does not do the trick," adds Emmons, "I will send you a copy of the Graylyn Crest Civic Association monthly report in which there is expressed the same venom in modern form as that of the 1830s."

"Imagine a man living a mile from a property boldly stating the damage done to him, should the property be zoned commercially, while at Silverside and Foulk Roads a man paid some \$23,000 for a property backing up to a gas station."

"The unfairness of sheep led by a Judas goat is not merely illogical and without horse sense and mother wit, it is laughable," says Emmons, apparently referring to a metaphor in the civic association report.

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Shovel Job at Coast Guard Station

Coast Guardsmen at Indian River Inlet station start digging out six cars buried up to the tail lights in sand. Operating the power scoop is Joseph Roche with Roy Roberts directing. Others are

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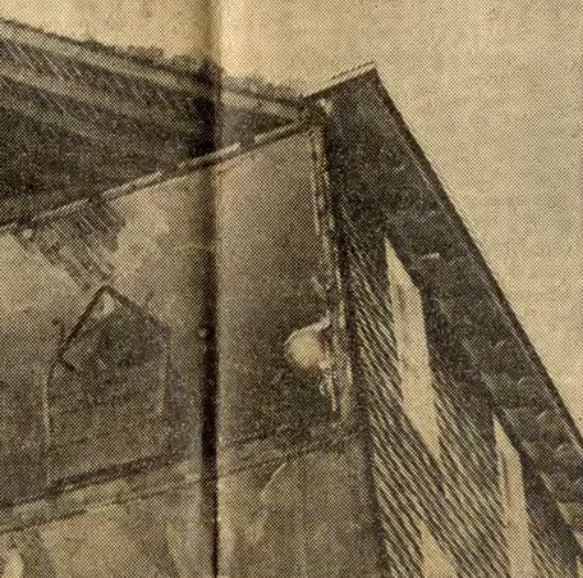




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Coast's Problem: Pick Up Kindling, Rebuild Dreams

By FRANK McCLUNG

FENWICK ISLAND — Up and down the Delaware coast yesterday people picked up the kindling and rebuilt their dreams.

"There've been a lot of heart-aches — but no crying," said Arnold Taylor of Fenwick Island. He said more than a third of the beachfront homes at Fenwick had been badly damaged.

Madison Gray, owner of the Lighthouse Diner, looked at a long-ago picture of the beach. "See how it's been cut back?" he asked.

Outside, Sgt. Paul Hasskarl of the state police checked a cottage owner heading up Route 14. Boy Scouts from Georgetown and Millsboro waited to act as escorts.

"Councilman Edgar Richards of Fenwick thanked these boys from the bottom of his heart," said Scout coordinator Aubrey Murray. "They're a real protection against looters."

THIS WAS THE bottom of Delaware, the southernmost tip of the long coast hard hit by last week's storm and flood tides.

"Look at that," said Harbison Hickman of Sussex Shores, at Bethany Beach. He was looking at what was left of the Seaside Inn. "That's owned by Mrs. Alice Jager. She was on her way to California. She's going to feel real bad, real bad. That building stood up to so many storms and she kept it up so good."

The front of the Seaside Inn was a twisted mass of wood, cut into thin strips by knife-edged waves. Much of the rest of the Bethany oceanfront was the same. In South

Bethany, all the seafront homes were battered, crumpled, moved from their foundations.

"WE HAD 68 trailers here. Three escaped damage," said Clifton Daisey, Rehoboth Beach, manager of the Marina Motel & Trailer Park at the Indian River Inlet.

The motel was a shredded frame. Trailers leaned at odd angles. The road from Route 14 just south of the Indian River Bridge was gone. A man carried his son through knee-deep water to the Marina grounds.

"Look at this," Daisey said. He pointed at a framework of rusted steel that could have been anything. "That was a trailer. You can tell where some have been by the wheels left behind. Cement blocks were washed half a mile away.

"Sure, the trailer park will be here again this summer. The motel? Just maybe.

"We got out of here in a four-wheel-drive Jeep. Took care of 21 people from Burton's Island at Rehoboth Beach. They got off all right."

ALONG A NARROW canal, a rose-colored cottage tilted crazily into the water. In the marshes a mile away were two cabin cruisers, the bottoms cracked open, the paneling letting in sea water.

Chester Davis, worker at the Indian River Yacht Basin, pointed toward the docks. "The boats in the water were all right," he said. "They rode out the storm. But the ones on blocks just floated off—and some had the drain plugs pulled out. Two of them sank.

"I got taken off here Tuesday, I guess it was, with two

Coast Guard boys and another fellow." He pointed to a cruiser, the Kiwi, lifted at a 75-degree angle against a piling. "We only got one boat real bad," he said. "A piling went through it. The Kiwi there is all right. But how do I get it off?"

AT THE trailer camp adjoining the yacht basin, Mrs. Paul Barr, Pottstown, Pa., pointed to a hash of trailers, boats and buildings. "How do we tell which is which," she asked, "and where do we start? I tell you it was an act of God we weren't here. We're like one big family here during the summer, all here on week-ends, all knowing each other. That's my trailer there on the tilt, the Gypsy Patch."

Mrs. Clarence Hunt, Reading, Pa., another summer trailer dweller, helped her husband spread wet blankets on the ground. Mrs. Leland Sylvester, New Castle, looked on. "Everything is all mixed up," she said.

Cars from the south were able to travel sand-covered Route 14 to the bridge, and had parked there. The bridge itself was barred. Beyond, to the north, the road was lost in shifting dunes. Small bridges were covered. Chunks of concrete were spread in a semi-circle at one spot like an eerie symbol of luck, good or bad.

AT THE INDIAN River Coast Guard Station, four men worked to get six cars out of the sand. The sedans were buried almost to their roofs, and the men, all members of the Coast Guard, used hand shovels and a large, erratic scoop.

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"Zoning is exactly reversed from what it should be," he continues.

"All frontages on main highways and their intersections should be zoned commercially to a depth of 400 feet, or a designed block in developments," he proposes.

Emmons goes on to explain his proposal:

"My commercial zoning of such areas there would be no chance of payola, or political pull in having residential property of low value zoned commercially to get the higher price of commercial land.

"No one ever heard of a store opening in the middle of a 10-acre field 10 miles in the country, but many people build homes in such places. Highway frontages and intersection are natural commercial locations and should be so designated, or the whole zoning idea will become shot thru with payola, politics and graft. People haven't changed a bit since 1830."

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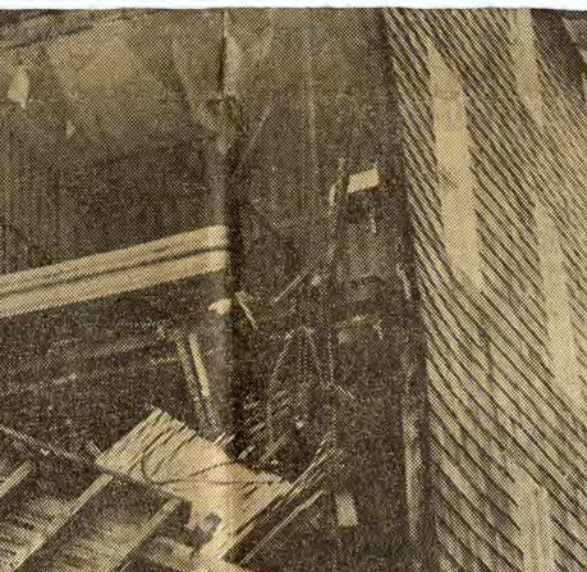
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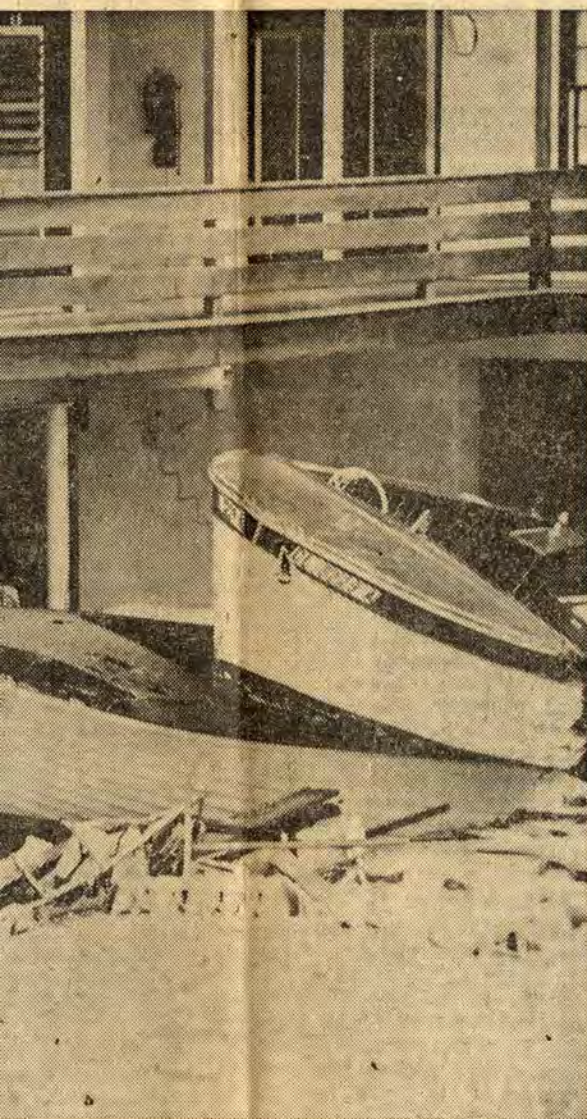
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The Luckier Ones Just Have to Dig

By FRANK McCLUNG

SLAUGHTER BEACH—Clarence J. Plummer Sr., 72 quit this sandy stretch of coastline in 1918 because of a bad storm. He returned in 1920 and hasn't regretted it since . . . not even last week when water and wind combined to make Slaughter Beach a hell on earth.

“It hit bad to the north and south of me,” he said. “The breakers broke through up there toward Cedar Beach and down toward Fowler Beach. All it did to me, really, was—well, the undertow brought sand knee-deep to my windows. I'm still digging out.”

He pointed to marks two and three feet high on his red-shingled home.

CARS LABORED over the narrow road cut by State Highway Department bulldozers, a road that ended abruptly at the north end of the beach in a wall of sand.

Houses in that area were splintered and torn. Back in the marshlands, half a mile or a mile back, cottages stood where the water had carried them.

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just four houses past Hitchens' place then. There wasn't any road. I had a 1914 Ford that I parked over there and walked in.

“Water spread all over the marsh. But it doesn't compare to this one. The road the causeway there, was built in 1929. In 1933, the water covered it from a storm. Last fall, too, the tide washed through below us at Fowler's Beach.”

He pointed to a white cat that sat on the sand and licked its paw. “That cat and another one was sitting under the porch next door during the storm Tuesday . . . sitting there right alongside a muskrat.”

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“I sent my wife inland when I heard the storm was coming, but I stayed right here. There was no pleasure in it for me. I just stayed.

“I've known the beach all my life. My daddy had a farm near here in 1905. That water that cuts through the marsh, that's a canal the farmers dug.

“**I LEFT** in 1918 but I came back . . . and it looks like I'm going to stay, storm or no storm.

“The people that lost their cottages, though, that means something to them. It doesn't matter whether they paid \$1,000 or \$50,000 for them. Might mean more to the ones that had the little ones, like

Joseph Roche above me scoop while Roy Roberts (EN 1) directed. Raymond Hitch ate from a tin can while Edward Mason heated food in an out-building. The station itself was filled with sand, the insides scattered and covered with debris.

Route 14 disappeared and reappeared. Water oozed across the nearly-flat spit at high tide. Several cars—or what was left of them—were scattered over an acre of beach, wheels, frames engines flung wide.

DEWEY BEACH showed the same devastation that marked Bethany to the south and Rehoboth Beach to the north. Beachfront homes were scattered, missing, twisted. The Royal Surf Apartments, new last year, was open to the wind.

“That's owned by Athey, Davis and Stokes, Inc.,” said Glenn Crain. “Isn't that terrible? Look at those boats smashed in the courtyard. But, look there, there's one that looks like it didn't get scratched. You can't figure out what the sea will do.” Crain said he had the Redwood Lodge further inland. “We had some water damage,” he said, “but nothing like this.”

In Rehoboth Beach, the boardwalk still stood at the far south end of the resort city. But it was draped on stilts 20 or 30 feet above the sea, with the comforting sand dunes gone.

ORANGE-COLORED State Highway Department vehicles worked south from Rehoboth Beach along Route 14. Guardsmen stood against the tide of sightseers yesterday, protecting the beach property. The north shore stood firm. Machines labored near the Henlopen Hotel and the Atlantic Sands Motel.

Men in uniform and in mufti poured in and out of the Rehoboth Beach City Hall where federal, state and local representatives labored to bring order to chaos.

Crowds waited at the Rehoboth Beach Airport, officials anxious to fly over the area and assess the damage—or the merely curious.

Stores were open for business along Rehoboth Avenue. A man stood at the west end of the avenue near the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal hawking souvenir flags and buttons.

Cars streamed across the canal bridge in Lewes in single file, over a narrow steel platform wedged into place by the State Highway Department to help bolster a slightly buckled span. People in Lewes Beach swept the sand out of their cottages and scrapers plowed the streets.

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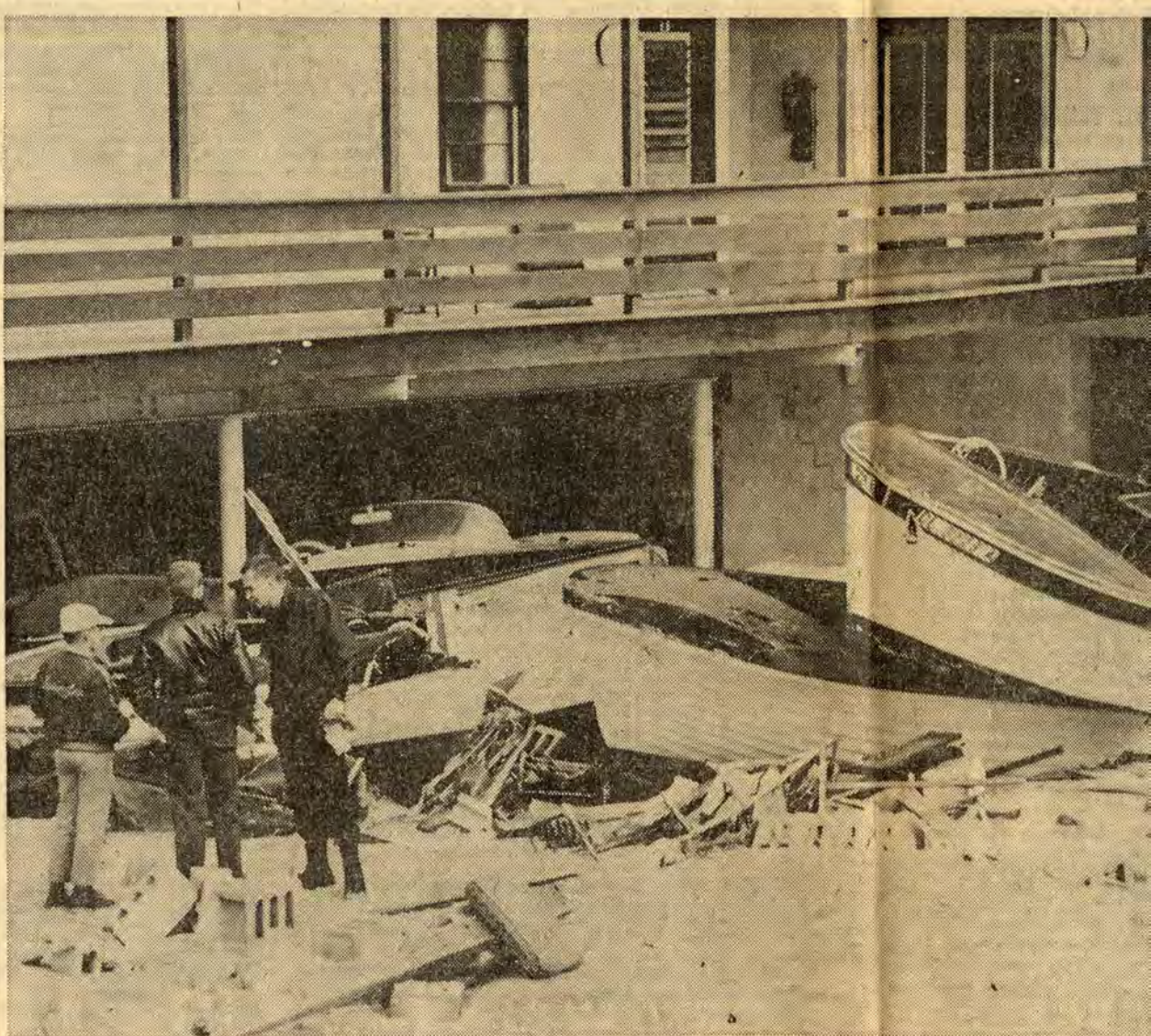
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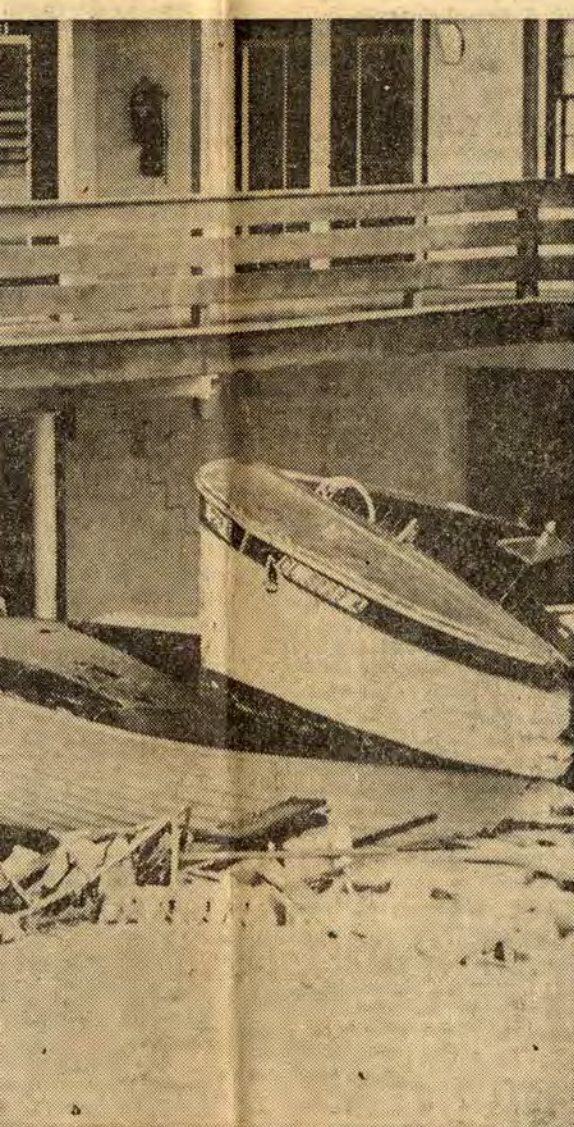


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"I sent my wife inland when I heard the storm was coming, but I stayed right here. There was no pleasure in it for me. I just stayed.

"I've known the beach all my life. My daddy had a farm near here in 1905. That water that cuts through the marsh, that's a canal the farmers dug.

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"I do feel sorry for them."

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In Rehoboth Beach, the boardwalk still stood at the far south end of the resort city. But it was draped on stilts 20 or 30 feet above the sea, with the comforting sand dunes gone.

ORANGE-COLORED State Highway Department vehicles worked south from Rehoboth Beach along Route 14. Guardsmen stood against the tide of sightseers yesterday, protecting the beach property. The north shore stood firm. Machines labored near the Henlopen Hotel and the Atlantic Sands Motel.

Men in uniform and in muffi poured in and out of the Rehoboth Beach City Hall where federal, state and local representatives labored to bring order to chaos.

Crowds waited at the Rehoboth Beach Airport, officials anxious to fly over the area and assess the damage—or the merely curious.

Stores were open for business along Rehoboth Avenue. A man stood at the west end of the avenue near the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal hawking souvenir flags and buttons.

Cars streamed across the canal bridge in Lewes in single file, over a narrow steel platform wedged into place by the State Highway Department to help bolster a slightly buckled span. People in Lewes Beach swept the sand out of their cottages and scrapers plowed the streets.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Rev. Leroy Washington said a few words over the bodies of five children at the Reese Funeral Chapel in Dover and wished their spirits God-speed. They were drowned in the deluge at Bowers Beach.



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Hundreds Flee Eastern Shore Communities

By Associated Press

Flood waters reached Baltimore today and evacuations continued in the wake of Monday's tidal pounding of Eastern Shore resorts.

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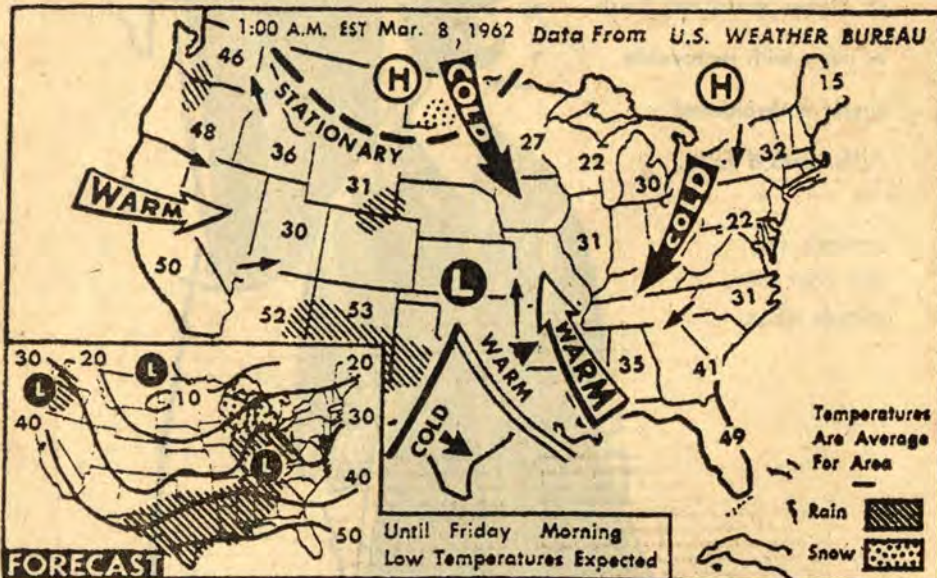
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Power lines and telephone service were disrupted for a time during the storm.

The Wilmington Marine Terminal was clear of water but not debris today. Yesterday the water had risen to 3½ feet on the heels of a tide which reached a crest height of 11 feet.

CARS COULDN'T get in or out, and some cars and trucks unable to see the roadways drove along the railroad sidings. Some got stuck.

Farmlands owned by the Tidewater Oil Co., were not flooded, but marshlands in the general area were.

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B70—It would be questionable, he said, to invest big sums right now in development of this high altitude bomber which would not be ready until 1965, particularly when much of the necessary equipment is not available.



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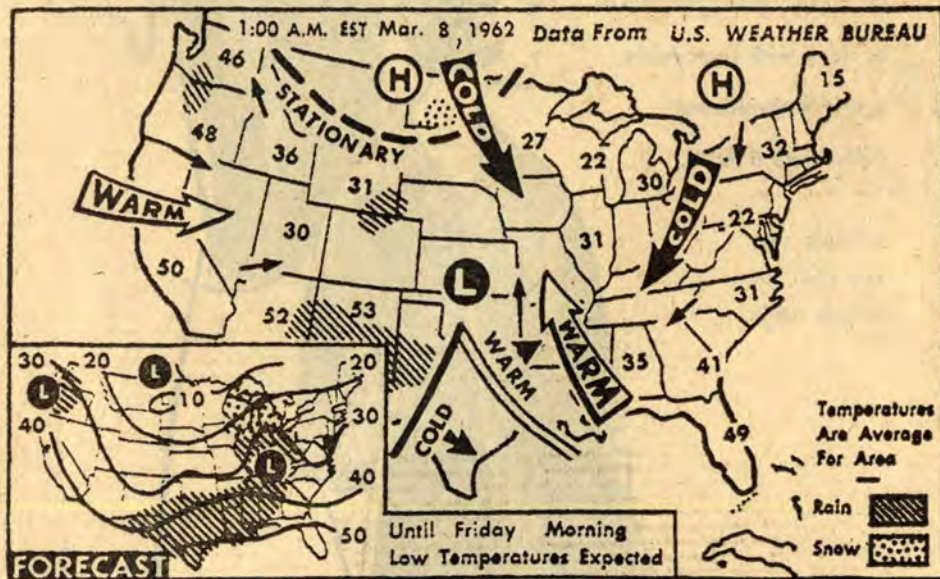
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Today at 1 a.m.: Temperature, 31; relative humidity, 52; wind, N 9; barometer, 30.14 steady.

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Record temperatures for date since 1894: High, 69 in 1921; low, 12 in 1920.

The Forecasts

DELAWARE—Sunny and rather cold today, clearer and cold tonight, tomorrow increasing cloudiness and continued cold. Chance of rain or snow tomorrow night. High today in the low 40s, low tonight in the upper 20s, high tomorrow approximately 40. Tides are 3 to 5 feet above normal, will cause flooding of lowlands; high tide today.

SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA—Increasing cloudiness tonight with low in the mid 20s. Friday mostly cloudy with rain likely late in the day, high near 40.

MARYLAND—Tides will run 4 to 6 feet above normal in the lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay today and 2 to 5 feet above normal along the Atlantic with rough seas. Fair tonight, low 24 to 30 except 16 to 22 northwest portion. Increasing cloudiness and cold Friday with rain or snow Friday afternoon or night.

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Day's Record, Tides

Precipitation yesterday none
Month to date77 in.
Normal for month 4.02 in.
Sunrise: Today, 6:23; Tomorrow, 6:23
Sunset: Today, 6:02; Tomorrow, 6:03
Length of day: 11 hours, 37 minutes
Moon (crescent waxing)
sets tonight 8:52

High and Low Temperatures
High yesterday 40
Lowest during the night 27

Tides at Marine Terminal
Tomorrow A.M. 2:04 9:25
Tomorrow P.M. 2:28 9:46

High Tides Tomorrow
Lewes 10:46 11:12
Kitts Hummock 11:41
Bombay Hook 12:13 12:37
Port Penn 12:48 1:12
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RESIDENTS were apprehensive that high tide this afternoon would cause even more problems.

Water in New Castle had receded by today, but the Goodwill Fire Company continued to pump out basements along The Strand and Chief Francis Leonard said the pumping operations will go on for at least another day.

In Wilmington, a number of streets near the Christina River which were under water yesterday were clear today. The Marine Terminal is facing a major debris-clearing job.

Basin Road, a perennial flooding area, was still closed to traffic today by flood waters.

Delaware City streets still under water today are Washington, Clinton, and Canal Sts.

A **CHESTER** woman, driving a 1962 convertible, became stranded on Washington St. in Delaware City yesterday when she drove toward the Tidewater dock to meet her husband.

Mrs. Thelma Bleika was in four feet of water before she realized her plight and tried to back up. But the car wouldn't move.

Rescuers rowed out, fastened a line to the rear bumper, and a tow truck pulled the car to a shallower area of the street. Mrs. Bleika, who jumped out

the Delaware City Post Office is without heat, but in operation.

A huge oil tank located in front of the Post Office broke loose and floated down the street yesterday. It was returned and tied down twice and twice it broke away again.

NEW SHRUBBERY worth about \$1,000, recently planted by the Park Commission, is under water and ruined. The same thing happened in November, 1950.

Water was so high in the dwelling behind the Krepps Store that the family raised the piano on blocks to keep it dry. Water swirled through the store of Ann Cornog on Clinton St.

The Port Penn Road near the Governor Bacon Health Center was under water and a school bus carrying pupils to school was stuck there for a while this morning. It finally got loose under its own power.

Inside the Health Center the lawns and drives were covered with water and employees of the center and Civil Defense headquarters, located there, had to use a side road detour to get in.

NEW CASTLE'S main problem today, according to Acting Mayor John Weaver, is repairing water damage to basements and clearing up debris left on The Battery and wharves.

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At one point wind blew a rain spout across a high tension wire on Delaware St. The Goodwill hook and ladder truck was used to carry an electrician to the wire and remove the metal spout.

Power lines and telephone service were disrupted for a time during the storm.

The Wilmington Marine Terminal was clear of water but not debris today. Yesterday the water had risen to 3½ feet on the heels of a tide which reached a crest height of 11 feet.

CARS COULDN'T get in or out, and some cars and trucks unable to see the roadways drove along the railroad sidings. Some got stuck.

Farmlands owned by the Tidewater Oil Co., were not flooded, but marshlands in the general area were.

Wilmington streets were back to normal today after high water yesterday closed off the two southbound lanes of South Market St. Traffic was detoured on the northbound lanes.

Also under water yesterday were Commerce Street from South Heald Street to the river and an area between the Pusey and Jones plant on Front St. and the Ronson Corp. plant at 3rd and Church Sts. Water was 3½ feet deep in spots.

agreement that eases wide tensions.

To an audience of 385 men and spectators, Kennedy had this to say on other top

SUMMIT—He set off a round of laughter with this response to indicate he hasn't changed position, when told commentators are saying he is about to eat his words against attending a summit conference with progress on a lower diplomatic rung:

"Well, I am going to have dinner for all of the people who have written it and we will see who eats what."

Kennedy said he would attend if some agreements already had been reached, or to a war or if faced with an extremely dangerous situation. He replied hope that his condition may be met this spring, said summits are more likely to disappoint than help with some prior meeting of mind.

TRADE—Hailing a 25-year agreement "to reduce tariffs," Kennedy said further trade expansion depends upon congressional enactment of his program to widen the government authority to negotiate reciprocal tariff cuts.

B70—It would be questionable, he said, to invest big sums right now in development of this high altitude bomber which would not be ready until 1965, particularly when much of the necessary equipment is not available.



Staff Photograph

Anyone for Golf?

The new clubhouse of the Wilmington Country Club, off the Kennett Pike at Kirk Road, is assuming its final shape. The \$2 million building has been designed by Whiteside, Moeckel

and Carbonell, architects. The club reports much work still to be done on the interior, but it is hoped to have it open by early summer.

Road Damage In State Called Very Severe

Mar. 8, 1962 E.S.

William J. Miller Jr., director of operations for the Delaware State Highway Department, said today that damage to roads from this week's storm will be extremely high.

He said it is too early to give even a rough estimate of damage because most of the roads are still covered with water and "you can't see them to determine the extent of actual damage."

Miller pointed out that until today the department's personnel has been engaged in rescue operations and emergencies. He added that for the time being it will take all available manpower to make emergency repairs to roads and bridges.

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THE MAJOR damage to highways is in Kent and Sussex Counties, with the latter hit the hardest, he said.

Delaware 14 from Milford to Fenwick Island is expected to show the highest damage figure.

Some bridges also were damaged and one of these, on Delaware 18 between the east and west sides of Lewes, has been closed to all traffic except emergency vehicles.

The span, over the Lewes-Rehoboth canal, can not be opened for navigation, he said. It is the only route from Lewes to the beach.

Miller said a survey will be made as soon as the water recedes. "Then we will be able to come up with a reasonably accurate estimate of the damage," he said.

Vestiges of Gay Summer, Cru

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AP Wirephoto

NO SWIMMING—The Sands Motel along
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and nurses a gaping hole in one wall.
Boardwalk supports loom starkly in the
foreground.



FROM THE AVENUE—The panorama from Rehoboth Avenue down the boardwalk is one of destruction and ruin. The eye

at almost any sweep can count damage in the millions to one of Delaware's most popular resorts.

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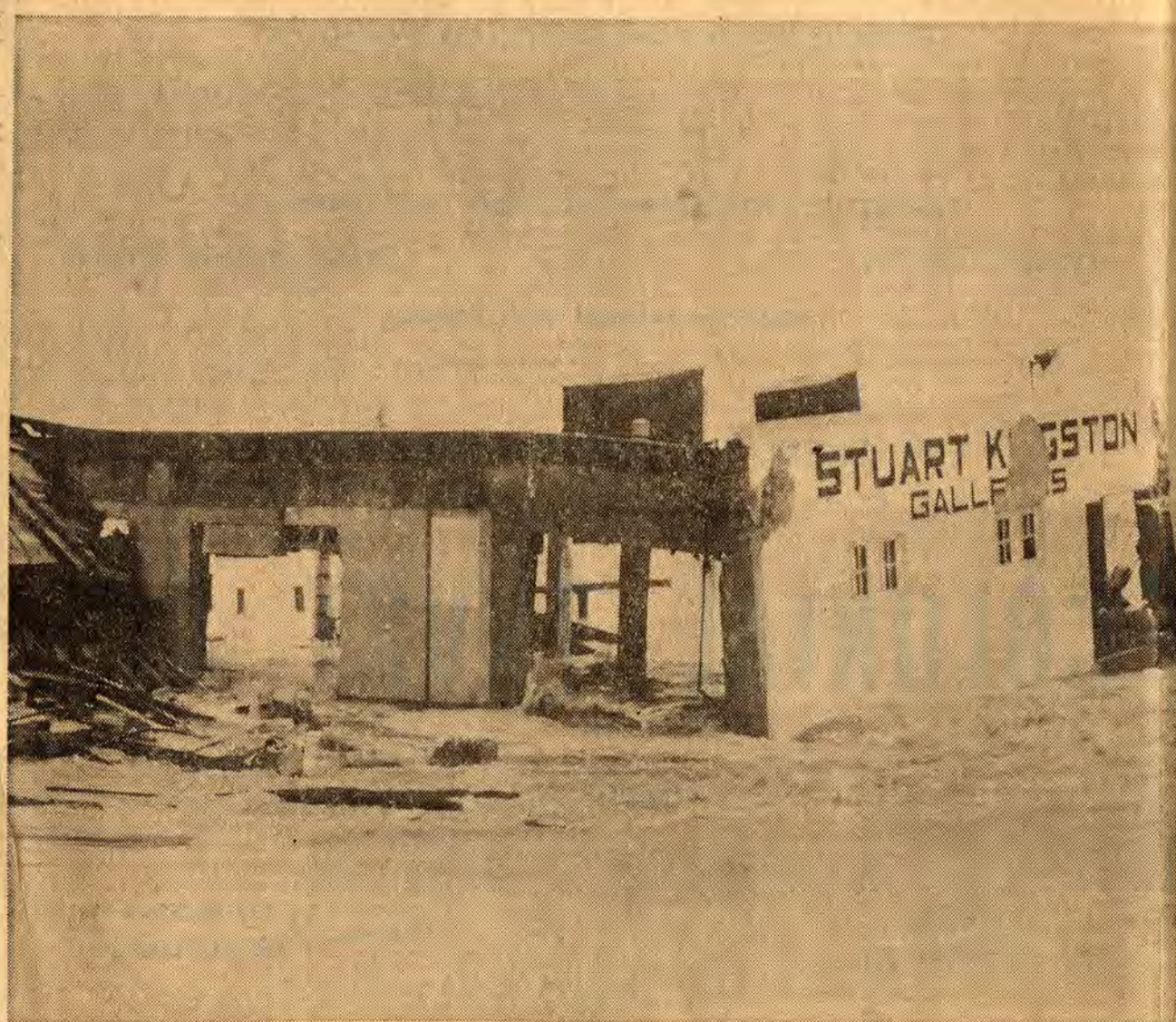
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ACCOMPLISHED!—This admonition in Henlopen Acres to "keep Delaware highways clean" gets a response from Nature.



TEETERING—Another photo made near the Henlopen Hotel at Rehoboth shows some homes which managed

to hold their foundations while absorbing the punishment. In the background, a sizable building weakened.



McGlaughlin Photo

STILL LIFE—Probably no picture on display in the Stuart Kingston Galleries last summer carried the message to

frequenters of the Rehoboth boardwalk that this shot does. The structure frames twin views of the receding fury.



OFF-SHORE BOARDWALK—The view of the Rehoboth boardwalk from the end of New Castle Street is testimony to the erosive effects of an angry sea. This sec-

McGlaughlin Photo

tion of the boardwalk nevertheless came through the turbulence in better shape than the business section segment.



This Bears Mention

By Tom Malone

Rehoboth Roots

To start with a cliché, maybe it could only happen in Rehoboth Beach, but the fact is the board of Rehoboth Beach commissioners met for three hours Friday and two hours Saturday before they finally decided not to renew a man's beach concession next summer.

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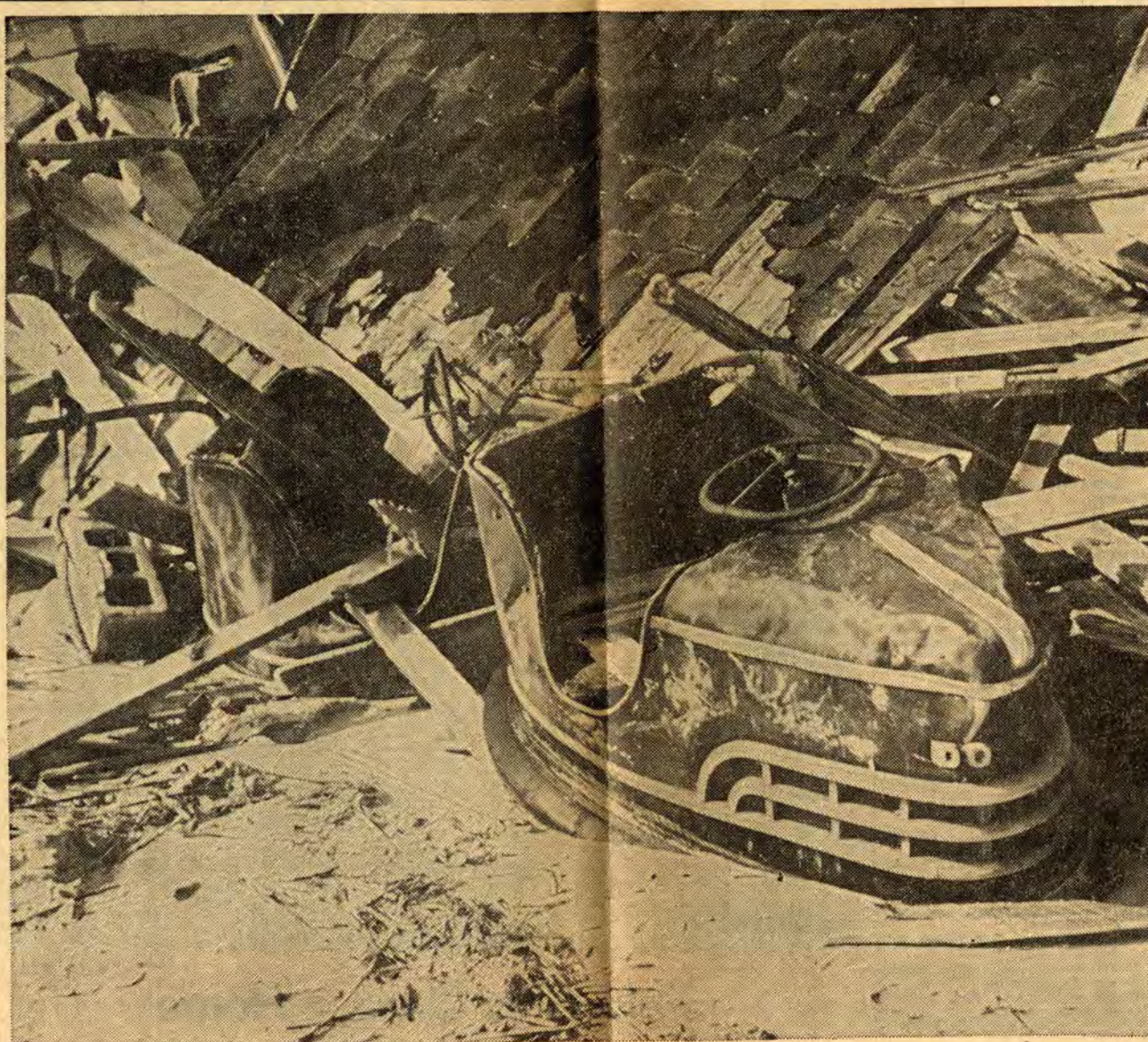
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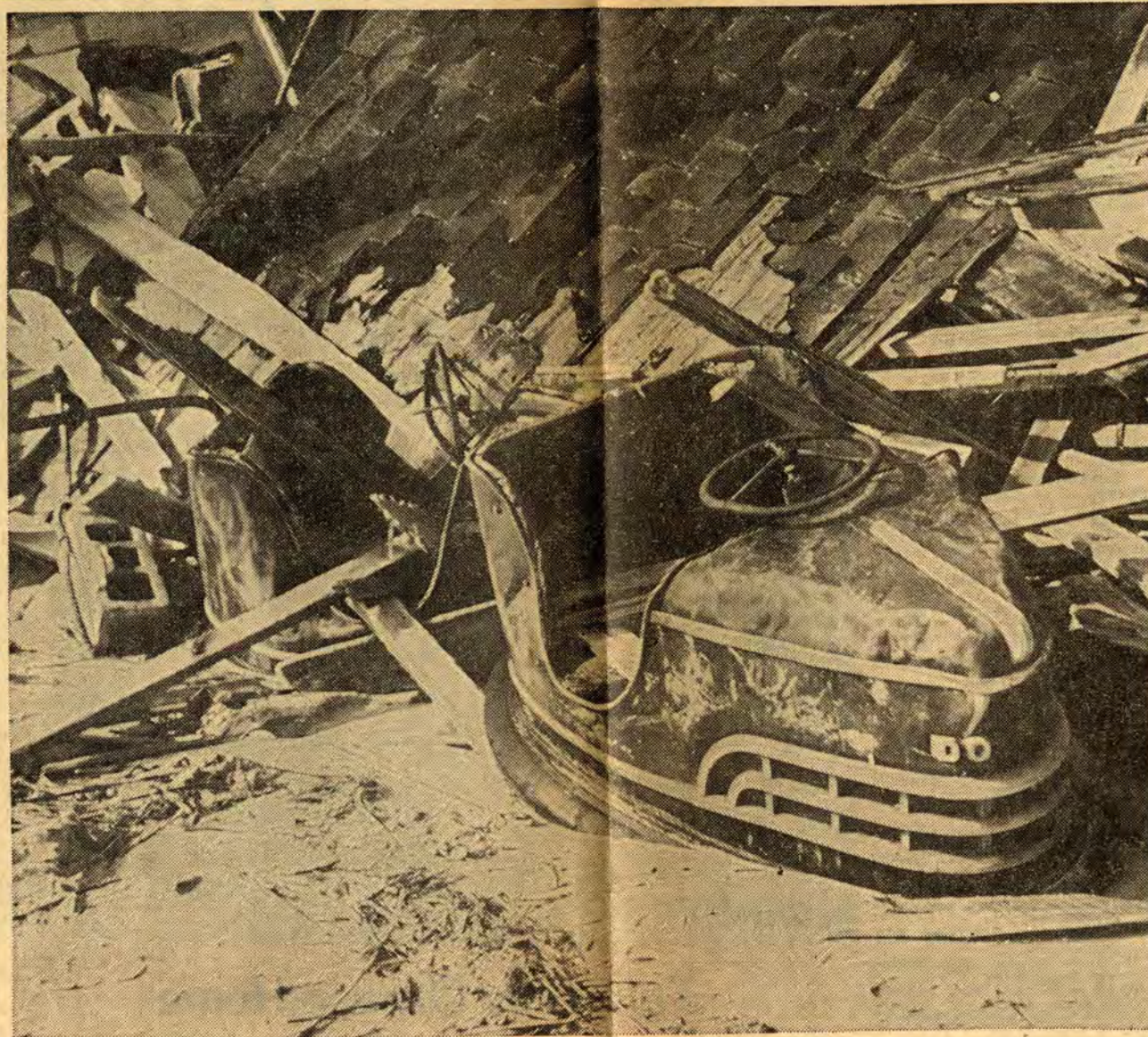
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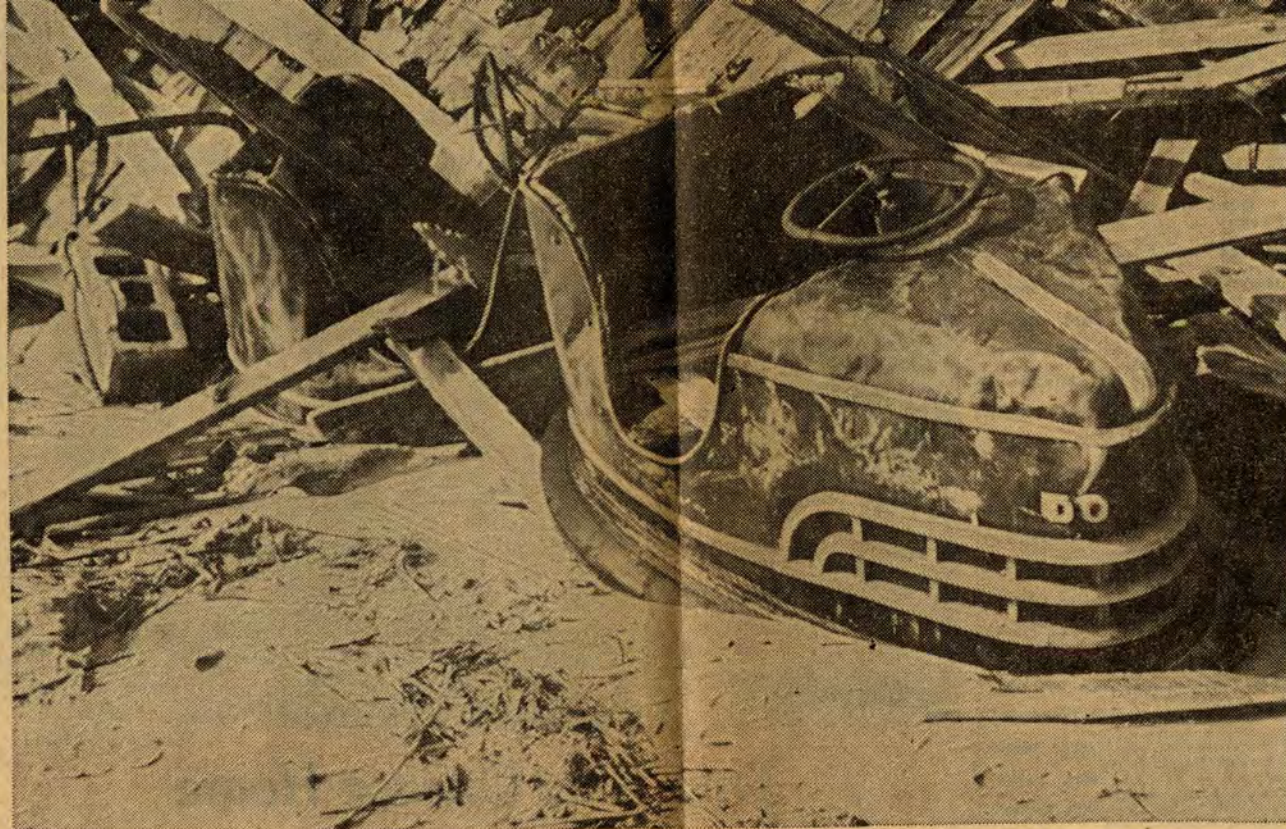
One of the moments she remembers from last week is the sight of the nuns of St. Edmond's Parochial School doling out coffee to the National Guardsmen.

"Most of them seem so young, you know, just boys. Have you heard? They bought up all the candy in town. But they were so cold, standing out there on duty in all kinds of weather. I'm sure others gave them coffee, but I saw the nuns of St. Edmond's. I'll remember it."

While the majority of people in Rehoboth Beach hold no property on the boardwalk, the boardwalk and the beach are the town's way of life. Those with no direct losses know most of the people who suffered losses and the depression of it all breaks through the veneer of good cheer every now and again.

But not for long.

"Have you heard, our new \$12,000 comfort was lost?" Anthony Dent



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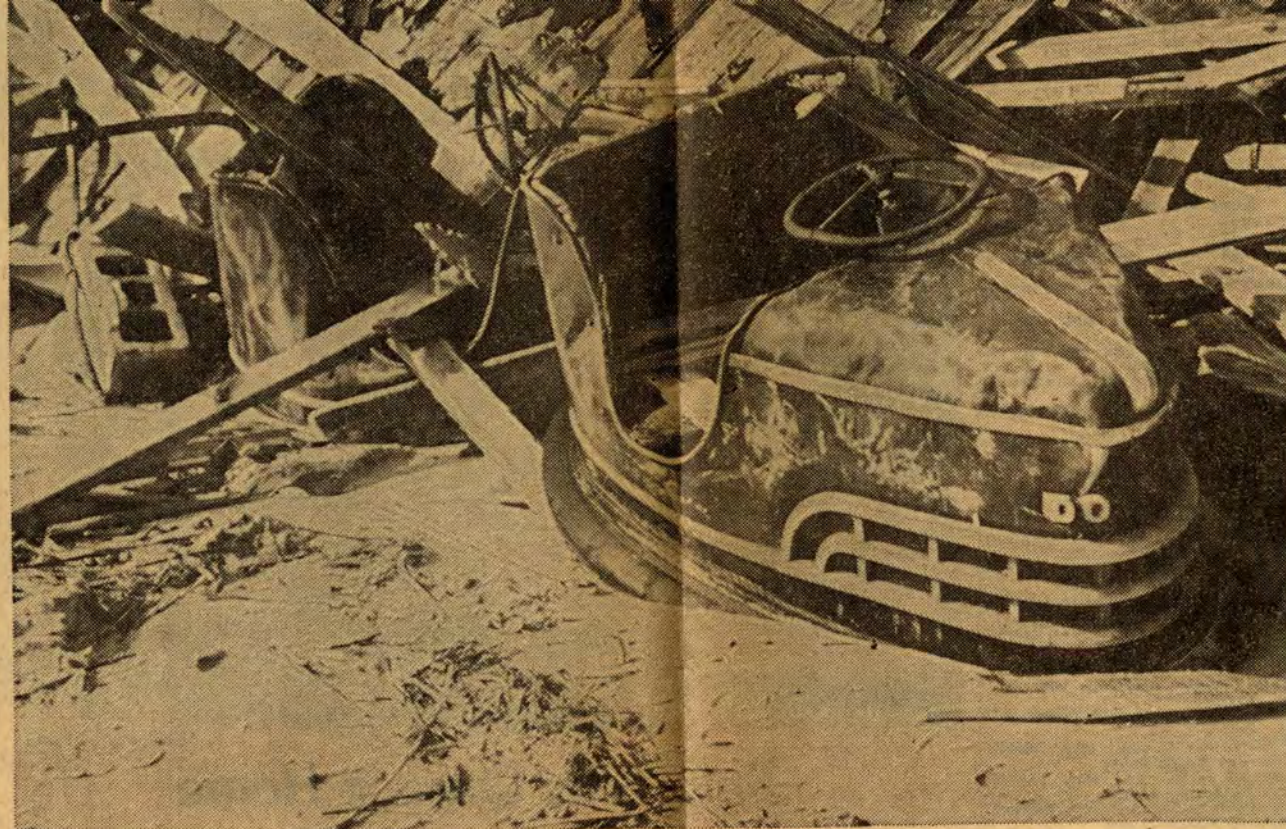
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He said neighbors told him Rhoades had left the house a short time earlier to take his wife to the hospital in Wilmington.

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Other highway department projects at the bidding stage now include:

—MILFORD By-Pass: A 3.9-mile stretch of Route 113 will be widened to a four-lane divided highway. The section involved extends from the point to the north of Milford where the present dual highway ends down to the southern limits of Milford. Completion time 130 working days.

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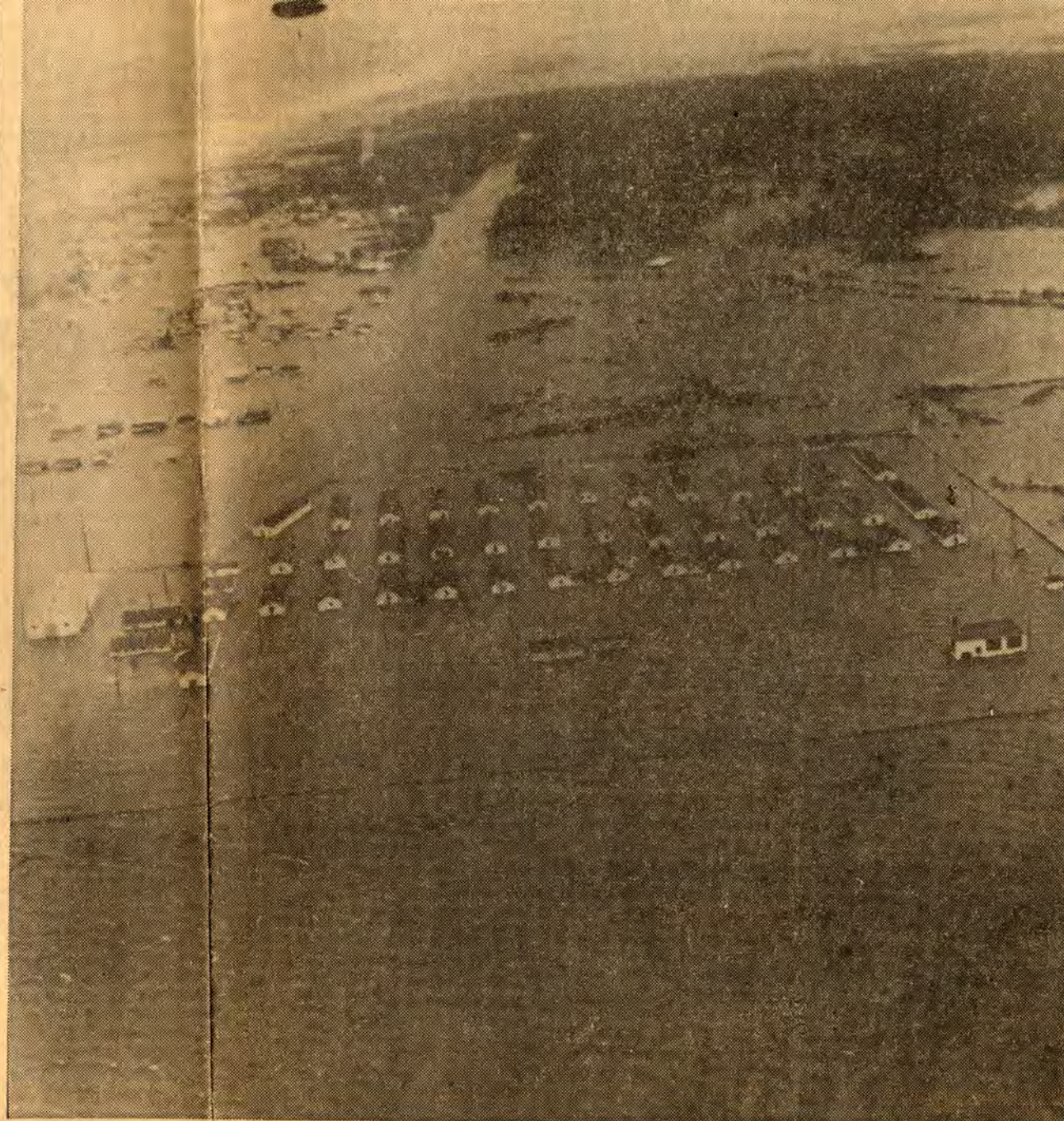
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'Worse Than Hurricane' At Md. City

BERLIN, Md. (AP) — Eating fried chicken in the Bucking-



National Guard camp barracks at Bethany Beach barely peek above the water.

All-American Engineering Co. Photo

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The only way individuals can get into the Rehoboth area, he said, is to present a pass issued by the Rehoboth police department.

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But, he emphasized, martial law has not been declared, as earlier rumored.

The guard, he said, is cooperating with civil authorities to safeguard property and prevent looting.

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Federal Aid Talks Held At Beach

Carvel Picks Dukes To Coordinate Survey of Damage

Secretary of State Elisha Dukes today was named Delaware's coordinator of disaster relief.

The appointment was made by Gov. Elbert N. Carvel, who has proclaimed a state of emergency in Delaware.


A top-level meeting is being held in Rehoboth Beach today to plan for federal aid to storm-ravaged areas.

The entire coastal region, including Delaware, was declared a disaster area yesterday by the Small Business Administration.

TODAY'S disaster meeting is being held in the office of Rehoboth Mayor Juel C. Stamper.

Federal officials attending include representatives of the SBA, the Office of Emergency Planning, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Also attending are Capt. R. N. Downes, state civil defense director, and Lt. Col. James A. Sullivan, state director



Fenwick Island at Low Tide

Staff Photograph by Lloyd Teltsworth

Homes in Fenwick Island stand amid water and piled sand during low tide yesterday afternoon. In background is the ocean. High dunes and the high rise of sand which formerly separated

the homes in the foreground from the ocean beach are gone. This area was accessible only from the air and will remain cut off for some time.

SDA, the Office of Emergency Planning, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Also attending are Capt. R. N. Downes, state civil defense director, and Lt. Col. James A. Sullivan, deputy director. County and municipal officials from Kent and Sussex Counties were invited.

Carvel's state-of-emergency proclamation—the first such proclamation declared under a seven-year-old state law, came after the Governor spent two days surveying the storm damage.

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accurate survey of the total storm damage. This may take two weeks, Carvel said.

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THE FOOD IS part of the department's regular program of surplus food distribution. It is automatically made available through standing authority given to state distributing

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Resort's Worst

Storm Heaviest To Hit Rehoboth, Oldsters Claim

By VIRGINIA CULLEN

REHOBOTH BEACH—The violent nor'easter that devastated the boardwalk and famed night spots along Rehoboth's wooden way March 6 and 7 was the worst to hit Delaware's biggest oceanfront resort.

Oldsters are remembering the "Great Storm" of 1913, and all contend that one was nothing compared to the present debacle. Until now all storm recollections have centered around the 1913 blow that destroyed the colorful Horn's Pavilion on a jetty extending out into the ocean at the end of Rehoboth Avenue, and swept many waterfront cottages from their foundations.

BUT RESORT business went on as usual and subsequent owners of summer homes built them farther back from the water's edge beyond protective sand dunes.

Many of these oldsters, as well as present day dwellers, are now shaking their heads in contemplation of what the most recent nor'easter will mean to the 1962 summer resort season.

With Easter festivities less than six weeks away no one believes the boardwalk and Rehoboth's largest hotels and bistros can be restored in time for the season that officially opens Memorial Day. To its thousands of vacationers Rehoboth Beach means its boardwalk and night spots.

ONE WHO remembers the Great Storm of 1913 is Artist Frederick Vogel of Dewey Beach. "I was just a lad at the time," he recalls. "We moved to Dewey Beach in 1912 when my father, the late Captain Fred Vogel, was put in

University Branch Urged for Shore

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP)—A resolution adopted by the Senate yesterday urges the establishment of an undergraduate branch of the University of Maryland in the central portion of the Eastern Shore.

Three senators from the area involved, John-Clarence North, D-Talbot, Harry R. Hughes, D-Caroline, and Robert P. Dean, D-Queen Annes, introduced the resolution.

It contended the rapidly-growing university would benefit through decentralization, with the eastern shore branch "accomplishing a most significant step in the history of higher education in this state."

Chicken Losses Set at 1 Million

Chicken raisers in Sussex County report the loss of nearly a million chickens, drowned in this week's severe storm.

George Knox of Bethany Beach reported the loss of 17,000.



Air View of Chincoteague

View from Army helicopter shows flooded residents' homes

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Debris Litters Causeway

CHINCOTEAGUE ISLAND—This island, made famous by "Misty," the Chincoteague pony, and Tom's Cove oysters, is isolated.

Telephone and electric power for the 3,000 inhabitants are still out.

Word from the island by radio says property damage could amount to a million dollars.

High tides yesterday washed over the causeway, the only access from the island to the mainland.

Many persons have been evacuated by helicopter.

THE BODIES of two men lost when a fishing trawler capsized were picked up off Assateague Island and flown to the Wallops mainland station, formerly the Chincoteague Naval Air Station.

One was identified as Robert Lee Cropper, 32, of West Ocean City, son of Mr. and Mrs. John William Cropper. His wife is

Misty Safe

CHINCOTEAGUE, Va.—Misty of Chincoteague is safe.

She's in the kitchen.

Ralph Beebe, owner of the movie-star pony, took Misty out of her stable when the waters started to rise and took her into the house.

"And there," he said, "is where she's going to stay."

Mrs. Vera Cropper. The other man has not been identified, according to the Fox Funeral Home at Temperanceville, Va., where the bodies were taken.

Another death in Chincoteague was caused by a heart attack. The victim was Paul Watson, who was brought to

Air View of Chincoteague

AP Wirephoto

Army helicopter shows flooded residents have been airlifted to mainland. Islanders

Beach. "I was just a lad at the time," he recalls. "We moved to Dewey Beach in 1912 when my father, the late Captain Fred Vogel, was put in command of the old Rehoboth Life Saving Station. That storm was just a good blow in comparison to this one."

Vogel was one of the Dewey Beach dwellers who had to evacuate that growing resort area just south of Rehoboth Beach Tuesday night with his wife, Lynn, four dogs and two tropical birds, when flood waters began to rise. "Most of the damage was to homes and motels on the ocean side of the community," he says. "Those devastated look as though they had been bombed out."

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Preston Townsend, of Townsend's Inc., Millsboro, said his firm had not lost many broilers but had lost a few prize breeders.

Murray's Feed Service, Inc., Frankford, among the heaviest losers, had not been able to total all losses. All their chickens in the Dagsboro-Ocean View area drowned, Edwin Murray said.

State Sen. Curtis W. Steen said one project in Dagsboro lost 26,000.

Tallies were still being made of chicken losses.

Air View of Chinco

View from Army helicopter shows flooded residents h
Chincoteague Island from which more than 900 still lack p

Shore Says No

Limited Anti-Bias

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP)—The Maryland Legislature convened in special session today to consider forcing restaurants and hotels to serve Negroes.

But plans are to apply it only in Baltimore City and 10 of the 23 counties.

Among the planned exemptions were Cecil and Harford Counties through which runs U.S. 40 where integration started a concentrated drive to end restaurant discrimination last year.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S Since failure



Town and Beach Separated

This is Lewes Beach. In the upper left is the bridge, now closed to navigation and to all highway traffic except emergency

vehicles. The bridge over the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal connects Lewes with Lewes Beach.

Air View of Chincoteague

Army helicopter shows flooded island from which more than 900

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United Anti-Bias Bill Devised

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administration took an active
part in trying to persuade res-
taurants on U.S. 40 to integrate
because distinguished foreign
visitors travel the highway be-
tween New York and Washing-
ton.

Since failure of the persua-

sion approach, integrationists
have spread their protest dem-
onstrations to other sections of
the state in the past several
months.

The special session called by
Gov. Tawes fulfilled a promise
he had made to Negro leaders
pressing for mandatory legal
service to all races in places of
public accommodation.

An effort to pass a law at
the regular 30-day session end-
ing yesterday was dropped
when seven counties moved to
be exempted. The exemptions
would have made any bill un-
constitutional at the regular
session where all bills have to
be of statewide application.

UNDER AN advance agree-
ment, the public accommoda-
tions bill was to be introduced
in the House at the outset of
the special session. The coun-
ties of Calvert, Caroline, Car-
roll, Cecil, Dorchester, Har-
ford, Kent, Queen Anne's, St.
Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wi-
comico and Worcester then
were to be exempted.

Even this concession to op-
ponents of compulsory integra-
tion may not assure speedy
passage.

They were ready to introduce
some counter-punches. Two by
Eastern Shore delegates, solidly
opposed to integration, would
sharply increase the penalties
for trespassing on private prop-
erty and prohibit picketing by
juveniles.

Two others would ask the
voters if they desired the legis-
lature to act on compulsory
integration.

SEN. HARRY T. Phoebus, R-
Somerset, is expected to try to
reinstate his county in any bill
sent over by the House which
might slow it down.

Somerset County also is the
lifelong home of the Demo-
cratic governor.

The administration and legis-
lative leaders believe the spe-
cial session starting at 10 a.m.
will be completed in one day.

There were a total of 42 bills
prepared for introduction.

The great majority, however,
are local in nature mainly to
authorize bond issues for hos-
pitals, roads, fire companies,
schools, office buildings and
libraries. They can be enacted
rapidly.

All bills of a local nature
were barred during the 30-day
session.

where the bodies were taken.
Another death in Chincoteague was caused by a heart
attack. The victim was Paul
Watson, who was brought to
the mainland by helicopter but
died in the ambulance enroute
to the Northampton-Accomack
Memorial Hospital at Nassa-
wadox.

THE HERD of ponies on
Assateague Island was saved
by volunteer firemen who
drove them to high ground on
the south end of the island.

Chincoteague Island is evacu-
ated but members of the fire
company, which sells about 100
of the ponies every year, went
over to Assateague to save the
heard before they joined the
evacuation.

HELICOPTERS continued
evacuating the islanders until
dark Wednesday night and re-
sumed early yesterday morn-
ing.

Virginia State Police Sgt.
E. C. Magette said he drove
to the main channel bridge ap-
proaching the island and found
debris of every description lit-
tering the causeway road. There
were cars, heavy timber, boats
and parts of boats, glass and
portions of docking strewn all
over the road, he said.

All traffic is barred from ap-
proaching the causeway be-
cause of debris hazards and
several bad washouts.

This morning there was two
and a half feet of water back
over the causeway with more
expected as the tide increases.

Virginia police estimated 550
persons had been taken to the
Wallops Station by Wednesday
night and 900 by last night.
At least 10 helicopters are aid-
ing in the rescue.

FOOD SUPPLIES were run-
ning short today. Appeals went
out for bread, milk, bacon and
eggs.

Another problem is what to
do with the carcasses of 400,000
broilers drowned on the island
before they pose a health prob-
lem.

The drowning of a 78-year-
old waterman was reported
today. Richard Evans was
caught by the waters when he
tried to retrieve his fish nets.

MAYOR ROBERT N. Reed
and defense officials were busy
yesterday making a survey to
determine what the distressed
residents need. The Red Cross
and defense agencies sent an
appeal for at least 50 women
to assist canteen workers at
Wallops Station.

It was reported many resi-
dents had to go to their second
floors for safety and one man
was reported sitting on his
rooftop. Many were stranded.

The Tarramore Coast Guard
Station was reported evacu-
ated.

Many who couldn't get off
the island crowded into the fire
house where they were fed and
kept warm during the night.



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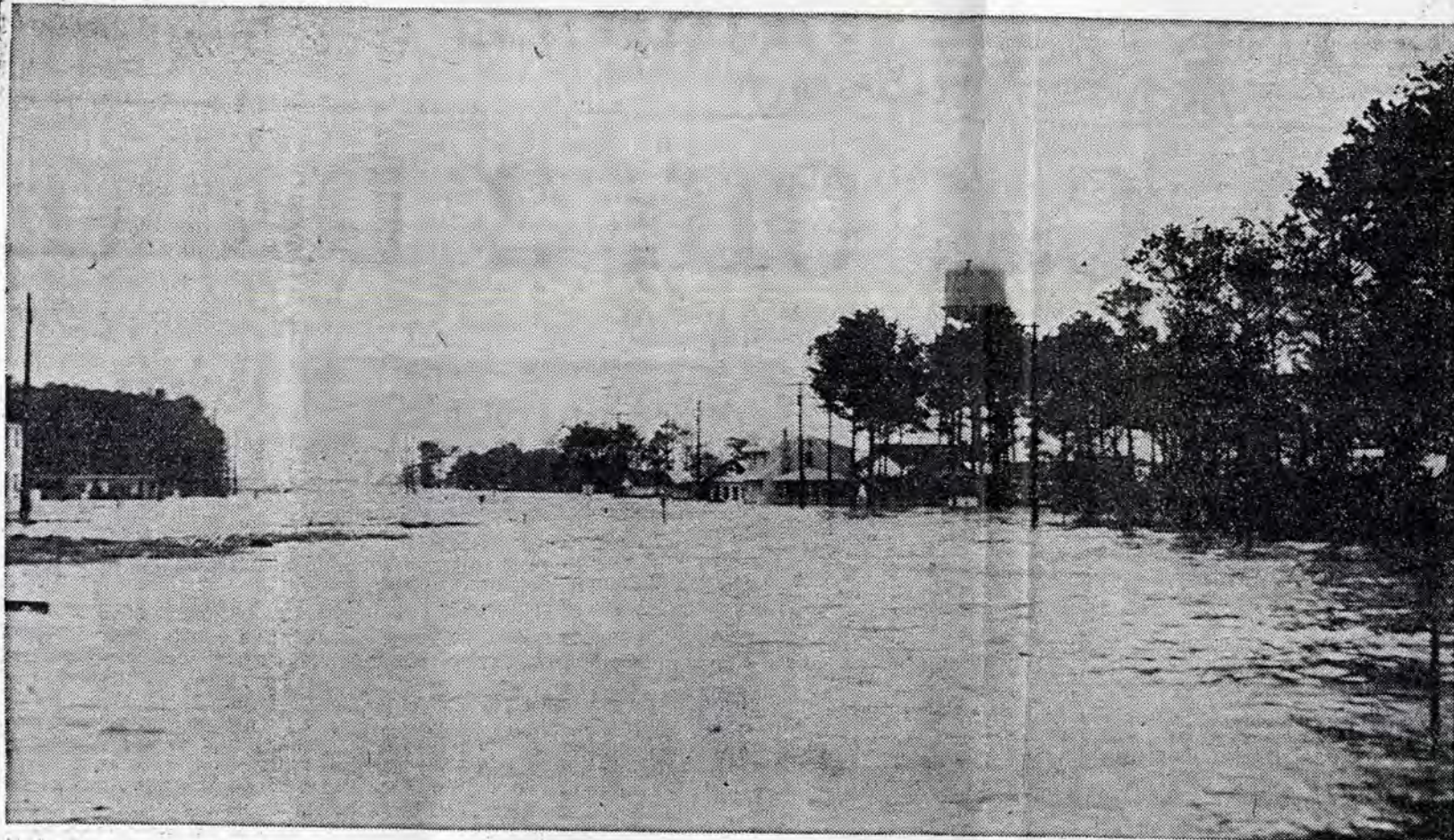


Staff Photograph by Charles C. Minker

South Wilmington Wet, Too

This truck, heading east on Commerce Street near 3rd Street Bridge, is stopped by two feet of

water which flooded the area yesterday as the Christina spilled its banks.



State Police Photo

Road Signs Now Channel Markers

The swirling waters of the Atlantic Ocean mark the Rt. 14 by-pass at Bethany Beach. This photograph, taken yesterday after-

noon, looks south toward the intersection with Rt. 26.

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BOWERS FLOOD



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(State News Photos)

Families Marooned As Heavy Gales Lash Tides; Extensive Power Failures

Three, and perhaps four, children lost their lives at Bowers today in the wake of a savage storm that slashed through Delaware.

A State Police detective arrived on the scene at 1 p.m. but could not determine the cause of death, whether by drowning or electrocution.

Names were not available.

Families were being evacuated at Bowers, Kitts Hummock, and Big Stone Beach.

Winds, which slammed down trees and power lines, and ripped roofs and signs from buildings, were officially clocked at 56 MPH at 7 a.m. at Dover Air Force Base.

Dover Air Force Base dispatched two snow plows and an ambulance to be used in the shore

evacuation. It was believed that the plows, with their huge wheels, could move through the deep water.

State Police also requested the use of two helicopters from the Eastern Air Rescue Center stationed at the base, both were out of commission.

The local chapter of the American Red Cross was on stand-by and ready to go into action if needed, according to Miss Dorothy Thompson, director.

Miss Thompson said she had been in touch with State Police and had offered assistance. She said the Red Cross was prepared to open emergency shelters and provide food.

Miss Thompson said, "If there is sufficient damage to the homes the Red Cross could also help with rehabilitation." However, she said police told her they felt the evacuees would probably be able to return to their home tonight.

Both the Dover Armory and the Air Base were made available to house refugees. The Red Cross

Woodland Beach Looks Just Like The Mississippi

WOODLAN BEACH — "All you can see is water, I've never seen anything like it, it looks like the Mississippi River, the wind is behind it blowing in the tide, in fact it's coming in my front door."

That was the situation in Woodland Beach today, as related by Gilbert Trabbold.

He's one of about 35 families marooned in this community about eight miles northeast of Smyrna on Delaware Bay.

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The water in his front yard, he said, "is well over two feet deep. This is the first this has happened in the nine years I've lived here."

The storm struck suddenly, according to Trabbold, who returned at 1 a.m. from work in Wilmington.

Like most families in Delaware the Trabbolds, were expecting snow, or rain, but not particularly high winds.

"Most houses are surrounded by water, the people can't get out," he said.

Trabbold, who works at United Engineers near the Marine Terminal, had no idea when he would return to work.

"The tide is still coming in, it still has time to run, then it will take time to drain off," he said.

Son Accidentally Shoots Father

LAUREL — The victim of an accidental shooting, Richard Hopkins Marvil, 53, of this town is in satisfactory condition today at Peninsula General Hospital in Salisbury, Md.

Marvil was shot accidentally in the stomach by his 14-year-old son while target shooting from the Plum Creek Bridge, near Sharptown, State Police said.

According to police, Edward J. Marvil, 14, accidentally fired the .22 calibre rifle when he turned to look at a car which drove by.

There are no charges, police said.

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At noon today 30 refugees from the Kitts Hummock were taken to the Dover AFB. Those who needed emergency treatment were taken to the base hospital. The number was not specified.

The others were taken to the service club where they are being fed.

Military personnel and dependents will be housed at the base. Civilians will be referred to various agencies in area communities. If they cannot be accommodated they will also be housed on the base.

Power lines were down all over the state, resulting in school closings and industry slowdown. Among them were Caesar Rodney and the Air Base school, where windows popped by the force of the blows.

"The damage is very extensive," said G. Preston Ward, Dover city manager.

It's so broad I can't be specific. There are outages in all directions.

"Boughs have been broken off and fallen across service lines. Meters have been ripped right off people's houses."

A tree blew over on N. Bradford St., tearing down wires that go to the transformer which feeds the whole block. A city crew of 2 men worked to run temporary wires without meters, in order to get service restored.

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HOUSE TRAILER COLLAPSES . . . An entire wall of this demonstration house trailer at King's Cliffe Trailer Park, near Dover, fell

apart this morning, an apparent result of high winds. Damage to other trailers throughout the area was reported. — (State News Photo)

Wicked —

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Other roads in the beach area were partially closed as tides, fanned by the northeast wind, washed across the roadbeds.

Dover-Leipsic traffic was delayed until workers from the State Highway Dept. cleared a tree that had blocked the road.

At Walter's race track, east of Canterbury, the wind whipped a roof and a wall from a stable, but horses inside escaped injury.

There were no reports from any of the police barracks of injury or loss of life.

Windows in business places and homes throughout the area were shattered, including those at the Camden Service Center, a service station near Route 13.

But the beach areas, as usual in a northeaster, suffered the heaviest damage.

One cottage, owned by Vernon Ingram, was washed more than half a mile in land to the farm owned by August Haas, Pickering Beach.

The cottage arrived upright on the Haas farm, but looked a "little bent-up" according to Haas, a farmer.

Here's how Mrs. Haas described the scene at Pickering:

"Refrigerators, oil drums, and furniture are floating around in our yard.

"My husband has lived here all