

# DEATH TOLL 167 WITH HOMELESS LISTED 300,000

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diminished as it spread down the broad valley toward Huntington, W. Va., reaching Pomeroy and Point Pleasant, W. Va., and Gallipolis, Ohio.

But on down the river, lowland areas were flooded from Marietta to Cincinnati. Residents of Proctorville, Ohio, opposite Huntington, awoke today to find themselves on an island. A ferry boat hastily carried them across the river to higher ground.

Hartford and Middletown were the hardest hit as the Connecticut river plunged down to Long Island Sound with a force never before experienced.

After raging for two days, the river at Hartford apparently had reached its crest, with a record high level of 27.5 feet at mid-morning.

The weather bureau said the river was leveling off.

The cities of Hartford and Middletown were without electric power after a night of terror. Rain fell in sheets today. In Hartford alone, more than 2,000 were homeless.

The rains dashed whatever hopes had been held for quick recession of the river.

The dam on the Quinnabaug, near Danielson, Conn., was threatened by the new rain.

To the thousands of refugees, huddled in relief shelters in western Pennsylvania and down the Ohio to Wheeling—a panorama of destitution and misery from three days of rampaging waters—the snow storm brought a new danger—pneumonia.

Water shortages in many communities already had threatened pestilence.

To prevent epidemics, the United States public health service kept its most skillful experts laboring in all the stricken communities.

Every sanitary engineer from the Washington headquarters was sent to Pennsylvania and West Virginia to set up emergency chlorination systems. From other units, engineers were rushed to flood swept communities elsewhere in the east.

The snow hampered clean-up and reclamation work in the Pittsburgh-Johnstown area.

Some 25,000 WPA workers were mobilized in Pittsburgh and 6,000 in Johnstown to give all aid. There was no heat in Johnstown and many of the 6,000 destitute there were ill.

Likewise in Wheeling, between 8,000 and 10,000 homeless shivered throughout the day in temporary quarters.

In Pittsburgh, there was a gradual return of facilities. More electric power was brought in, gas was returned to several buildings in the "Golden Triangle," wealthy downtown area which was covered two days ago with 18 feet of water.

Above Pittsburgh, the Allegheny, while near normal, was cutting a new channel around a giant waterway lock. Engineers strove with stone and bags of cement to keep the river in its course.

Aside from the Connecticut and the Southern Ohio, rivers generally throughout the east were either receding steadily or were back in their banks.

But the recession only brought the rest of the world the plight of many communities during the worst hours of the flood devastation.

Williamsport, on the Susquehanna in Pennsylvania, was typical of the most severely stricken towns. Little had been heard from it for many hours. Communication was cut off and meager radio reports had told of fires. Some revised estimates of the damage in this industrial town ran as high as \$3,000,000. Four thousand were homeless. The need for clothing was acute.

While snow and rain fell over widespread upstate New York areas, rehabilitation work continued at a steady pace. Thousands of persons in the Binghamton area, most severely isolated and stricken city in the state, were returned to their homes, but new dangers threatened the city. The escape of gas began from a fuel gas tank. WPA and CCC workers hurriedly went to work to repair the leak.

Many upstate communities, however, were still without light or power.

Temperatures were only slightly above freezing, adding to the misery of the homeless and hampering the work of "mopping up."

In New England, as elsewhere over the east, the task of feeding the thousands of homeless and refugees created a serious situation.

Industry was at a standstill down the rich valleys of the Connecticut, Merrimack and other rivers.

The great textile mills of Lowell, Mass., were shut tight with 30,000 persons made idle. Thousands were idle in other mill towns and industrial centers.

Up in Maine, martial law regulated the town of Rumford, isolated for two days by the Androscoggin river. Communication was established with the town of 8,000 today. The townfolk were suffering severely. Five hundred families were being cared for by state military and local authorities.

## Irrigation Order Changed by Board

At a meeting of the Salem water commission last night it was voted to rescind a previous order that established installation and removal charges on special irrigation meters. The commission decided to make a five-month minimum period for the use of special meters.

Chairman Edward Rostein, I. M. Daughton and William Gahldorf, the three members whose terms expire this year, are still of the opinion they will not seek re-election. Gahldorf makes this definite. The other two are not fully decided.

## RESCUED FROM PORCH TOP



These folks stuck to their flood-besieged home at Hancock, Md., as long as they could but they finally had to leave. William Perkins and Miss Clara Hendershot are shown boarding the boat as Homer Tabler waited to row them to higher ground. (Associated Press Photo)

## Johnstown Scene of Utter Desolation as Flood Waters Subside

By ASHLEY EMSHWILLER

Johnstown, Pa., March 21 (U.P.)—You stand where Main street becomes Johnstown's business center. You look over a district where Monday there were throngs of people, prosperous commerce, a parade of automobiles. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the street and all the streets around it were the bed of two merged rivers.

Today they are a morass of stinking mud, shattered plate glass that slices boots and shoes, and still, here and there, pools of yellow water.

Eighteen bodies are in the morgue. Nine more persons are certainly

## FEBRUARY LIQUOR PROFITS \$187,553

Profits of the state liquor system for February amounted to \$187,553.15 according to the monthly report of the Liquor Control commission. Of this total \$133,765.25 came from the sale of liquors in state operated stores and agencies. Licenses yielded \$10,478.53 and privilege taxes \$43,309.37. Gross sales of hard liquors by stores and agencies during the month amounted to \$907,845.55. For the two month period—January and February—liquor sales grossed \$1,066,310.40. A total of 81,206 permits had been issued up to March 1, the report shows.

## ADDITIONAL DAY MAKES DIFFERENCE

The extra day in February this year had its effect on the number of automobile accidents and persons injured, the secretary of state announced. Fatalities remained at 13, the same as during February's last year.

Accidents increase from 1436 to 1930 and persons injured totaled 404 as compared to 319.

Fatalities for the two months were 35 as compared to 30 for the first two months last year. Of the 13 in February six were pedestrians and three others resulted from non-collision accidents.

## SANTIAM CAMP FUTURE DISCUSSED

Responses being received from letters sent out by the county court to various organizations indicate there will be a good attendance at the meeting called for the courthouse at 10:30 o'clock next Monday morning to give consideration to how to handle the government transient camp property above Mehana when it is turned back to the county by the federal government.

Court members suggest that any one who can do it drive to the camp tomorrow and look it over so they will have a more intelligent idea of what the discussions are about when the meeting is held. The camp is reached by the road to Mill City on the Marion county side going past Taylor's grove and up over the hill.

The camp is on the right side of the road and there is a large sign at the place and gateway so it can't be missed very readily. This road is said to be in good shape but a little narrow in places although WPA workers have cut out passing places at a number of points along the road.

## Florence Runyon Candidate Again

Florence A. Runyon, Portland, filed with the secretary of state today for reelection as republican national committee woman from Oregon.

Henry Semon, Klamath Falls democrat, filed for reelection as state representative from Klamath county, and Charles W. Ellis, Ontario filed for reelection as circuit judge of the ninth judicial district.

## SALEM LOSES TO BENSON BY SCORE 31-28

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Corvallis, prime favorite, meets Franklin of Portland in the final. Bellmountain and McLoughlin will clash at 7:30 with the winner being awarded third position.

Ted Sarpola, twice all-state Astoria forward, gave one of the most remarkable exhibitions of basket shooting ever witnessed on the local floor, in the Tillamook game. Almost single handed he pulled the game out of the fire when it appeared certain Coach Rarey's Cheesemakers would down the Fishermen. During the final period this long legged youth potted five baskets in a row, making good on every effort. They were not set up either, for the most part being his favorite long hook shots.

Astoria got off to a good lead and was ahead 13 to 4 at quarter time. Largely through efforts of Moore and Stoneberg Tillamook got back into the race and at half time were behind but two points—15-17.

Battling through the third period, the Cheesemakers not only overhauled the fighting Fishermen but forged even points at one stage of the game.

It was at this juncture Sarpola, who had been missing many shots, finally found the range. He dropped in two just before three quarter time to cut Tillamook's lead down to 30-25. Realizing he was "on" Sarpola's mates let him do the firing.

Failure to make good on their free shots cost Salem its game with Benson. Coach Huntington's squad outscored the Tichmen 10 baskets to 9 in the field but fell down miserably at the gift line. Benson made good on 13 out of their 16 foul shots while the best Salem could do was 8 out of 16. A total of 31 fouls was called.

Benson failed to collect a field goal during the first period while Salem was able to find the range but a single time. At the half way mark Benson was leading 15 to 10. Play speeded up in the third period and Williams, Luther and Wagner brought Salem up to within three points of the Portlanders. Skopli, who had been benched early in the game when three personals were called against him, went back in at the start of the final round. He almost immediately cut the margin to a single marker but Burns connected twice in a row to nullify the effort. Two baskets by Salstrom and another by Luther completed Salem's scoring. Luther and Williams turned in an excellent game, the former leading his team in scoring, with seven points, while Williams was a close second with six.

Considered the class of the 16 teams which participated in the 17th annual tournament, Corvallis is given considerably more than an even chance to defeat Franklin of Portland for the championship. Performing with almost machine-like precision the Spartans have mowed down all opposition through their hard driving, swift passing and expert shooting. They were expected to employ tactics similar to those used when they dethroned Astoria early in the series by out-running the Fishermen, something no other squad had been able to do for a number of years.

While they are expert in working in for close shots, Coach Torson's young men are capable of first class long range operations, for Kruger, guard is good for at least four or five baskets from near center floor in any man's ball game.

The battle in the center circle between Warren of Corvallis and Williams of Franklin, towering giants, should be a sensation. The latter has a better scoring record as a result of three games played, potting 13 baskets to nine for Warren.

Franklin won its last state championship in 1921, defeating Salem in the final game 26 to 19. They may come through tonight but not many of the spectators believe it probable.

The summaries:

| SALEM (28)  | PG | FT | PP |
|-------------|----|----|----|
| Skopli, f   | 2  | 0  | 4  |
| Salstrom, f | 2  | 1  | 3  |
| Wagner, e   | 1  | 3  | 2  |
| Luther, f   | 2  | 2  | 2  |
| Williams, g | 2  | 0  | 3  |
| Quesseth, f | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| TOTALS      | 10 | 8  | 14 |

BENSON (31)

| PG        | FT | PP |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|
| March, f  | 3  | 2  | 3  |
| Gregg, f  | 3  | 5  | 3  |
| Woldi, c  | 0  | 4  | 4  |
| Burns, g  | 3  | 0  | 3  |
| McKown, g | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| Lohr, f   | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| TOTALS    | 9  | 13 | 13 |

Officials, Coleman and Leeding. Free throws missed, Salem 8, Benson 2.

| ASTORIA (43) | PG | FT | PP |
|--------------|----|----|----|
| Sarpola, f   | 9  | 0  | 0  |
| Saundness, f | 3  | 1  | 1  |
| Kokko, c     | 3  | 2  | 1  |
| Parker, g    | 1  | 1  | 1  |
| Juola, g     | 1  | 1  | 2  |
| Koven, f     | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| Puppo, f     | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| TOTALS       | 18 | 7  | 5  |

| TILLAMOOK (36) | PG | FT | PP |
|----------------|----|----|----|
| Walker, f      | 3  | 1  | 2  |
| Stoneberg, c   | 7  | 1  | 1  |
| Hediger, g     | 0  | 0  | 4  |
| Long, g        | 0  | 0  | 2  |
| TOTALS         | 10 | 2  | 9  |

Officials, Pihl and Leeding. Free throws missed: Tillamook 6, Astoria 5.

## ZIEBERT FAMILY ILL

Hazel Green—The Ziebert family is having more than the usual amount of sickness the past month. Tony, the nine year old son, has

## "SPRING FOLLIES" ARE BILLED FOR MOUSERS

The Elsinore theatre will present the "Mickey Mouse" "Spring Follies," on the state Thursday night, March 26, at 9 o'clock.

Seventy-five of Salem's finest talent are included in the biggest, busiest, all-star youth show ever assembled.

CASTING for the stage attraction has been underway since the first of the year, and only the best entertainers have been selected for this musical comedy.

Harold Lloyd in "The Milky Way" will be shown on the screen. There is no advance in prices.

SPRING REALLY ARRIVES  
Rickey — Spring arrived in the Rickey community in the form of a swallow, Friday morning. The swallow was the first that has been seen this year. Daffodils have been in bloom for sometime and a number of spring flowers are making their appearance.

## LEAGUE AWAITS REACTIONS OF NAZI LEADERS

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the Locarno conference, and Germany's indictment as a treaty breaker by the council of the League of Nations.

Some League representatives were alarmed, and Germany was caustic over the invocation by Britain, France, Belgium and Italy of Article XI of the League covenant providing for action against threat of war. This implied possible sanctions if Germany rejected the Locarno powers' proposals.

In a speech last night in Hamburg, Hitler asserted, "Germany is ready to withdraw into the seclusion where she can keep her good conscience."

The British observed that the Locarno powers' suggestions were subject to revision, and the impression in Berlin was that Hitler would attempt to negotiate away some of the sharpest points of the program drawn up rather than reject it all flatly.

The Locarno proposals encompass, besides creation of the "buffer" zone, submission of the Franco-Soviet pact and the Rhineland occupation to The Hague International court, and a great international conference to consider all questions arising out of and following the World War.

Italy, as well as Germany, had yet to accept the plan, even though

## MARTIN URGES FLOOD RELIEF

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Governor Martin today urged the people of Oregon to aid in making a success of the emergency appeal of the Red Cross for relief of flood sufferers in the stricken eastern areas.

"Oregon's part of the campaign will be conducted through the local Red Cross units and every citizen who is able to give assistance should contact the local representative immediately," the governor's statement read.

## NEW YORKER FILES FOR VICE PRESIDENT

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Wm. S. Bennett, New York attorney, today requested Secretary of State Snell to place his name on the Oregon ballot for the republican nomination for vice-president of the United States.

His candidacy bore the endorsement of Arthur W. Friaulk, chairman, and Charles B. Erskine, secretary of the republican state central committee.

## VERA STRETZ TRIAL HALTS

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New York, March 21 (U.P.)—Blonde Vera Stretz, her claim unshaken, steeled herself in her prison cell today while her trial for the slaying of Dr. Fritz Gebhardt, wealthy German importer, halted for the week-end.

Four jurors were selected yesterday in the first day's session to try the 31 year old university graduate for the slaying of her employer in his fashionable east side apartment. General Sessions Judge Cornelius F. Collins adjourned the case until Monday.

In the question of the talesman both prosecution and defense indicated they would attack the case from the point of a "single-standard" for murder.

"Do you believe, in the case of murder," Assistant District Attorney Miles O'Brien asked the prospective jurors, "there is one law for the man and another for the woman?"

"You believe in the law of self defense, don't you?" Samuel Leibowitz, Miss Stretz' attorney, countered in questioning the first talesman. The man nodded.

another factor, he stated, in the tax situation. In addition large acreages have gone off the tax rolls because of tax delinquencies. "There are a number of difficulties presenting themselves from the financial angle alone," he said, "before plans for a new courthouse could be worked out."

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