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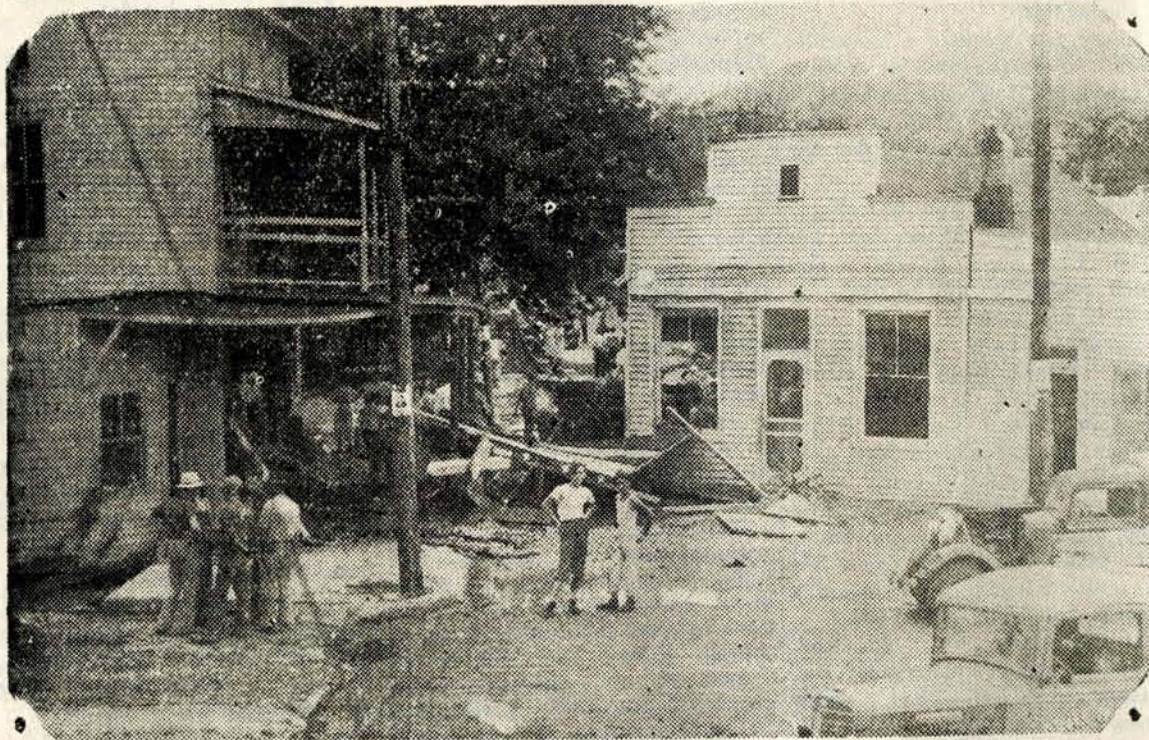
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## 25 DIE IN FLOOD; \$2,000,000 DAMAGE



(Lexington Herald Photo by Alton Payne)

A scene on Fairbanks Street showing the Imperial Cleaners Building and the building adjacent to the Elam-Wheelers Wholesale Building. Some idea of the tremendous force of the flood may be gained by noticing that the Imperial building has been moved many feet from its former location.

### REHABILITATION WORK STARTED; VARIOUS AGENCIES WILL HELP

Rehabilitation work in the flooded area here is going forward quickly.

The American National Red Cross was made the official relief agency in Morehead today by Mayor Warren Lappin's proclamation. Headquarters are temporarily at the city hall.

Miss Helen Moses, Miss Alice Richard and Maurice Reddy, representatives of the American

by Mayor Lappin Thursday, Joe Bates at Washington was called by telephone and requested that he obtain permission of the CCC authorities to let the CCC boys help erase the effects of the flood. Bates replied that he would see the "head man" and make this request immediately.

**Disaster Loan Man Coming**  
It is understood that a Disaster Loan Corporation representative

### Disaster Loan Man Coming Here Monday

Congressman Joe Bates notified Postmaster W. E. Crutcher Friday that a representative from the Disaster Loan Corporation would be here Monday. Information is available at the post office, Crutcher said.

### This Issue Written For Saturday Morning

Although the date line on this

### FUNERAL SERVICES ARE HELD FOR 25

#### Six From One Family Buried Friday

Last rites for the 25 persons drowned in the flood were held Thursday, Friday and Saturday at various points in Rowan, Morgan and Harrison counties.

Six from one family, Mrs. Mary Frances Salyers, and her three children, Ivan Eugene, Bobby Carl and Alberta Mae, and Mrs. Salyers' mother, Mrs. Mahala Mae Ratliff and son, Lorn, were buried at Open Fork Friday afternoon. Funeral services were held at Muses Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Porter were taken to Redwine, Morgan county, for burial Friday.

Mrs. Lula Collins, and daughter,  
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### Bates To Introduce Appropriation Bill For Flood Refugees

Eighth District Congressman Joe B. Bates plans to introduce in the House of Representatives today, if possible, a bill appropriating money for immediate use in the mountain flood district, according to a telephone conversation with residents here.

Congressman Bates said that all that was holding the introduction of the bill is to get an approximate figure as to the amount of money that will be needed in the area, of

## MASS FUNERAL SERVICES HELD

### HUNDREDS MADE HOMELESS BY CLOUDBURST WEDNESDAY MORN

Death and destruction came to Rowan county early Wednesday morning when a smashing, irresistible wall of water snuffed out the lives of 25 persons, made hundreds homeless and destroyed 2 million dollars worth of property.

Since no other persons have been reported as missing in the county, it is being assumed that the reported number of dead is complete.

In Breathitt county, which was flooded at the same time, scores were swept into the Kentucky river and the number drowned was still unknown Friday.

The flash flood, caused by a cloud burst near the Carter county line, came down the valley about 1:15 a. m. sweeping people, trees, livestock and human beings in its wake.

Many were caught in their crumbling houses like rats in a trap, others took to the trees. A few were able to swim to safety. Families were separated.

The roar of the torrent, the screams of the doomed and the terror stricken victims from the darkness will be forever remembered by those who witnessed the scene.

Wednesday morning Morehead was cut off from the outside world. The only road open was the Flemingsburg highway. A single telegraph wire to Ashland was the only means of communication.

But as soon as the news reached neighboring communities, help from Legionnaires, private citizens, Boy Scouts, Red Cross, funeral directors and many other organizations began to pour in.

Searching Parties Sent Out



National Red Cross at Washington, D. C., have been assigned to Kentucky to take charge. Two of the trio will very likely work out of Morehead.

At a conference of citizens call-

Miss Moses said today that the Red Cross is taking care of emergency needs and as soon as possible will start to do rehabilitation work in such families as are fi-

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## MOREHEAD RUINED TO EXTENT OF MORE THAN 5 HUNDRED THOUSAND

An estimate of two million dollars has been placed on the damage done to Rowan county by the lash-flood.

Damage to Morehead alone is figured to exceed more than a half of a million dollars.

Biggest losses were sustained by the J. F. Sparks shows, \$38,000; Morehead and North Fork Railroad, \$20,000 (steel bridge and one and a half miles of track washed out); Union Grocery Company, \$30,000; The Big Store, \$15,000; The Big Store Furniture Company, \$15,000; C & O, unestimated; City of Morehead, \$10,000; Flam-Wheeler, \$15,000;

Morehead Lumber Company, \$10,000; The Economy Store, \$15,000; Lee Clay Products, unestimated.

Other firms less severely damaged include: W. S. Allen, beer distributor, \$1,500; Carr-Perry, \$5,000; Morehead Independent, \$5,000; J. A. Allen Grocery, \$3,500; Eagles Nest, \$1,500; IGA, \$1,800; Woody's Service Stations, \$1,000; Citizens Bank, \$250; Cottage Cafe, \$1,500; Standard Oil Co., \$5,000; Kennard Hardware, \$4,000 and the following unestimated: Calvert's Garage, Model Laundry, Myrtle's Tea Room, Imperial Cleaners, Peoples Hotel,

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newspaper reads Thursday morning, the news articles are written from the standpoint of Saturday morning. Since our newspaper plant was considerably damaged by the flood, this issue was printed by the Bath County News-Outlook, Owingsville, of which H. J. Lacy is the publisher.

Counties are hardest hit.

Mr. Bates said he was sure that the bill could be put through Congress immediately. His office in Washington may be contacted either by letter, telegram or telephone at any time.

## PARTIAL LIST OF HOMELESS PERSONS IS COMPILED--PATRICK

About 350 homeless and distressed persons are being taken care of by the Red Cross, in the Morehead public school building, court house and the college. Approximately one thousand meals a day are being served to the refugees.

A partial list of homeless Rowan county persons, compiled by Miss Carol Patrick, has been made to acquaint their relatives and friends and the general public with their

dire needs. The list is incomplete because the records were not completely filled out.

Among the homeless are the following:

Charlie Rose, Lucy Littleton, Robert Hönker, Bud Royse, Boyd McClure, D. Johnson, Frank Eden, G. Crather, Chas. Holman, Rosie Holman, Ralph Holman, Velma Holman, Billy Holman, William Tackett, Howard Cisco, Roy Brown, Leonard Alfrey, Mary Al-

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Searching parties were sent out for victims of the relentless waters. They were dug out of mud, trees and wrecked homes. The dead were taken to the funeral homes and identified by tearful relatives.

By the afternoon state troopers dispatched by Governor Chandler the CCC boys were policing the district and turning back the hundreds of sightseers.

Thursday, funeral services were held for the four Sparkman children. Merchants, home owners who still had homes, and farmers began the difficult work of cleaning up the ugly mess left by the flood.

### Funeral Services Held Friday

Friday the majority of the funeral were held and rehabilitation work was being started.

The Red Cross set up headquarters in the city hall with Mrs. Renee Wells, as head, until the arrival of national representatives from Washington who arrived Thursday.

Delivery of mail from the outside was resumed Thursday. The George Washington at six o'clock Thursday night was the first passenger train to get through after the flood.

### PROFESSOR SPEAKS HERE

Dr. A. L. Crabbe, professor of higher education at George Peabody, Nashville, Tennessee, spoke at convocation Friday morning.

### Water Service Resumed

Water service was resumed Thursday afternoon and electric power Wednesday afternoon.

Refugees were taken to Morehead State Teachers College dormitories and the Morehead public school gymnasium. The college is also housing 25 highway patrol men and two doctors from the state board of health, W. H. Rice, college engineer, stayed up two nights getting the power plant ready to operate.

The flood swept away about two miles of C. and O. railway trackage, about a mile of it on each side of town, a small railway bridge and a highway bridge.

Morehead and other towns in the flood area were cut off by rail and highway after the cloudburst. Telephone and telegraph communication lines were out most of the day. Communication with the outside world was established at intervals from time to time, but was quickly broken.

The fire department, police and volunteers were recovering the bodies as the water receded.

The cloudburst struck shortly before midnight as residents of this community slept. Triplett creek soon was a seething torrent. It reached its peak by about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning.

At Cincinnati, W. C. Devereaux, United States meteorologist, reported heavy rains throughout Northern and Eastern Kentucky. The Licking river at Farmers, he said, rose 19.8 feet in the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m.

Heaviest rainfall reported was

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## MAYOR LAPPIN'S PROCLAMATION

### Appeal to the People of Morehead

The flood of July 5th was the greatest tragedy ever experienced by this community. The losses sustained in both life and property have aroused the sympathy of all.

However, sympathy is not enough. We have a problem of relief to meet. A large number of people are being fed, clothed and sheltered temporarily, but much remains to be done.

We are fortunate in having on hand the American Red Cross, an experienced relief agency with a trained staff of workers who are in position to apply our individual contributions for relief to the best possible use.

Therefore, with the idea in mind of coordinating all relief work, I do hereby declare the American Red Cross to be the official relief agency to deal with the problems of the individual sufferer. I ask all agencies and individuals to give it their complete support.

Furthermore, I appeal to all citizens of the community to be liberal as possible with their donations to the relief fund which the Red Cross is authorized to raise. All funds so raised will be spent to alleviate suffering caused by this disaster and in restoring conditions to normal.

Signed:

Warren C. Lappin, Mayor



(Lexington Herald Photo by Tom Hall)

\$38,000 was the estimated loss to the J. F. Sparks Shows as the rampaging flood waters covered their tents where all had been gaily a few hours before.



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## Flood Constitutes Problem Beyond Immediate Relief

The Louisville Times has written an apt editorial stressing the fact that the recent flood "reflects conditions, which, possibly might be remedied, to lessen danger to life and property." We agree with them.

The Louisville Times editorial:

In this metropolitan area with a population of about a half million less than a half dozen persons were drowned when the Ohio, draining many thousands of square miles of rain-soaked watersheds, became several miles wide and it was necessary to remove nearly half of the population from their homes.

In two county seats in Eastern Kentucky, combined population about 3,000, between 100 and 150 persons, apparently, were drowned between midnight and daylight by floods caused by local rains.

The flood in Breathitt and Rowan not only constitutes a major tragedy in the list of national disasters of a decade, but also poses a

uated that they are in danger of flood, and what steps might be taken in the interest of their safety seems in order.

In the meantime the task-in-hand is obvious. Loss of life was attended by destruction of crops, destruction of homes, creation of conditions dangerous to health of survivors, at scenes of tragedy.

Far more widely, seemingly, valley and hillside farms were ravaged, spring and summer work made barren of possible results.

The proportions of the relief problem cannot be at once ascertained, but may be imagined upon a basis of a report that sixty-nine persons are reported missing at Keck, in Breathitt County, as a result of the flood in Frozen Creek, normally a minor stream.

The most recent mountain flood is the greatest in violence and in fatalities and property loss. It reflects conditions which, possibly, might be remedied, to lessen danger to life and property.

—The Louisville Times.

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## Newspaper Accuracy

"The newspapers always get things wrong," is a remark frequently made. Perhaps those who say that have just read 50 items in a newspaper, and have discovered an error in one of them. They overlook the 49 that were right, and are amused or disgusted by the one that was wrong.

Every error the newspaper makes is spread before the public for ridicule and censure. People usually see it, and it forms a subject of public conversation. If some merchant or clerk with whom you are dealing makes an error, no one knows about it except he and you.

Newspaper people constantly travel all over town and tramp weary miles to verify doubtful items and avoid errors. Newspaper work is done hurriedly. Few newspapers have forces of editors and reporters so large that every item can be verified with the utmost care. If a reporter has a dozen assignments to cover in a morning, he has to do some rushing from one to the other. Perhaps he did not take pains enough in one instance, but very likely he was worrying for fear that someone else he needed to interview would leave his shop or home before he could be seen.

Many errors are caused by the carelessness of people who give the information. They told the wrong name, or accepted an unverified rumor as fact, and passed it on to the reporter.

The good newspaper man's ideal is strict accuracy, and he makes many sacrifices to attain it. Young folk who are beginning newspaper work should strive for accuracy above

God, would it ever stop? Rain suddenly started to pour in sheets again—just like it had when I went to bed at 11 o'clock.

Back to the postoffice—the crest had been reached! The waters were receding. Slowly at first, then more rapidly.

It was now about 3:30 a. m. Somebody said the Boggess family was stranded in the second floor of their home across the tracks. An old lady was screaming in a house near the power plant. One of the workers was supposed to have stayed in there. He couldn't be found.

Every few minutes a bystander would report someone as missing—first a Mr. Johnson in a hotel on Railroad street. Then a truck driver by the name of Gorman from Flemingsburg.

But the waters were receding—At least the rest of the town was saved. Last night it was a fire which routed us out of bed—to-night it was worse.

Daylight finally came and the waters receded from Main street. Wreckage could be seen in every direction toward Railroad street.

Then, about 6 o'clock reports of the missing began to come in. At Rodburn, a woman and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sparkman, were taken out of the trees. She was a pitiful sight. Her four young children had been swept away.

At the other end of Morehead, Clearfield was completely covered. Further down the road, water covered a wide expanse of the valley. There was no getting out of Morehead that way.

Farmers of course was sure to be flooded. The missing list was mounting. Would it ever end? Some said fifty—others a hundred. God only knows!

## BAPTIST CHURCH TO HOLD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HERE

Ministers Kazee,  
Leeper, Martin Will  
Direct Activities

The Morehead Baptist Church will conduct its first Vacation Bi-

school for Morehead. L. W. Martin, General Missionary of the Southern Baptist Home Board, whose work lies mainly in the mountains, has been secured to be the General Superintendent of the school. Mr. Martin has had much experience in such work and the Morehead church is fortunate in having him. Mrs. Martin will also be with him in the school, and she, too, is an able and efficient worker.

Last night, following the quarterly business session of the church final plans were made for the school. Among those locally who will assist as leaders, teachers and helpers, are: Roberta Bishop, Mrs. Milton Evans, Janet Judd, Nola Jayne, Mrs. C. O. Leach, Mrs. Wilferd Waltz, Hazel Hicks, Mrs. H. C. Haggan, Mary Caldwell Haggan, Mrs. O. F. Patrick, Mrs. B. H. Kazee, Clyde Smith, and many of the younger people who will act in the capacities of general helpers.

The school will be open to pupils of any denomination or church preference. There will be no admission fees, and every boy and girl between the ages of four and eighteen, or even above eighteen if any should desire to come, will be more than welcome, no matter what religious persuasion they may have.

The purpose of the school is to acquaint boys and girls with the Bible, to teach them the truths about salvation and service to God, to give them instruction in church music, the singing of hymns, to give them scripture memory work, Bible stories, and all such training as the church fosters.

There will be special speakers who will interest young people with scriptural talks; special music as well as general chorus singing; hand work suitable to in-

struction in Bible schools; and general recreational activities of interest to young people.

Pupils from Haldeman, Elliottville, Clearfield, Farmers, or any place else in the county are welcome if they can arrange transportation.

## FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR BASFORD

Survived By 2 Sons,  
One Daughtery

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1 o'clock for David Basford, 78, who died Thursday morning. The services will be conducted at the home by the Rev. A. E. Landolt and the Rev. T. F. Lyons. Burial will take place at Machpelah cemetery, Mt. Sterling.

He is survived by two sons, Fred Basford, Momence, Ill., and Diel Basford of Danville, Ill., and one daughter, Mrs. E. Donaldson, of Morehead and grandson, J. Ewing Basford, Morehead, and nine other grandchildren.

Active pallbearers Saturday will be George Bowen, J. R. Vincent, Max Holt, Lawrence Johnson, Chester Kelly, Clauda Bowen, Edward Bishop and Jack Kelly.

Honorary pallbearers are: D. B. Leadbetter, Ernest Fisher, Roy Cornette, Frank Laughlin, Harlan Powers, Vernon Alfrey, Richard M. Clay and Alvin Caudill.

Mr. Basford was born October 22, 1860, near Salt Lick, Bath county. He was the son of Jack and Mahala Kash Basford of Blue-stone. He married Martha Ann Phelps, May 6, 1880.

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problem beyond that of immediate relief.

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in case. They may have imagination, humor, and literary skill, but if they cannot report plain facts just as they are, the newspaper world will cast them off.

## EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT RELATED OF FLOOD'S DESCENT BY REPORTER

By STANLEY K. IVERSON

Morehead Independent Reporter

"Wake up, Stanley, Railroad street's flooded and people are drowning. They're crying for help."

It was my landlady, Mrs. Sue Fugate, awaking me at 1:45 o'clock this morning, to a helpless, stricken Morehead.

I got up and quickly dressed in the dark. The lights were out. I thought it was raining but when I looked out the window I realized that the sound I heard was a raging torrent, rushing madly down the valley.

Running outside I could hear the screams of men and women crying for help, four and five

blocks away. It sounded like the end of the world.

Down the hill I rushed. I saw hundreds of persons at the bottom near the postoffice on Main street. If the water was that high, then my newspaper office was gone! The water stood waist high across the street and as far as I could see toward West Morehead.

At the water's edge men cried, "Get a boat. We need help!" I ran to the telephone but Dr. I. Garred's boat was gone, Professor Haggan had left his in Farmers, the Hudgins boy's boat was already on the way.

I asked the operator for Lexington. All lines out of town were down, Goldie Hayes said.

I went back down to the water-

front on Carey avenue. Jesse Johnson, the barber, said he had been awakened just a few minutes before by a loud noise. Looking out of the window he saw a big wave of water. Calling for his wife and children, he led them through knee-deep water to safety.

Cries for help across the creek could be heard plainly, again and again. Why weren't there more boats? Why was everybody standing around? Then I found out—the current was too swift.

One boat fought the onrush of the waters for 10 minutes trying to cross the street to save Mrs. L. Jayne and daughter, Nola, who were up to their necks in water.

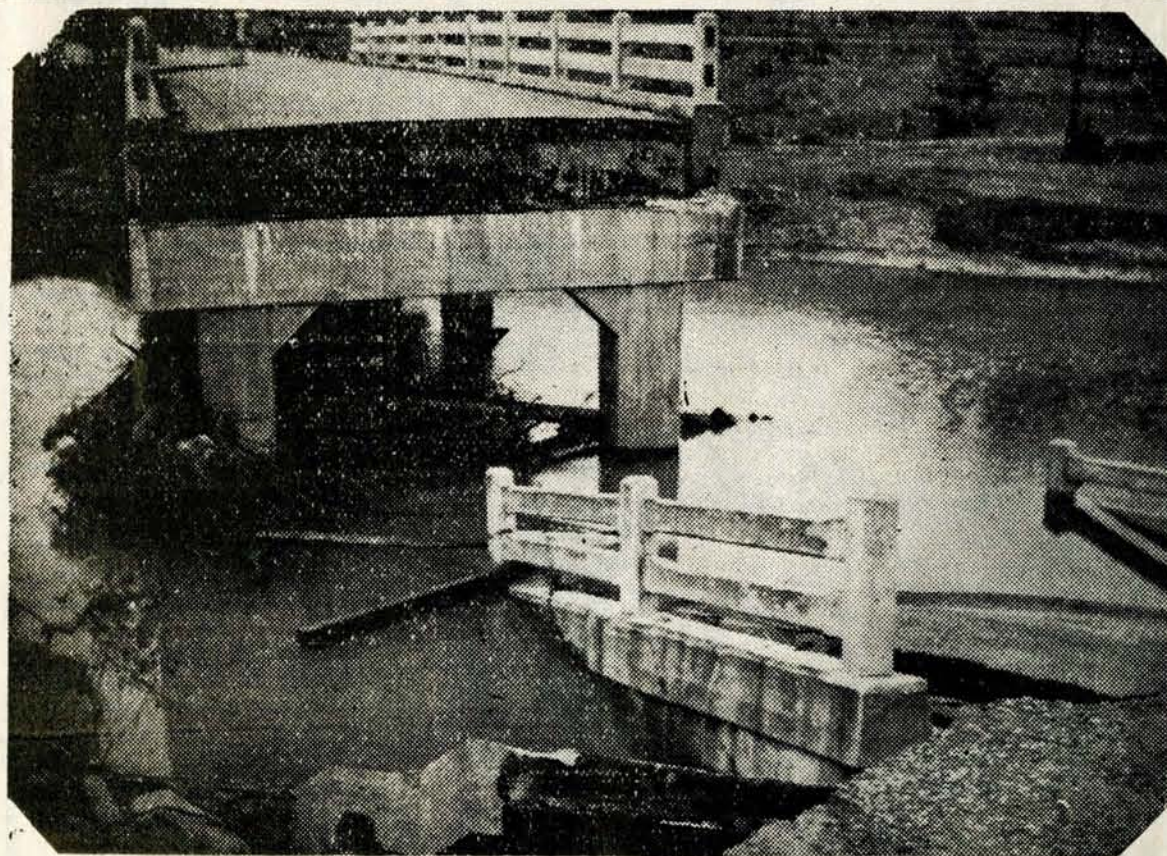
In front of Bishop's drug store, Billie Caudill, wearing only a pair of shorts, dripping blood from mouth and thigh, cried, "Iverson, so you want some news, eh? Well, look at this, I just swam two miles from Clearfield to get here. And I'm going back to help."

4th. As far as is known, there has never been such a school conducted in Morehead. Pastor B. H. Kazee and Missionary L. E. Leeper of Haldeman conducted one at Elliottville and one at Haldeman this summer. It is reported that their efforts in this work have met with great success.

For some weeks the Baptist church has been planning the

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At one time a bridge spanned the chasm shown in this photo. This scene is 5 miles east of Morehead on Route 60. (Lexington Herald Photo by Alton Payne)

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## 25 DIE IN FLOOD; 2 MILLION DAMAGE

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at Jackson, Ky., on the North Fork of the Kentucky river, where 3.75 inches fell.

Gov. A. B. Chandler at Frankfort, ordered state patrolmen and state highway emergency crews into the stricken county. The governor termed the flood "a terrible thing."

Tygart creek at Olive Hill flooded, covering 10 blocks of the residential section and all of the business section. Two to six feet of water was in the business section and damage was estimated at several thousands of dollars.

There was no loss of life at Olive Hill.

The Southern States Shows, a carnival appearing here July 4, had all concessions and rides flooded and firemen worked until 3 o'clock Tuesday morning moving their trailers and trucks. A school and church at nearby Gregoryville were reported washed away. Considerable water damage was reported at Grayson, the county seat of Carter county.

Farmers several miles west of here were completely cut off and Clearfield was feared to have suffered heavily. Rescuers were unable to cross the swift current to reach the community.

### Water 10 Feet Deep

Water on Railroad street varied head's main thoroughfare, varied in depth from four to ten feet at the peak of the flood. Bill McClain, fireman at the State Teachers' College, estimated the water rose 10 to 15 feet in less than 30 minutes.

As soon as it was possible employees of the Kentucky Power and Light Company came into Morehead to help in the flood disaster.

Joe Leeke with his construction crew, truck and equipment were here at 7:30 Wednesday morning. An immediate survey was made as to the necessary steps to take to restore electric service as quickly as possible which was shut off at 1:20 A. M. E. G. Laurie with his crew truck and equipment brought into Morehead substation transformers at 3:30 P. M. With the help of Bruce Irvin, Pat Patter-

## RED CROSS WORKER DESCRIBES DISTRESS OF FLOOD VICTIMS

By CAROL PATRICK,  
Red Cross Worker

The Red Cross headquarters at the city hall has been as busy as a beehive since the rescue work started, outfitting the unfortunates, many with scarcely any clothes at all, and directing them where to sleep and eat.

Persons of every age and size have climbed the stairs to find at least a dress or a shirt to wear. Some came in borrowed clothing. One man crept in clothed only in overalls which he had found drifted onto a fence. Several have walked far in heavy coats clutched tightly around their bare bodies.

Barefeet are common, and stockings are definitely not on the list for "what the well-dressed refugee" wears. I know of several persons who had nothing to wear to creep out of their hiding place.

One woman had to hurry back to take clothes to her husband who was hiding in a tree until she returned. Even the necessary undergarments are worn by very few.

More men and children, especially boys, are in dire need of clothing. Even the first change of cloth-

Sparkman and his wife were rescued from a tree top at 6:30 a.m. by boatmen.

Rescuers said between 50 and 75 persons were taken from tree tops along the banks of the creek.

Reports from all sections of Eastern Kentucky indicated the heavy rainfall had been general and that streams throughout the section were flooded.

### Red Cross Called

Mayor Warren C. Lappin wired Arthur Gamble, WPA district director at Paintsville, 70 miles from here, asking "all WPA help available." He said "sanitary conditions worst possible."

The American Red Cross ordered Mrs. Sheridan Connally, field representative, from Lexington, Ky., into the flooded town to set up relief offices.

### Follows Fire

The flood was the second calamity to strike Morehead within 24 hours. Early Tuesday morning fire of undetermined origin swept the

ing could not be found for many. Children have had to wear their damp, mud-coated dresses for hours, and men shiver in soaked suits of mud and clothes.

The little Perry boy, who had miraculously escaped when his mother and sisters were washed away, was too young to answer the necessary questions when he appeared for a change to wear to the burial.

Few tears have been seen. There are only the dry-tears of real anguish. Some, who once had lived comfortably, hesitate to ask for help. Small is the number who ask for two changes of clothing. Only one or two cases are known who tried to get more than their share. The huge pile of clothing given us at ten o'clock Wednesday night had vanished by the time I got back at eight the next morning.

Everything, however, is needed, and clothing of every description has been distributed. About ten volunteer women, including a thirteen years old girl, are kept busy throughout the day, rendering aid to the distressed and homeless.

ward, the personnel took to trees, Mr. Sparks climbing a large cedar tree which was nearby. The raging flood forced them to remain aloft for several hours, but meantime the carnival was literally flattened to earth, at a loss of some \$30,000.

Embalmers from neighboring towns who are assisting in taking care of the dead are:

Lewis Mitchell, Mt. Sterling; Shanklin Piper, Owingsville; E. M. Shroul, Owingsville; J. W. Stewart, Flemingsburg; Malcolm Wright, Flemingsburg; Albert Knox, Maysville; Richard F. Cox, Grayson; Frank Malone, Grayson; Hunter Clark, Hillsboro; Owen Clark, Ashland; Joe Yelton, Crane and Breed Casket Company; Mr. Justice, Hydrol Chemical Company; Mr. Stafford, Wilbert Vault Company; Fred Neal, Mt. Sterling; Robert Hutton, Flemingsburg; J. S. Moxley, Flemingsburg; E. L. Barnes, Owingsville; Clay Reynolds, Owingsville; John Clark,

## PARTIAL LIST OF HOMELESS VICTIMS

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Betty Lou and Ester Croger; Estel, Ann, Denver, Evan and Margaret Dalton.

Elizabeth, Sue Carrol, Sandra Ann and C. Day; James, Lucy, Stella Mae, Albert and Robert Dulin; Lena Earley, Frank Eden, Beatrice Gaustina, Ed Hall, Alice Hamm, Willie Hamm, Lee Hamm, Melvin Hamm, Bearl Hinton, Nettie Wall, Minnie Swinford, Clara Lancaster, Irene Hall, Hannah Hall ad daughter, Oscar Hamm.

Emma, Margaret, Clifford, Jay,

Willie, Charles, and Torene Heaman; Charles and Jay Harman, Denny Howard, Halie Howard, Ciscoe Howard, Ruth Howard, Carrie Howard Johnson, Clyde Keeton, Nellie Keeton, Cleo Keeton and Chester Keeton, Wallace Keeton, Holly, Edna, Peggy Ann and Jimmy Kissinger, Newt and Martha Kissinger, W. B. Lee, Matt Lee, Ruth Rose Lee, A. J. Lewis, Opal Lewis, Ester Lewis,

O. A. Maxey, Lilly, Opal, John and Rex Mays, Orville, Lorene and Homer McClain, Hazel, Juanita and Pauline McKenzie; Heyward, Jewell, Shirley, Bobby and Billy McKenzie; Laura and Mildred McClurg; Grover, Martha and Clara Prather; Custer, Ola, Billy

Marie, Bobby and Mary Jane Ramey; Biddio Bo, Billy and Huey Ramey; William, Martha, Huey and Billy Ramey, Taylor, Maggie and Tressie Ramey; Paul Reynolds..

John Rose, Edith and Clarence Rose; Arthur Rose, Mary Stacy, Estelle, Grace, Albert, Mona Mae and John Stacy; Mary Story, Clara Swinn, Jack, Jack, Jr., Peggy Jean, Reva Fern, Harold and Mrs. Jack Tackett; David and Viola Trumbo, Walden, Viney and Paul Wages; Dora, John and Arlin Wright; Paul and Sam Black, E. B. Bogges,

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son and other engineers these transformers were installed and service restored at 7 P. M.

Local employees were on continuous duty at all times. Frank Maxey and George Jamison left their flooded homes in the interest of maintaining electric service. James Maxwell attempted to get to the power plant but the current was too strong and he was washed down the stream several hundred feet before he lodged against a building, narrowly escaping death.

Harry Hutchens of the Safety department was in Morehead on Thursday.

These officials, engineers and service men of the company did everything humanely possible working night and day to restore electricity which was so badly needed.

Ted Sparkman, who four children are missing, said the force of the rushing torrents swept his house from its foundation.

"I grabbed my wife," Sparkman related, "and we ran to the door. The force of the water swept us into the torrent and we were sucked into the street. A few seconds later our house swept by and we were unable to do anything for our children. We could hear their cries as our house went by."

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to story of hotel. There was no loss of life but 27 guests, scantily clad, were forced to flee and damage ran into thousands of dollars.

On what is known as "show lot" at Morehead, a carnival was stationed when the flood came. J. S. Sparks, manager, was counting receipts at about 1 a. m., and other employes were finishing setting everything in order. A roar of approaching water startled someone who gave the alarm. Seeing the water literally bounding up-

### Former Leader Of Legion Auxiliary To Head NCTC Drive

Mrs. Melville Mucklestone, of Chicago, former national president of the American Legion Auxiliary, has been elected president of the National Consumers Tax Commission, it was announced today at the organization's headquarters in Chicago.

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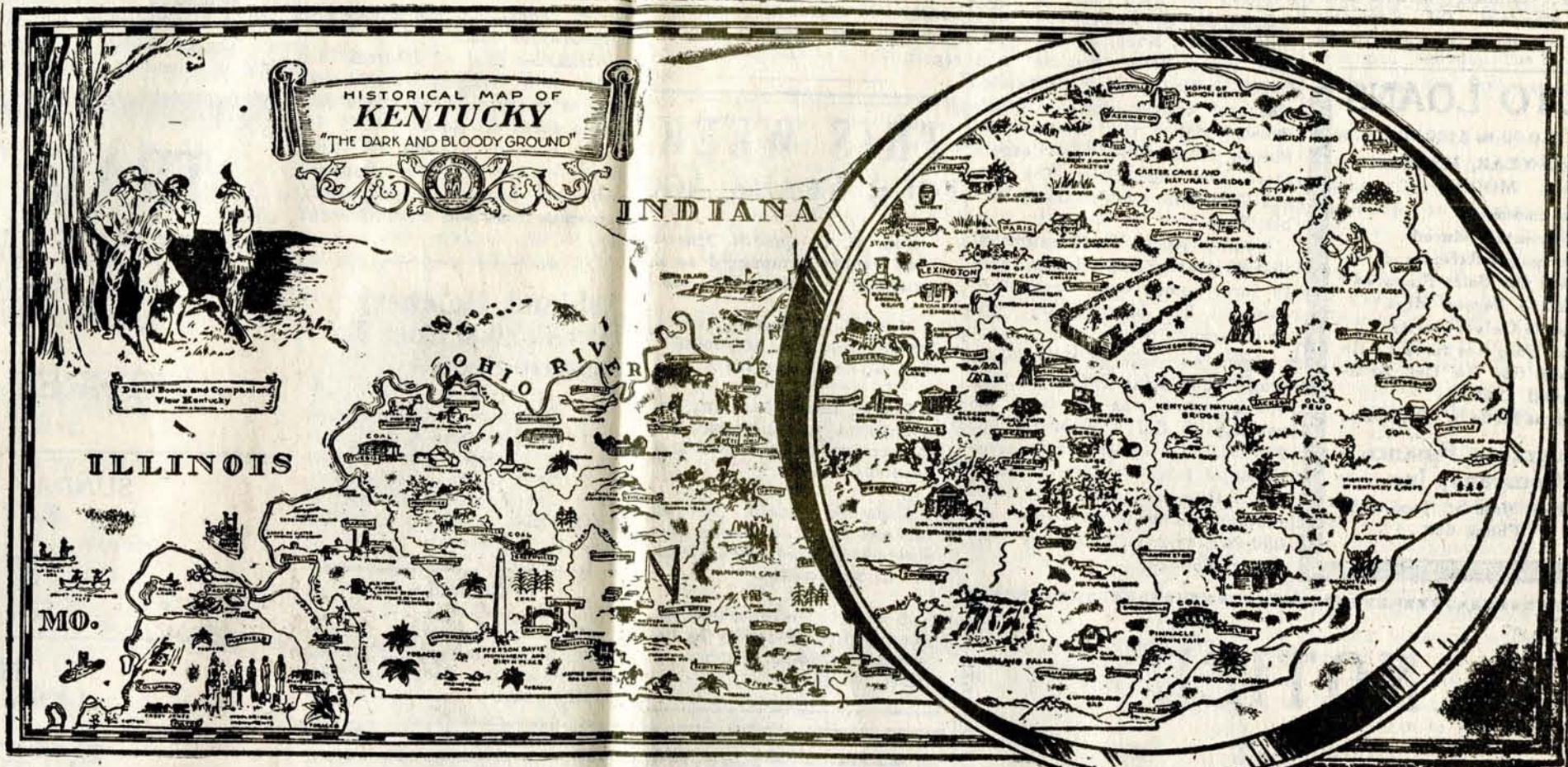
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## FIRE DESTROYS CASKEY BUILDING; DAMAGE ESTIMATED \$75,000

Fire roared through the City hotel building, located in the heart of the business district, early Tuesday morning, leveling the three-story brick structure and causing property loss exceeding \$50,000.

Volunteer fire fighters of the Morehead and Olive Hill fire departments fought the blaze for two hours before finally bringing it under control.

During the height of the fire, the entire central section of the business district was threatened and Fire Chief Lionel Fanning said after the fire had been brought under control, that the absence of wind had materially aided firemen in confining the flames to the large hotel building.

### Guests Escape Building

A number of guests were forced to flee from the 32-room hostelry in night clothing after an alarm had been spread at 2 o'clock in the morning by Jim Wilson, a half-blind itinerant guitarist, who smelled smoke and awakened Alf Caskey, owner of the building, who was asleep in his room at the hotel.

Old residents of Morehead said that the fire was the largest in the city's history.

Several shops on the ground floor of the hotel structure were destroyed by the flames, which also consumed seven Rowan county school busses, owned by Caskey and stored in a garage at the rear of the building.

Shops destroyed included those of the Caskey Tire Company, the Caskey Taxicab Company, the S. and W. Liquor Dispensary and the Trail Barber Shop. A WPA pack-horse library, also housed in the

## REHABILITATION WORK STARTED

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nancially unable to provide for themselves.

When Miss Moses arrived in Morehead she gave Mayor Lappin a message from Norman H. Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross. Davis said he sympathized

hotel building, was destroyed, as was a poolroom owned by Dan Parker.

### Caskey Estimates Losses

Caskey estimated that the loss to the building and its furnishings would exceed \$30,000. He said that the seven busses destroyed were worth \$10,000. Loss at the Caskey Tire Company was set at \$1,500. Equipment, stored in a garage at the rear of the building, also was destroyed. Caskey valued the garage equipment at \$3,000. He said that none of his losses was covered by insurance.

Dan Parker, owner of the poolroom which was burned, said that his loss would top \$4,500 and J. R. Wendell, proprietor of the S. and W. Liquor Dispensary, estimated that his loss would total \$2,500, fully protected by insurance.

W. E. Trayner, owner of the Morehead Real Estate Company, said that furnishings in his company's offices were valued at \$300.

### Restaurant Damaged

The Eagle's Nest, a restaurant located in an adjacent building, suffered a loss estimated at \$400 by Chinn Clayton, proprietor, as the result of heat and water damage.

Windows in many surrounding buildings were shattered by heat and firemen estimated that replacement of the panes would cost adjacent property owners approximately \$400.

No one was reported injured, but several Morehead firemen barely escaped being struck by flying debris when the front wall of the structure toppled to the ground.

local agent a check for \$250 to be used for food and clothing for the refugees. Kennard turned the check over to Mayor Lappin.

The citizens of Greenup, Greenup county, raised a fund of \$516.47 which Mayor Zachem presented to Mayor Lappin yesterday.

Other donations may have been made of which a report was unable to be obtained.

**MOREHEAD DAMAGE**

## Mayor Makes Statement

The citizens of Morehead have experienced the worst calamity in the history of this city. Practically every individual in town has been affected by the flood in either a direct or an indirect manner. Conditions seem to be improving slowly. The Red Cross, the W. P. A., the C. C. C., the Board of Health authorities and numerous volunteer agencies are rendering invaluable service. The citizens, on the whole, have cooperated wonderfully and have realized that they must be patient. The city administration asks for your continued cooperation and hopes that all citizens will realize that it will take time to bring about anything like complete restoration.

The attention fall is directed toward the danger of typhoid fever during a period such as this. The health authorities are innoculating everyone desiring it without charge. This work is being done at the public school building.

Mayor W. C. Lappin

## CORONER RELEASES COMPLETE LIST OF BODIES FOUND IN FLOOD

County Coroner Lester Caskey reported the total list of casualties today as follows:

✓ Mrs. Mary Frances Salyers, 25, and three children, Ivan Eugene, 8; Bobby Carl, 6, and Alberta Mae, 3.

✓ Mrs. Mahala Mae Ratliff, 49, and son, Lorn, 8. Mrs. Ratliff was the mother of Mrs. Salyers.

✓ James Elmer Sparkman, 9, and brothers and sister, Paul Edwin, 6; Bobby Everett, 7 months, and Thelma Lee, 4.

✓ Mrs. Minerva Boggess, 77.

✓ Albert Porter, 46, and wife, 45. ✓ Mrs. Minnie Carter, 38, and son, Junior Bays, 11.

✓ Mrs. Canna Amburgey, 46, and two daughters, 8 and 14.

✓ Mrs. Emma Tolliver, 77.

✓ Mrs. Lula Mae Perry Collins, 32, and daughter, Maggie Frances, 12.

✓ Miss Sylvia Lee Perry, 16, sister of Mrs. Collins.

✓ Mrs. Walter McRoberts, 24, a widow, and daughter-in-law, Ruby McRoberts, 22, and son, Harrison McRoberts, Jr.

## FUNERAL SERVICES ARE HELD FOR 25

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Maggie Frances, and Mrs. Collins sister, Miss Sylvia Lee Perry, were buried at Clearfield Friday morning. Funeral services took place at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Minerva Boggess was taken to Harrison county after a short funeral service at the Lane funeral home. A more extended service will be held in her home

## City Water Safe For Human Consumption

Dr. T. A. E. Evans, county health doctor, issued a statement yesterday that the Morehead city water is now safe to drink. The cloudiness of the city water is due to rust and deposits in the mains and reservoir, he said.

All well, cistern and spring water in flooded area should, however, be boiled before drinking.

He advises everyone to take typhoid immunization. Local physicians or the health department, which is located temporarily in

## CRACKERBARREL COMMENTS . . .

By Woody Hinton

Thru tear dimmed eyes I will try and write this column.

I can't express the horrors and the living Hell we have been thru in the past few days.

As a rule I have always tried to have a smile in this column, but if you are looking for a smile this week you will be disappointed.

We are all foot-sore and weary, but we are going thru. We are going to have a bigger and better Morehead. It will take time and patience, and plenty of hard work but we have it and we are coming thru.

I have seen people cry, men past middle age that you would think could not cry. In just a few short hours they had lost all that they had struggled for in life. I had one man help me rescue some folks, forgetting his own place of business, after we have saved the folks he said,

"Woody, there it is. I have slaved twenty years for, what you now see. There is my life's savings of twenty-five thousand dollars gone. I am not a drinking man but for goodness sake get me a drink. All I have left is my friends, and thank God I still have friends."

I waded in water to my place of business with the water under my arms and I came out crying, but when I saw what happened to my friends, like Roscoe Hutchinson, Curt, Frank Havens, Noah Hall, Harve Alfrey, Sam Allen and numerous others, besides the people that were drowned, I was only too glad to take my loss and do what I could to help the others.

I want to thank the folks who are helping us from Maysville, Flemingsburg, Owingsville, Ashland, Greenup and all the others. May God bless them, and we pray that we never have to experience anything like this again, or that you may never have to go thru anything like this. To the friends and relatives of the drowned and missing you have my sympathy from the bottom of my heart. I want to thank you all that are helping to feed and clothe the unfortunate.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Caudill and son, Charles Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Randall spent Sunday at Stanton with Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Caudill.

Miss Amy Irene Moore, Miss Rebecca Thompson, Mrs. Sam Bradley, and Mrs. Pearl Cooksey were guests of Miss Edna Neal at her home in Wilmore for the week-end.

Miss Annetta Lee Sandman from Cincinnati is visiting her niece, Mrs. Robert Braden.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson and children, Nellie and Albert, from Charleston, Illinois, are guests of Mrs. Otto Carr. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Carr, Mabel and Walter Carr, and their guests, visited Mrs. Tom Denise of Dan, Kentucky, on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Wheeler visited Mr. Joe Wheeler Sunday at Grayson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ledford of Mt. Sterling were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young on the Fourth. Mrs. Ledford remained for a week's visit.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eward Steiner on the Fourth were her uncle.

Dr. G. C. Nickell was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, Lexington, Thursday for an appendicitis operation.

Alpha Phi Omega, national fraternity, has donated a stone fire-place to the University of Wichita.

## TRIMBLE

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THURSDAY — FRIDAY

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— SATURDAY —

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SUNDAY — MONDAY

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John Wayne — Claire Trevor

— TUESDAY —

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John Howard — Gail Patrick

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with the community because of the calamity which it had experienced and that the Red Cross will remain in the vicinity until all relief work has been completed.

George H. Goodman, state WPA director, said in a newspaper dispatch that \$25,000 had been received "from Washington" to be applied on WPA labor in the flood area. More money will be requested he said. The amount asked for will be based on a report which is now being made by men investigating the situation.

W. F. Gardner, district manager, Standard Oil Company, Louisville, sent N. E. Kennard, his

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Rube, Myrtle, Paul, Hobart and Billy Conley; Noah, Junior, Noah Mae, Helen Bays, Eugene and Hazel Carter; Mabel Croswaite, Margaret Cooper, Jason, Ethel, Brown Motor Co., restaurants, Roscoe Hutchinson, The Bargain Store, The Regal Store, The Golden Rule Store and Johnson's Barber Shop.

County Agent Goff estimated that 900 out of 1,100 Rowan county farm homes were wrecked or damaged. The biggest loss was from erosion, he said.

Forty per cent of the tobacco crop or 350 acres, valued at \$50,000 or more, was destroyed, according to Goff's estimate, and 200 head of livestock, five to seven thousand acres of corn, three or four thousand chickens, three thousand acres of hay crop, 40,000 rods of fence and other crops and equipment.

**Mrs. Tolliver Buried Friday**  
Last rites for Mrs. Emma Tolliver were held at the Saints church at 10 o'clock Friday morning. Burial took place at Caudill cemetery.

Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Carter and son, Junior Bays, were held in Waltz Friday. Burial at Sardis cemetery.

Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Roberts, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Walter McRoberts and son, Harrison, were held at 2 p. m. Friday near Cranston.

Services for Mrs. Canna Amburgey and two daughters may be held Saturday, according to one report.

## THIS WEEK FOUR YEARS AGO

Hon. D. C. Caudill, Morehead banker, announced as a candidate for State Senator.

Mrs. S. B. Huston, well-known resident of Soldier, died at her home there.

George Dewey Downing, Jr. underwent an operation for the removal of his tonsils and adenoids.

Raymond Hargis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Len Hargis, was seriously injured when struck by an automobile.

A month's speaking tour opened in Rowan county in the interests of Hon. Thomas S. Rhea, for governor.

the public school building, are prepared to administer this preventative treatment.

## Former Morehead Highway Worker Meets Death

James C. Alexander, 64, Flemingsburg, was injured fatally and three fellow workers, all of Fleming county, were hurt when a state-owned truck in which they were enroute to work overturned Monday morning on a curve four and a half miles east of Grayson, Carter county, on the Flemingsburg-Grayson road.

Alexander died of internal injuries in a Grayson hospital an hour after the accident, which occurred about 8 o'clock.

Mr. Alexander, while an employee of the Highway Department, was located in Morehead numerous times and is well known here.

## Ashland Hatchery Has 125,000 Bass To Release Soon

The state-owned fish and quail hatchery at Ashland is now holding 125,000 large-omuth "fry" bass in fourteen of its rearing pools, Major James Brown, Director of the Division of Game and Fish, announced yesterday.

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## Bath County Man

### Winner Of Legion Car

Lacy Parks, of Olympia, Bath county, was awarded the automobile which was given away by the American Legion at the Fourth of July celebration here. Parks held two tickets which cost him fifty cents. The automobile, a Chevrolet sedan, is valued at around \$700.

WEDNESDAY —  
"Invitation To Happiness"  
Irene Dunn — Fred McMurray

THURSDAY — FRIDAY  
"Captain Fury"  
Brian Aherne —  
Victor McLaglen

TABB PROGRAM  
— SATURDAY —  
"Calle of the Prairie"  
Serial and Shorts

— SUNDAY —  
"Unmarried"  
Buck Jones —  
Helen Twelvetrees

# TRAIL THEATRE

— SATURDAY —  
Double Feature  
"GUNS IN THE DARK"  
and  
"THREE OF A KIND"  
Serial and Comedy

SUNDAY AND MONDAY  
KAY FRANCIS  
in  
"MY BILL"  
Selected Shorts

— TUESDAY —  
KEN MAYNARD  
in  
"SMOKING GUNS"  
Serial and Comedy

— WEDNESDAY —  
"SECRET SERVICE OF THE AIR"  
starring  
RONALD REGAN and ILA RHODES

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY  
"LITTLE MISS THOROBRED"  
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