

# Tornado Death Toll Now 142

## Hospitals Treat Hundreds Of Injured; Relief Agencies Aid The Homeless

Pittsburgh, June 24.—Weary rescue forces searched for more victims today in the ruins left by a great storm which devastated parts of southwest Pennsylvania and West Virginia, taking a toll of 142 lives and injuring hundreds.

Almost hourly reports from villages and towns hit by the tornado, which traveled a narrow twisting path from McKeesport, Pa., near Pittsburgh, nearly 100 miles south to Shinnston, W. Va., brought grim details of more deaths and destruction.

The huge job of relief was under way by federal and state agencies while many injured victims lay in hospitals and homeless hundreds wandered through the streets of wrecked communities, many of them looking for friends or relatives who might have been killed.

Latest reports showed 101 killed in West Virginia, 35 in Pennsylvania and three in Maryland just across the line from west Virginia.

**Entire Families**  
Some families were wiped out. Many of the victims were sleeping in tents. Hospitals and improvised receiving stations were swamped with the injured, some of whom died during the day. Other scores were reported missing. Many dead were unidentified. Wrecked communications and clogged roads kept some communities from reporting their casualties for hours.

Dwellings, farm buildings and other structures by the hundreds were demolished, littering streets and highways with wreckage. The twister, of only brief duration, lifted houses from their foundations and smashed them to bits, uprooted trees and tossed them crazily about.

Red Cross units, equipped with food, blankets and medical supplies, were dispatched to the paralyzed areas. Soldiers and civilian defense workers worked alongside police, firemen and other rescuers.

**Smashes Shinnston**  
The storm lashed out hardest against little Shinnston, a coal mining community of 2,800 near Clarksburg, W. Va., where 58 were reported killed, and took its heaviest Pennsylvania toll around Chartiers and Clarksville, 40 miles south of Pittsburgh, and at other communities within 20 miles of Pittsburgh.

Official United States government weather observers admitted that they were puzzled by the freakish pattern of the storm. They said preliminary studies indicated there might have been at least a dozen different storms, each striking compact areas with-

in a relatively few minutes of each other.

In addition to the single tornado which left the greatest destruction in its wake, scattered storms were reported over Wellsburg, W. Va., in the vicinity of Cumberland, Md., and around Ravenna, O., near Akron.

### IN MEMORY OF MRS. H. D. WESTER

On Saturday evening, June 3, 1944, the death angel came into the home of Mr. Howell D. Wester and carried away the frail body of his devoted wife, Mrs. Kate Wester. Aunt Kate, as she was known by her many friends, had been in poor health for nearly two years, yet she bore her sufferings as a worthy and faithful Christian.

At an early age, Aunt Kate joined herself to the Maple Springs Baptist Church, and later moved her membership to the Hickory Rock Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until her death. She considered that her supreme duty lay in serving her church and her God, and then in serving her neighbors and her immediate family. She was a devoted wife and a loving mother. Her smiles of encouragement and her living example of the Christ-like life was an aid and an inspiration to all who knew her—and this influence will never die.

Besides her husband, Aunt Kate leaves to mourn her going three children: Mrs. J. M. Bartholomew, Mrs. J. A. Mitchell, and Mr. A. T. Wester; one sister Mrs. H. C. Swanson; two brothers Mr. J. L. Wester and Mr. C. E. Wester; five grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. D. Chapman, of Wake Forest, and burial followed in the family cemetery. The pallbearers were nephews and friends of the deceased: Messrs. Forest, George Willie, Junius, Rufus and Bennie Wester, and Herman Williams. The flower girls were grandchildren and friends. The floral tribute spoke the deep love for the deceased and the esteem in which she was held. "Beauty above the grave, and underneath—As God takes home His own."

Dinitro dust is being successfully used in the fight against the chinch bugs, most prevalent in Pitt and Mecklenburg counties.

# THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

Looking a gift horse in the mouth is maybe not so super-polite, but it is good horse sense.

Otherwise, before you get him home he might be the kind that would cave in on you and you would just have acquired yourself some burial expenses. It is just about as likely when the Govt. offers to give to some town or community a nice power house or dam on some river or creek, for 10 cents on the dollar, or free, and the town or community takes it because it looks like a bargain.

Nothing is a bargain if you don't need it, like a 100 dollar set of books on veterinary science is no good at 6 bits to a guy with no horse, or a farmer buying a 15 dollar plug hat for 50 cents—he is just out 50 cents.

In the early days out in the shorthorn country, the natives would now and then pick off a customer for a useless 100 acre ranch. And if the guy was a bit slow and not too alert, they would slip an extra 100 acres in on the deed. And when the tenderfoot woke up he just had for himself some more, and new, taxes and expenses. Many a gift horse has the heaves.

Yours with the low down,  
JO SERRA.

### RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS

In keeping with a new policy of furlough for overseas soldiers the following information is forwarded:

Virgil E. Ayscue Sgt. C.A.C. returning from 25 months overseas in the American Theater of Operations will arrive on approximately 17 June, 1944 at Fort Bragg, N. C., prior to reaching his home at 709 Kenmore Ave., Louisburg, N. C., where he will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Ayscue.

# SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By W. O. Lambeth

C. O. Renn of the Mapleville community used the District lime spreader last week to apply four tons of lime to a lespedeza field. This equipment is available to the cooperators of the Tar River Soil Conservation District for a small rental charge.

J. S. Collie of the Seven Paths community built thirty acres of terraces this past spring with a two-horse turning plow and a V Type Martin Terracer. "My terraces didn't break over during the heavy spring rains," said Mr. Collie, "because I had them built up right. I spent four days pulling them up and I didn't leave them until I knew that they were right." Mr. Collie firmly believes that if a terrace is staked out right in the beginning with the proper spacing and fall, and constructed according to specifications it will never give any trouble when the heavy rains come.

The folks around Youngsville

say that Tom Moss and Sandy Hill are keen rivals in the County Wide Corn Contest. They both used about the same amount of fertilizer and the same type of hybrid seed corn, in fact Sandy got his seed from Tom, and both planted the same day. So far they are running neck and neck with neither one having a decided advantage over the other. They each manage to visit the rival plot at least once a week to compare and see if one is ahead of the other. Mr. Tom says that he wishes Sandy had planted his acre on the road as it would have made it easier to get to; but then maybe he had a reason for planting it on the back side of his farm, no one would know it if he made a failure.

Complete soil conservation plans were made during the month of June on the following farms: Macy G. Brewer, Louisburg, Route 2; J. E. Perry, Jr., Louisburg, Route 4; L. H. Dickens, Louisburg, Route 2; Wm. W. Neal, Louisburg; J. F. Parrish (three farms), Louisburg, Route 3; and T. K. Allen, Louisburg, Route 3. Considerable interest is being shown in soil conservation work in the County at

### From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



## Fishing's a Morale Builder, too!

Willie Wells was always fond of fishing. Now he writes from somewhere overseas:

"There's a song the fellows sing, goes: 'Praise the Lord, we ain't a-goin' fishin'—and I guess it's so. But you know, dad, sometimes I sure wish I were back fishing for trout in Seward's Creek again.'"

And I guess that's the way all our soldiers feel. They're fighting a war—and they mean to fight it to a finish—till they can come home to the little pleasures that they've missed so

much—the sweet feel of a trout rod... a pleasant glass of beer with friends... the smell of Mom's fresh baking from the kitchen...

From where I sit, we folks at home have an important obligation—to keep intact the little things that they look forward to... from the trout rod waiting in the corner to the beer that's cooling in the ice box. Don't you agree?

Joe Marsh

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the present time. There are now on file in the Franklin County Work Unit Office of the Tar River District some sixty-five applications for assistance in conserving soil and water on Franklin County farms.

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