# Diane Drowns Delaware Valley



Camp Davis: They Survived-Others Didn't

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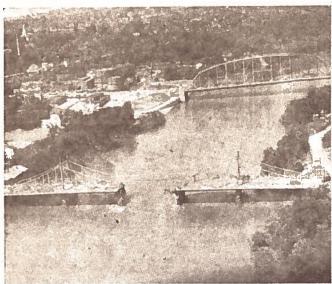
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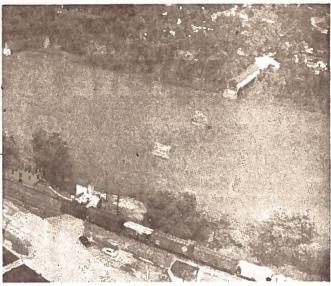
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#### Twin-City Link Is Broken



inder by the Delaware Valley's worst flood, the 60 year-old free bridge joining Northampton street in to Union Square in Philipsburg stands with wreckage of the bridge floor dangling in midstream. In the A photograph taken from an airplane is the epitaph for a lady whose life began during it of President Andrew Jackson, a horseman. Here the Delaware sweeps past what is Columbia covered bridge, started in 1831, completed in 1869, destroyed by the Delaware.

### Era Ends On The Delaware



# Stroudsburg Writer Describes Tragedy

Rescue Workers Marvel Left Comedy, At Woman Who Lost Son, Viewed Grim Girl, Mother, 3 Others Death Drama

West Paterson Woman Tells How Son. 5, Was Torn From Arms, Last Time She Saw Girl, 9; Helps Others To Identify Bodies

Rescue workers marveled today at the courage of st Paterson, N. J., woman who helped identify soon

Relatives; Giel, 11, Reveals Ordeal

#### City Water Pure. Minimum Use Is Still Essential

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Easton Express Staff Writer
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Shadow Over River Valley Governors Act

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# Death, Destruction Cast Express Urges Known Dead In Monroe 64; May Hit 100

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#### Dedication . . .

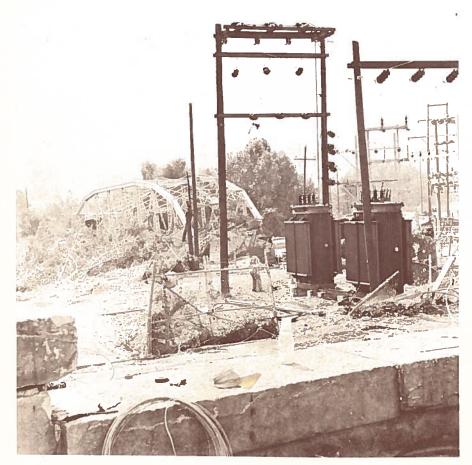
This pictorial record of the great flood disaster of August 1955 is dedicated to the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania and Northwestern New Jersey, whose courage, selflessness and magnificent human spirit came to the fore in time of tragedy.

—The Easton, Pa., Express

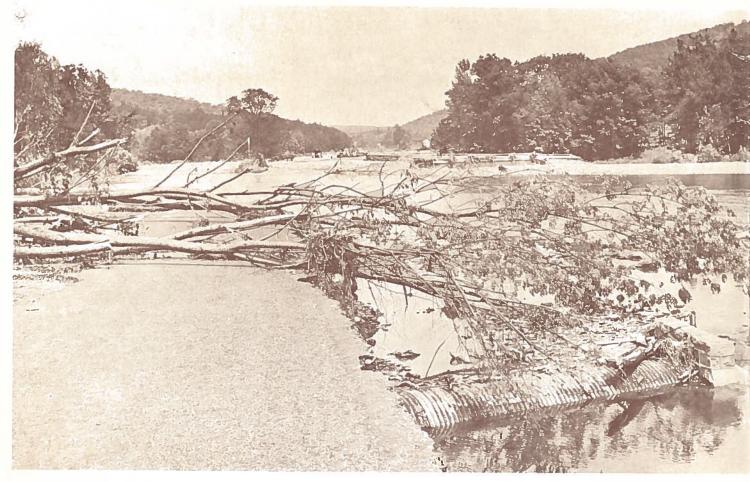
THE THIRD CASUALTY — Piers of the Byram-Point Pleasant bridge stand free of their burden of at Delaware River recedes. This picture was taken from New Jersey, looking from Hunterdon Count. County, Pa. The bridge was one of three carried away in whole or in part by the yielent Delaw.



WHILE AN ARMED NATIONAL GUARDSMAN looks on, a bulldozer clears away some of the flood debris in Stroudsburg as the community continues its mop-up operations in the wake of the flood. In background is a house carried off its foundations by the flood waters.



POWER FOR THE STRICKEN STROUDSBURGS is assured by installation of this new equipment at a site where a key highway bridge was battered downstream by Brodhead Creek.



ONCE THERE WAS BEAUTY, NOW DESOLATION along debrislittered Route 90 North of East Stroudsburg in the Pocono Mountains. At the foot of this highway lay Camp Davis, until Brodhead Creek, parallelling the road, was driven to fury by Hurricane Diane on August 18, 1955. Nearly 40 lost their lives when the camp was wiped out.

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A LIFELINE IS CUT between Easton, Pa., and Phillipsburg, N. J., as the raging flood hammers a great gap from the Delaware River free bridge.

## Diane—Pretty Name For A Demon

Connie had come and gone, and as hurricanes go, she was a jaded old girl, causing hardly a stir in Northeastern Pennsylvania and Western New Jersey.

From a highly-publicized, closely-tracked killer, Connie turned into a coquette, but one hardly calculated to set any hearts to fluttering.

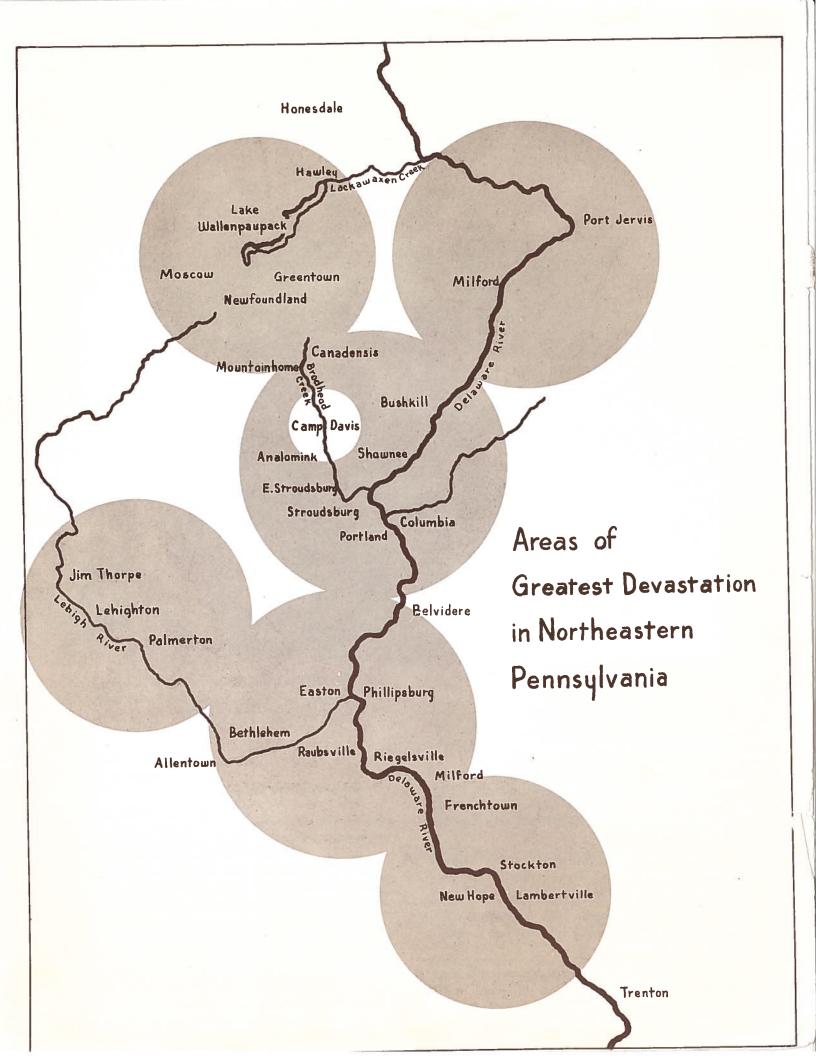
Then, half-heartedly, she flipped her wet skirts and flounced across the border into Canada, where she expired.

But as Connie splashed and puffed to a halt in the scrubby wilderness of the North, her younger sister's birth squall was heard on the commodious bosom of the Atlantic. In accord with the United States Weather Bureau's policy of naming hurricanes after women, Connie's sister was christened Diane by the meteorologists.

For days Diane milled and splashed and churned on a laggard and erratic Northwesterly course, trying to attract the public attention solicited by her late and unlamented sister.

Then she slammed inshore near Wilmington, N. C., at about the same place Connie made her destructive debut.

But Diane, in contrast to Connie, was just a sometime thing. And when she sputtered into the Upper Delaware Valley her force, said the



U. S. weathermen, was gone.

Diane, they said, had turned into a "well-behaved" hurricane. Perhaps this affront is what caused Diane to burst into tears—the salty tears she had gathered along her seaborne course.

But the hills and streams of the Upper Delaware Valley, still soaked by the watery backlash of Connie, could absorb no more.

Roaring in protest against this new burden of water, the streams lashed out at the sodden land.

Brodhead, Pocono, Sciota, Bushkill, and McMichaels Creeks, and other picturesque and normally placid mountain streams with romantic names, like Paulins Kill, the Lackawaxen, the



PROOF IT WAS THE WORST flood in history shown at Easton. Old brass plaque shows 1903 mark. New mark's 83-inches higher.

Lackawanna, the Pequest, the Equinunk, the Lehigh—all tributaries of the storied Delaware—leaped from their beds and began a homicidal rampage down the greenclad valleys.

This was on Thursday, August 18, 1955.

Not until late in the following day, August 19, had the deluge run its devastating course.

On Saturday morning, August 20, 1955, the sun rose bleakly over the Pocono Mountains and the high flanks of the Delaware Valley.

Its feeble yellow rays fell on an unparalleled picture of carnage and death, stretching from Port Jervis, N. Y., to Trenton, N. J. It was a scene that would have taken the brush of a Dore, the master painter of Noah's flood, to portray.

Stunned and bone-tired thousands stumbled through the litter of their wrecked homes, businesses and industries. Churches, schools and other public places in the highlands were crowded by living refugees of the deluge—or became temporary morgues for the pitiful remnants of those who died.

Surviving kin of the dead picked their way through the aisles of the morgues, seeking what they hoped they would not find.

At the end of the first week, the death toll was still not fully known.

Brodhead Creek had hammered down through the Poconos at express-train speed, uprooting houses and hurling them at houses, brandishing bridges as battering rams to smash the bridges downstream.

The berserk stream found Camp Davis, run by a retired Baptist minister from New York, squarely athwart its path about five miles north of East Stroudsburg.

At the camp were 46 people, mothers and their children, from all over the East. The hapless camp was engulfed. The bodies of 26 women and children swept to death were recovered and identified. At the end of a week, 11 campers were still missing. The nine who survived told a story of tragedy and terror.

Throughout Monroe and Pike counties, where the cold hand of death was most heavily felt, the search for bodies was still going on a week after the flood.

The official toll stood near 70, and officials feared it would continue to rise. Many of the dead, buried under new land conformations made by the rampaging streams, were never to be found.



IN TEMPORARY MORGUE set up in Lanterman Funeral Home, East Stroudsburg, grim task of identifying victims goes on. At left an infant's body lies next to an adult's.

Whole communities and parts of communities along the Delaware and its tributaries had been wiped out. Probably the most heavily-concentrated loss in property was felt at the Forks of the Delaware—the confluence of the Lehigh and Delaware Rivers at Easton, Pa., and Phillipsburg, N. J.—where more than 80,000 people are crowded in the narrow valleys, right down to the rivers' edge.

In Easton alone, preliminary estimates of the property damage totalled in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000.

Twenty bridges were smashed in Monroe County. Throughout the Upper Delaware Valley the deluge swept away spans, roads and railroad trestles, cut off power and communications, isolated stricken towns and cities.

Marine, Navy and commercial helicopters shuttled through the air like hornets, rescuing the living, ferrying the dead, moving food and clothing into the cut-off areas.

In Easton the 60-year-old Northampton street free bridge to Phillipsburg (the bridge carried 9 million vehicles between the two states in 1954), for nearly an entire day withstood the battering of debris plunging south on the Delaware's crest at speeds up to 60 miles an hour. Then its tired steel girders gave way, and the last free interstate link for 25 miles was broken.

Throughout the wounded valleys grim-faced National Guardsmen began rolling in aboard roaring truck convoys, to maintain order, guard against looting, and act as traffic control units in areas where most roads led to nowhere because of the flood. Martial law was declared in the Stroudsburgs. Civil defense organizations stepped in to meet their first real test of crisis, and performed magnificently.

The Red Cross set up its food and shelter stations to care for the homeless and needy, and began taking applications for assistance from the flood sufferers. The Salvation Army and other similar organizations stepped up their mercy work.

Bulldozers began slamming into the debris where once stood communities; volunteer labor

battalions moved into action. The back-breaking job of "Operation Mop-up" had gotten underway.

Perhaps the great and unquenchable spirit of the people was best characterized by residents of the little community of Carpentersville, N. J., almost destroyed by the flood.

Shaking off the shock of disaster, they surveyed the twisted and splintered wreckage of their village.

Then they said:

"We'll build a bigger and better Carpenters-ville!"

When President Eisenhower completed his aerial survey of the stricken areas, and had conferred with the governors of the afflicted states; when the government assessors of property damage moved in, a preliminary estimate of the loss was made: One billion, six hundred million dol-

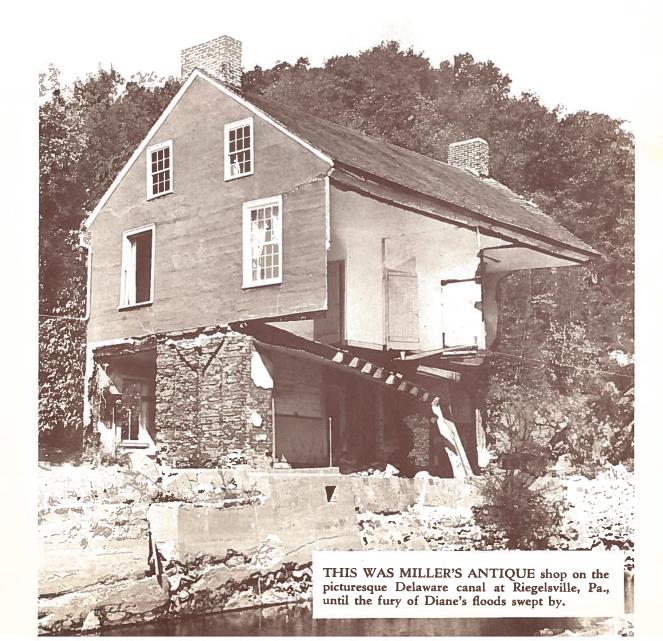
lars in Northeastern Pennsylvania alone.

It was bound to go down as the greatest disaster ever to hit the Northeastern United States—certainly the greatest catastrophe ever to occur in the Delaware Valley.

One great lesson came out of the chaos—the need for flood control measures. Congressmen, state representatives, local and municipal leaders publicly pledged their efforts to effect a system of flood prevention dams and reservoirs in the Delaware and Lehigh Valleys.

The full story of the courage and selflessness of the people in the great flood of August 1955 cannot be told in this short written summary of the disaster, prepared as residents of the river valleys began rebuilding their shattered lives and their demolished communities.

The pictorial coverage in the pages that follow tells the story in fuller detail—the story of Diane, a pretty name for a demon.





A PAPER MILL, A HIGH-WAY BRIDGE and a railroad track are wrecked by rampaging Brodhead Creek near Minisink Hills.



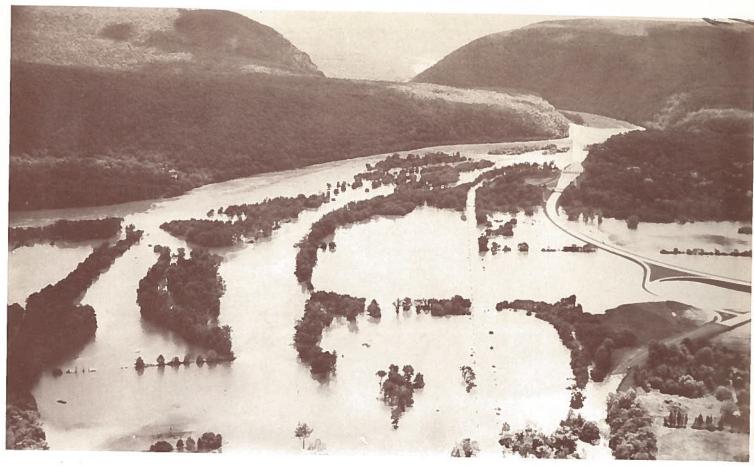
DANIEL HECKMAN, 14 MONTHS, gets an anti-typhoid injection at Stroudsburg from Dr. Fred Munson. Other survivors wait their turn.



A WOMAN AND HER DOG are rescued from a flooded home at Easton, Pa.

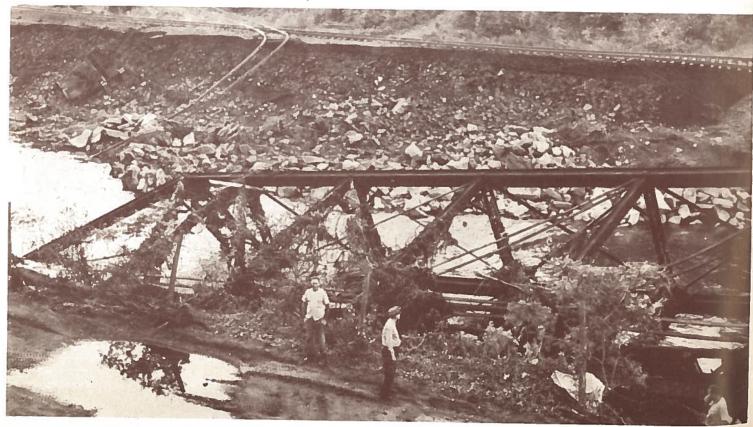






HIGHWAYS AND LOWLANDS in the historic Delaware Water Gap lie under water. This photo was taken from the north. The new toll bridge is in the right background.

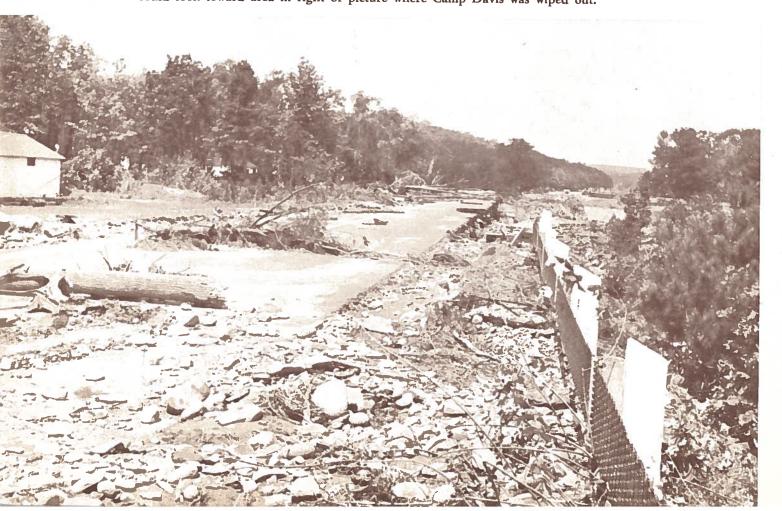
A LACKAWANNA RAILROAD BRIDGE at Scranton is flung into the Lackawanna River by the flood's fury.

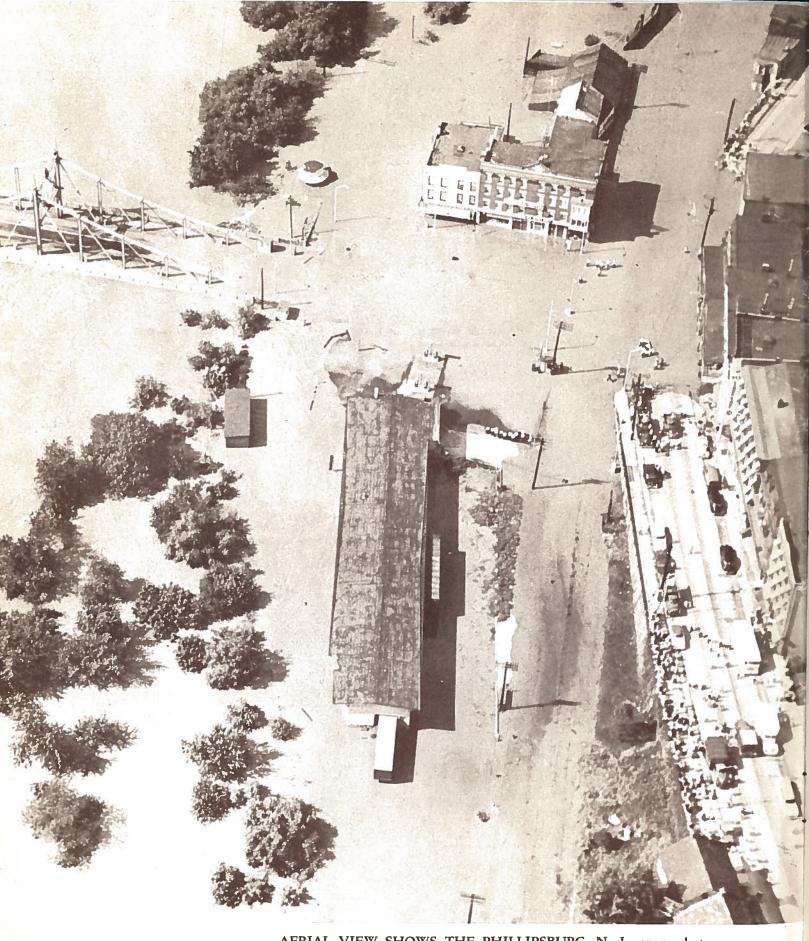




TWO ROADSTANDS STOOD on this site along Delaware at Manunka Chunk, N. J. Roadstands, known as the King Cole stop, were operated by Oscar G. Smith. Stands are next to Ivan Sanderson's Jungle Zoo, also destroyed.

NEAR PENNBROOK CAMP along Route 90 in Monroe County where campers could look toward area in right of picture where Camp Davis was wiped out.





AERIAL VIEW SHOWS THE PHILLIPSBURG, N. J., approach to Northampton street bridge and Pennsylvania Railroad tracks after the Delaware had risen to cover them.



WHIRLYBIRD ON A MERCY MISSION takes time out to get some gas before setting out on another flight in the stricken Stroudsburgs. The ungainly helicopter performed Herculean service in the disaster, rescuing the stranded, airlifting the dead, moving food and supplies into isolated areas.

WHAT'S LEFT of a house stares vacantly at the Delaware on Route 611, between Raubsville and Riegelsville, Pa.

IT WAS BOAT TRAVEL only when this picture was taken on Friday in the business district of Belvidere, the Warren County, N. J. seat.

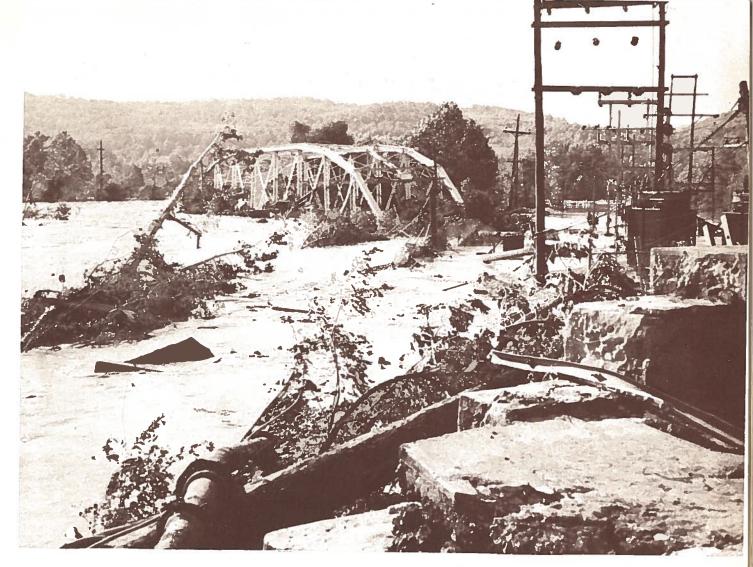








THE WORLD'S FASTEST CAR WASH, the sign said, and indeed it was! Upper photo shows the Easton auto wash service when the Delaware River flood was at its 43-foot peak; bottom photo shows only foundation remaining after the deluge.





BRODHEAD CREEK SPREADS ITS AWFUL DESTRUCTION in the Stroudsburgs, smashing away a bridge as though it were matchsticks. More than 20 bridges were swept away in Monroe County, Pa., alone as floods following in the train of Hurricane Diane hammered down from the hills still sodden with the rain carried inland by Hurricane Connie a week before Diane swept inland from the Atlantic.

AN AMPHIBIOUS JEEP takes to flooded Bushkill Creek at Easton, Pa., to rescue scores of citizens in low-lying areas from their homes and stores. Wayne Frick, a Forks Township police officer pilots the land-water buggy.



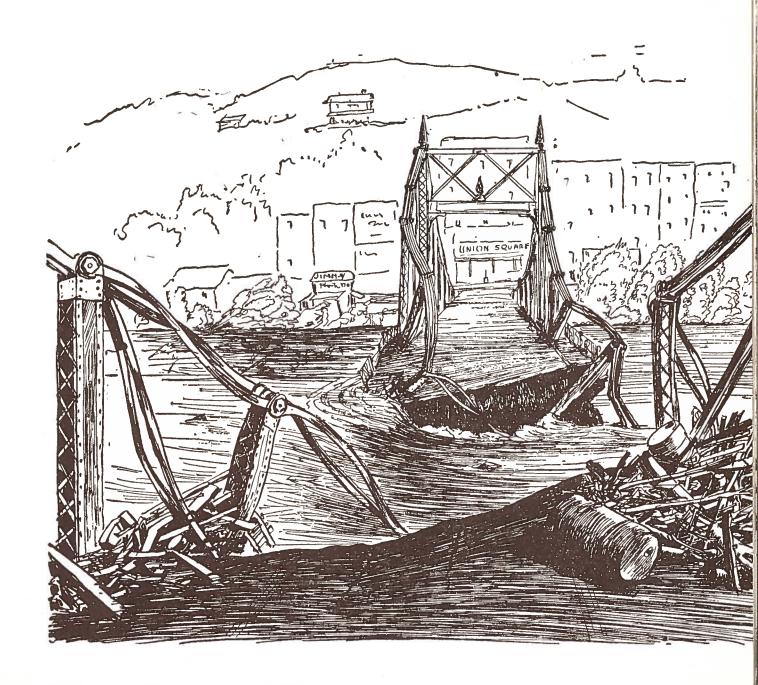
AUTOS, TRUCKS ARE RAVAGED by Brodhead Creek in the Minisink Hills sector of the Pocono Mountains. This area was completely isolated for five days by the Delaware River and Brodhead Creek.

ONE OF THE LAST TO MAKE IT across a rising stream in Monroe County is guided across by a Civil Defense worker.

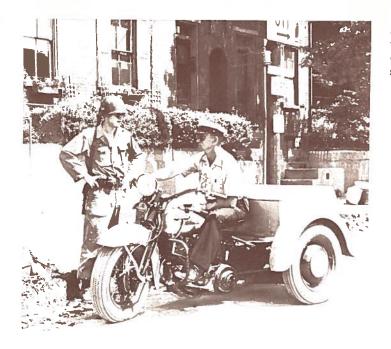


# Devastation At The Delaware's Forks

At the Forks of the Delaware—the historic junction of the Lehigh and Delaware Rivers—some 80,000 residents of the Phillipsburg, N. J., Easton, Pa., district read and heard weather reports and relaxed. "Diane," said one report from the U. S. Weather Bureau, "became a well-behaved hurricane today." That report appeared on the front page of the August 18, edition of The Easton Express. At noon on August 19, the people at the Fork of the Delaware had a rather valid reason to believe that the Weather Bureau was wrong. The Delaware River by then had surpassed the 33-foot stage above normal level, highest in history, and had nine more hours to wreak destruction before the predicted crest. It rose to an unprecedented 43 feet. Businesses were smashed. Homes were lost. Power and communications lines were broken. Communities were isolated. When the waters receded weary citizens began counting the damage. Artist Joe DeThomas made the sketch below of the Northampton Street free bridge being smashed.







AN EASTON POLICEMAN confers with a Pennsylvania National Guardsman on the problem of security in the floodstricken areas of the community.



THE COTTAGE OF MR. AND MRS. WILLIS FOX along Route 611, just south of Mineral Springs Hotel, near Easton, was broken apart.



STRANDED TRUCK AND AUTOMOBILE drivers wade through deep water on the Easton approach to the Easton-Phillipsburg toll bridge.

NINE MILLION AUTOMOBILES crossed the Northampton Street free bridge between Easton, Pa. and Phillipsburg, N. J., in 1954. In August, 1955, Hurricane Diane and her very wet tail did this.



THE APTLY NAMED RIVERTON HOTEL at the Pennsylvania end of the Belvidere-Riverton Bridge, rises from the spreading waters of the adjacent Delaware River.

READING MATTER? You'd get your shoes muddy trying to get it at this stage of clean-up operations at Hotel Terminal, Easton.

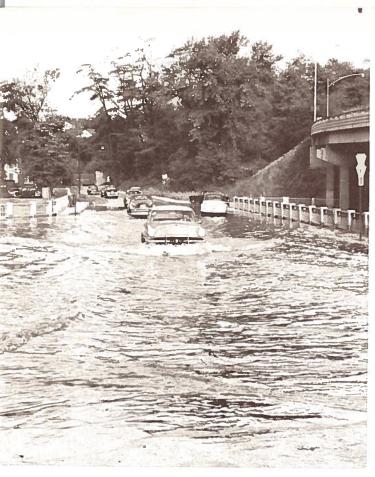




EVERYBODY OUT, including pups. Here Easton Fire Chief George Keller makes one of many rescues.

THE MUDDY LEHIGH RIVER swirls under the South Third street bridge in Easton, as its cargo piles up and stops.

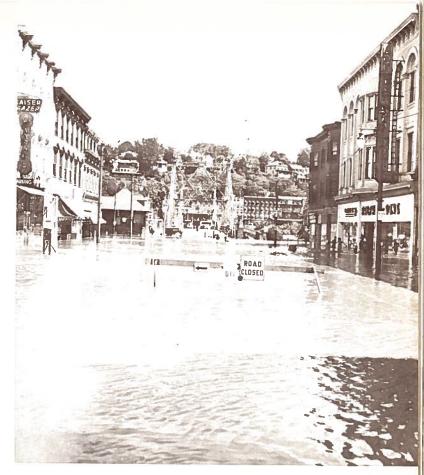




TRAFFIC PLOWS THROUGH DEEP WATER on the bridge spanning Bushkill Creek at the junction of Bushkill street, Pearl street, and Bushkill drive in Easton.

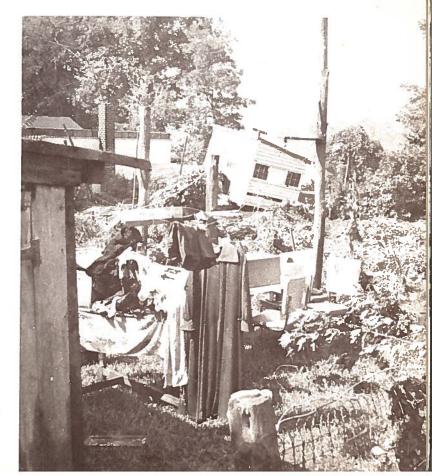
IN DOWNTOWN EASTON, just off South Third street, weary residents begin the work of restoration.





ROAD CLOSED? You bet it is! The mayhemminded Delaware River has seen to this at the foot of Northampton St., Easton, looking East across the free bridge to Phillipsburg, N. J.

BACK YARD AT BELVIDERE, N. J.—This is the garden behind a house on Depue street.





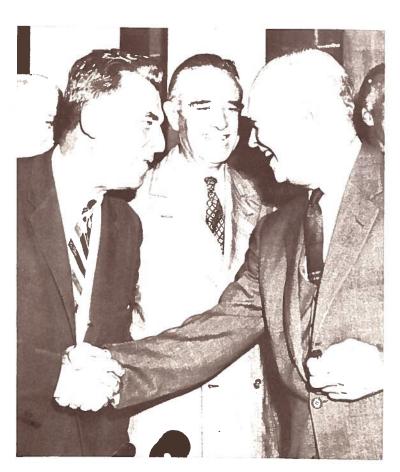
LOST: ONE SEVEN-FOOT CROCODILE! At this bend in Route 46 near Manunka Chunk, N. J., there lived a crocodile—along with other denizens of Ivan Sanderson's Jungle Zoo. Along came the watery backlash of Hurricane Diane, and Ivan Sanderson's crocodile went South with the crest of the Delaware flood.



BUSHKILL CREEK AND THE DELAWARE RIVER combined forces to create this scene along Bushkill drive near North Delaware drive in Easton.



NO WALKING IN THE PARK this day at Scott Park in Easton, where the Delaware and the Lehigh Rivers join forces.



AID PLEDGED FOR THE STRICKEN by New Jersey Gov. Robert B. Meyner of Phillipsburg and President Eisenhower. Gov. Averell Harriman of New York looks on with approval.



TELEPHONE LINES are restored on an emergency basis along Route 611 south of Easton.



CHIVALRY IS WET but not quite dead as man gets feet soaked by the Delaware River, lady stays high and dry in muscle-power evacuation from the flooded area of Northampton Street, Easton.

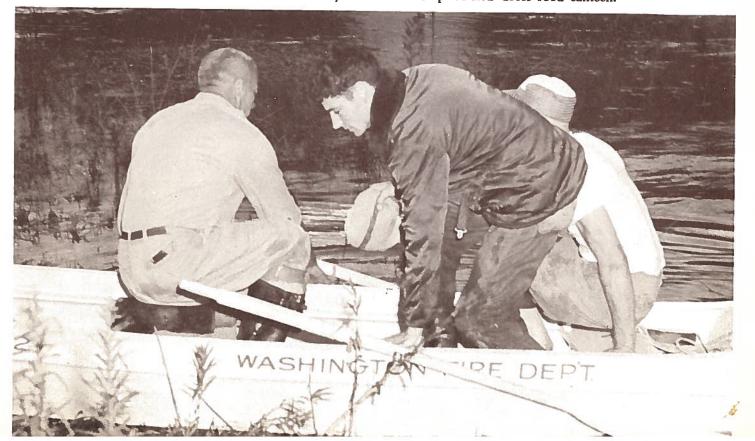


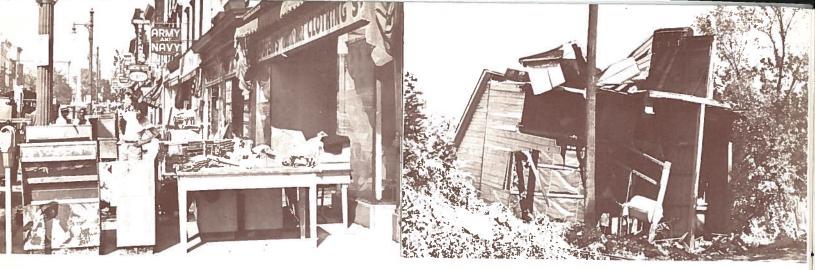
THIS WAS SOUTH THIRD STREET, EASTON, as the waters of the Lehigh returned to their banks.



S.O.S. IN NEW JERSEY, as Walter Howell stands marooned on the roof of his home in Pleasant Valley two miles West of Washington. Water from Pohatcong Creek, usually only a few feet wide, swelled to a width of 300 feet. And Howell is getting just a little hungry.

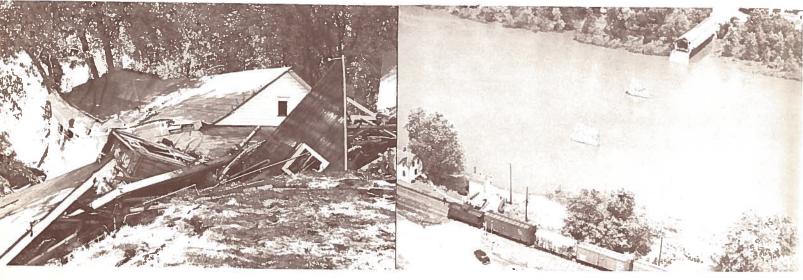
AFTER FIVE HOURS—RESCUE! Howell climbs into a Washington, N. J. Volunteer Fire Department rescue squad boat after spending five hours stranded on the roof of his Pleasant Valley home. Next stop: A Red Cross food canteen.





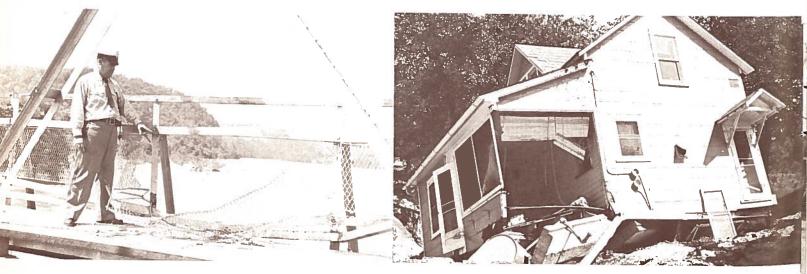
SIDEWALK BAZAAR OF NO VALUE on Lower Northampton street in Easton as a merchant cleans out his flood-damaged merchandise.

BOTTOMS UP AT CARPENTERSVILLE, N. J., as the Delaware River, tickled by Hurricane Diane, plays tricks with a summer cottage.



A CASUALTY OF THE JOINT FORCES of the Delaware River and the picturesque Delaware Canal near Raubsville, Pa.

MORE THAN 6,000 PERSONS (pedestrian traffic only) USED the historic old covered bridge between Portland, Pa., and Columbia, N. J., in 1954. Then Hurricane Diane sent billions of tons of water raging South through the Delaware Valley in August, 1955.



BRIDGE GUARD OF THE DELAWARE RIVER JOINT Toll Bridge Commission inspects a section of the free bridge at Belvidere, N. J., where the river's violence created damage.

AIN'T GONNA NEED THIS HOUSE NO LONGER, Ain't gonna need this house no mo'... at least not until the owner at Carpentersville, N. J., finds a way to get it back to the site where the Delaware River picked it up.



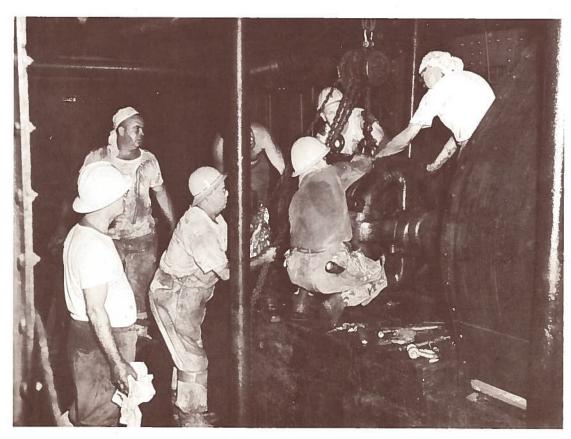
EARS AND CONTROL BRAIN of the stricken areas of Northampton County, Pa., is the Civil Defense message center at Northampton County Courthouse, Easton, under the watchful eye of Col. John Brubaker, county CD director.



HORATIUS NEVER BLOCKED A BRIDGE more effectively than these tons of upriver debris on the free bridge over the Delaware between Easton, Pa., and Phillipsburg, N. J. And if you got past the debris, you found a hundred-foot section ripped out of the center span by the flood.



THERE'S ENOUGH PI-ED TYPE in this wreckage of the Easton Printing Company at Easton to keep a printer's devil busy until the millenium—if the August, 1955 hurricane and flood can't be considered the millenium.



BEGRIMED, TIRED AND HUNGRY AFTER SLEEPLESS NIGHTS Metropolitan-Edison Company workmen sweat with a heavy generator motor so that the lights go on again all over Easton, its downtown business district blacked out for four days.



TWISTED STEEL RAILS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA railroad at Carpentersville, N. J., testify to the force of the Delaware River flood.



A HOUSE AT CARPEN-TERSVILLE tips crazily after the flood.



TO RESTORE COMMUNICATIONS between Easton, Pa., and Phillipsburg, N. J., Bell Telephone Co. workmen splice several thousand pairs of cable ripped away when the Northampton Street free bridge was torn in half by the furious Delaware.

ONE WAY TRAFFIC says the sign at Northampton and Front streets, Easton. But the Delaware River pays no heed to the laws of man, pounding south to sea through Easton, Pa.





CAUGHT IN THE DELA-WARE RIVER Narrows north of Easton, this bungalow was swept from its foundation by the flood.

GAUL WAS DIVIDED INTO THREE PARTS, and Harry Stryker's home just south of Raubsville, Pa., was divided into two—with one part set athwart State Route 611—by the Diane-incited Delaware River.





A HOUSE IS NOT A HOME, and neither is the splintered debris of this house along the Delaware River canal near Raubsville, Pa.

ONE AND ONE MAKE TWO, and two are entirely too many when the Delaware River uses its hurricane-fed force to combine two homes in one jumble of wreckage near Raubsville.





NEW JERSEY STATE TROOPER Frank Stettner was on duty protecting lives, carrying out his missions in the great flood when the Delaware River hammered down from the North to demolish his home at Carpentersville.

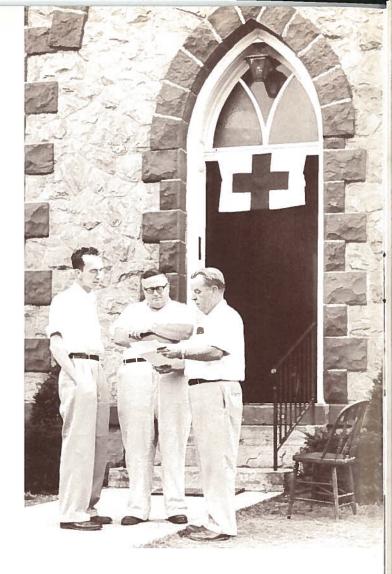


THE GAY VOICES OF DANCERS AND MUSIC once rang through Hap's Pavilion, in the lively resort community of Carpentersville, South of Phillipsburg, N. J. This, the Delaware flood left in its wake.



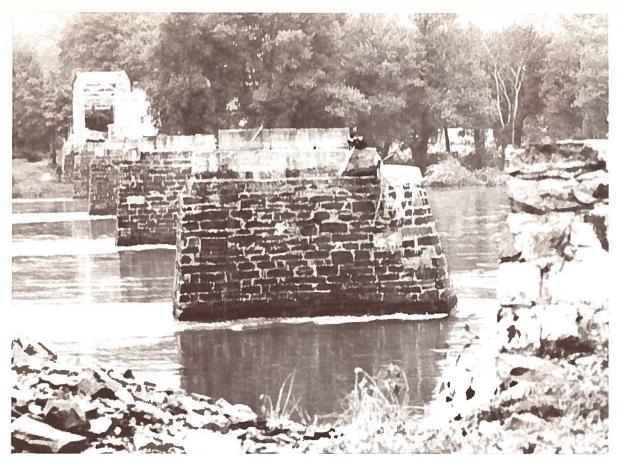
THE DELAWARE CANAL in foreground is, ironically, dry as occupants of a house at Raubsville clean-up. The Delaware is in background.

A CROSS OF MERCY graces the front of St. Peter's Church at Riegelsville, Pa., to tell flood sufferers that here may be found food, clothing and shelter.



A MAJOR PORTION OF THE COMMUNITY of Riegelsville, Pa., was devastated by the raging Delaware. Here citizens are served food in St. Peter's Church.





PIERS OF THE BYRAM, N. J., POINT PLEASANT, PA., BRIDGE stand free of their burden of steel as the Delaware River recedes. This picture was taken from New Jersey, looking from Hunterdon County, N. J., to Bucks County, Pa. The bridge was one of four carried away in whole or in part by the violent Delaware.



ZINNIAS IN THE FRONT LAWN of this home at Stockton, N. J., were succeeded by a shack washed down the Delaware River.



THE SECOND FLOOR AT the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Amoroso, North Delaware drive, Easton, is shown here tilted at nearly a 45-degree angle.



TWO QUARTS OF MILK LEFT at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Hess near St. Anthony's Nose along the Delaware near Easton give evidence that they have returned.



CIVIL DEFENSE WORKER, at right, looks over the devastation at "Paul's Place," along the Delaware above Hillendale, Pa.



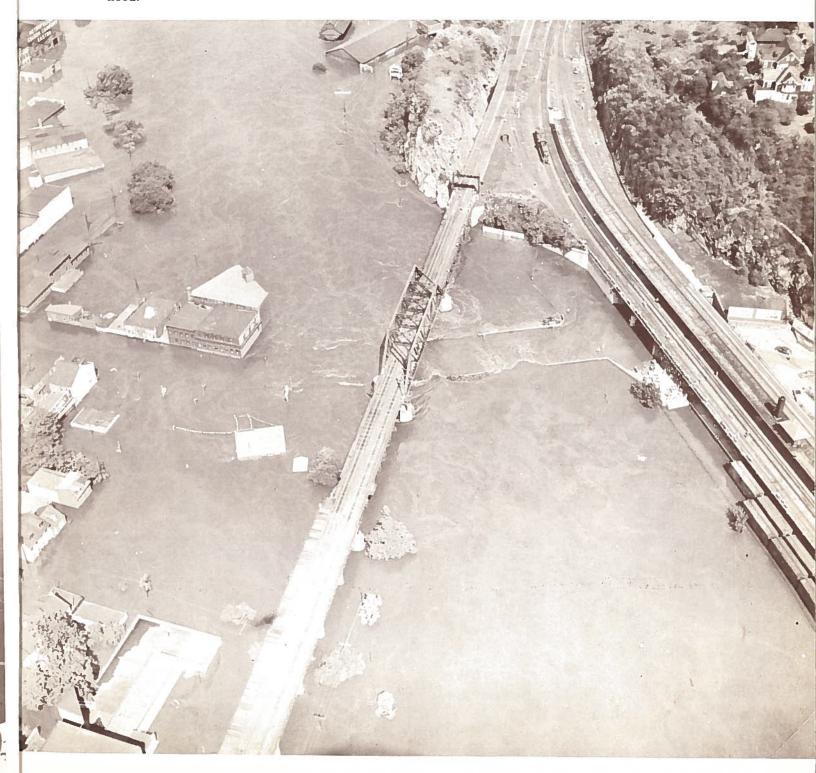
A COTTAGE is destroyed at Foul Rift, on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware.



SCORES DIED, AND THOUSANDS WERE MADE HOMELESS in Eastern Pennsylvania and Western New Jersey by the hurricane-fed floods. These refugees from the deluge were quartered in St. Mark's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Easton, Pa.



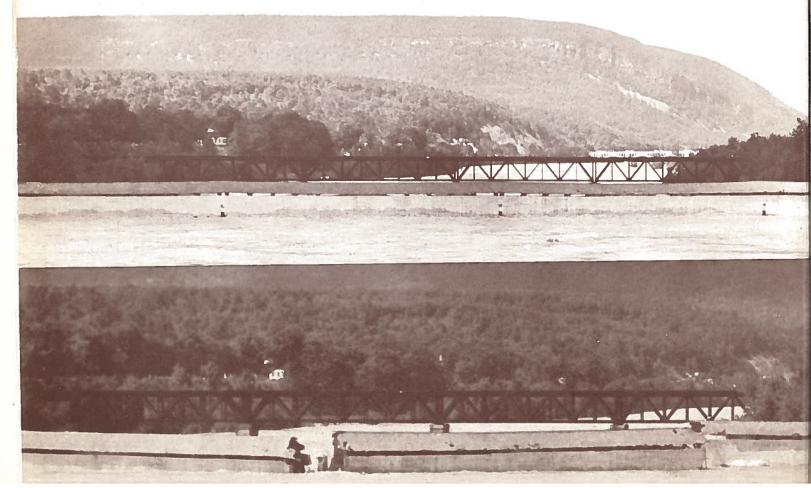
A RAILROAD BRIDGE AND THE SOUTH THIRD STREET highway span linking Easton, Pa., and South Easton, form a cross near the junction of the Lehigh and Delaware Rivers. But here the highway bridge has disappeared beneath the lake created by the flood.



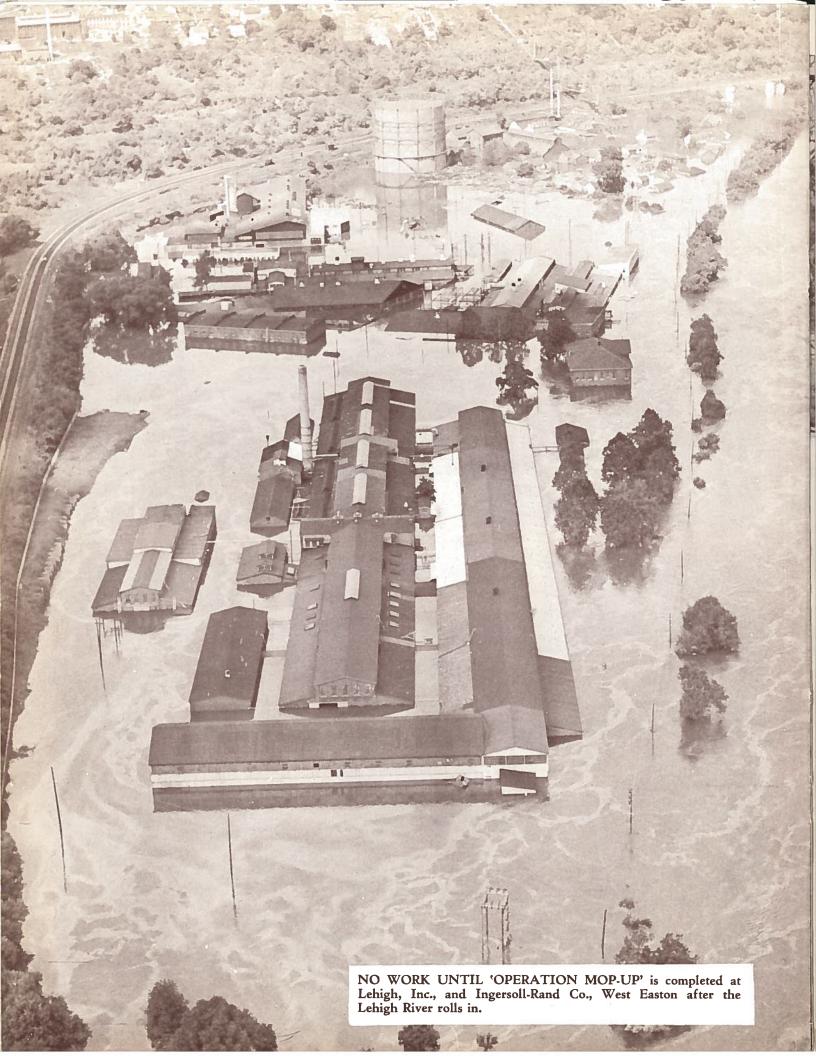
## ANCIENT LANDMARK DESTROYED

The Upper Delaware Valley was fiercely proud of the old covered bridge between Portland, Pa., and Columbia, N. J., one of the last of its kind in the East. The bridge was closed to vehicular traffic in December, 1954, when the new Portland-Columbia toll bridge was opened. In the photo, right, a horse and buggy is the last vehicle to travel across the historic structure, built in 1869. When Diane's floods raged down from the North on August 19, 1955, Al Nittle, a photographer from Bangor, Pa., was on hand to take these dramatic sequence pictures of the old covered bridge being hammered to kindling by the Delaware's fury.









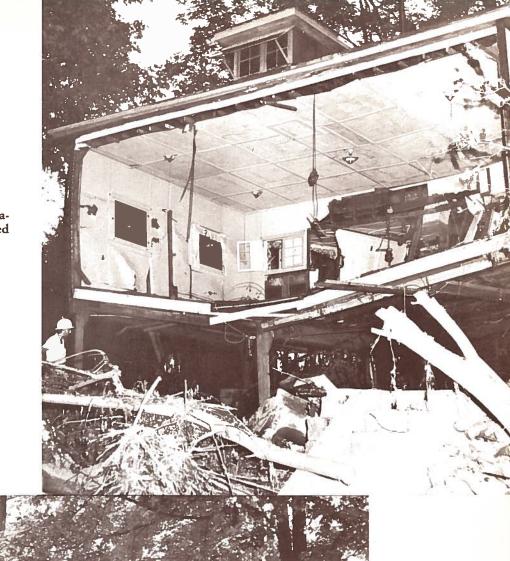


DELAWARE RIVER'S BRUTE FORCE IS attested in the twisted steel girders of the free bridge from Easton, Pa., to Phillipsburg, N. J.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR, even far-distant neighbors! These Mennonite women traveled from Blooming Glen-Perkasie, Pa., to the flood-stricken community of Riegelsville, Pa., in Bucks County, to offer their aid in the flood cleanup.

FOR THE HOMELESS, THE RED CROSS goes to work. A New Jersey chapter worker takes a disaster claim from a flood victim at Flemington.





AT FOUL RIFT, PA., along the Delaware, this summer cottage was stripped of a wall, tossed on its beam ends.



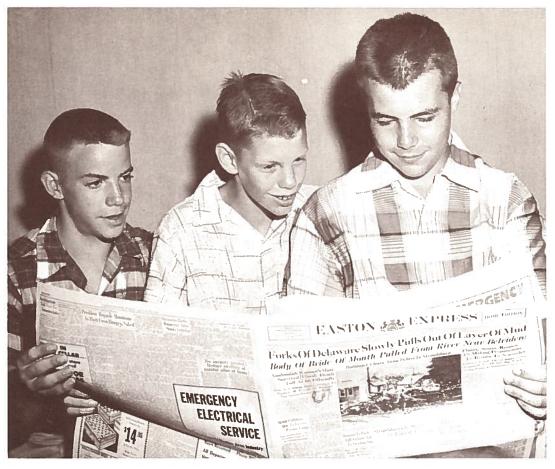
THE FLOOD CAUSED THESE BUNGALOWS to congregate along the Delaware. The place: Foul Rift, N. J.



LIGHT STANDARDS STAND IN WATER as the muddy Delaware swirls over its banks into Easton. Trees in Riverside Park, at right, stick out of the torrent. The Northampton street bridge and railroad spans are in the background to the left and Hotel Easton, to the right. Picture was taken from the Bushkill street bridge.

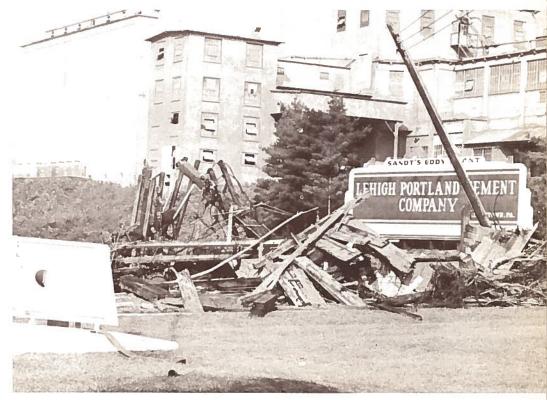
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CONTRACTOR'S EQUIPMENT at the site of the new city parking lot at North Front and Green streets, Easton.



EASTON BOYS READ ABOUT THE FLOOD after being evacuated from Camp Miller, near Shawnee, which was ravaged. Left to right, they are Sumner Huber, Jr., 14, Chestnut Ter.; Robert Young, 13, W. Lafayette St., and Charles Rufe, 12, Parker Ave.

TIMBER AND TREES WERE LEFT BEHIND on the lawn at Lehigh Portland Cement Co., near Easton, about 50 yards away from the Delaware River Bank, when the flood waters receded.





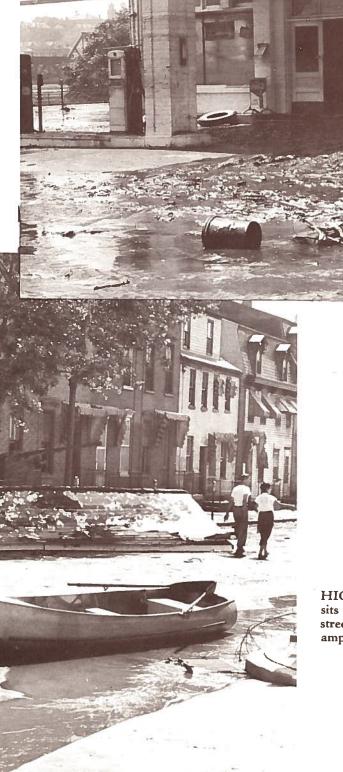
THIS WAS SOUTH THIRD—Looking south toward the railroad overpass, this was the scene on South Third street, near Washington street in Easton.



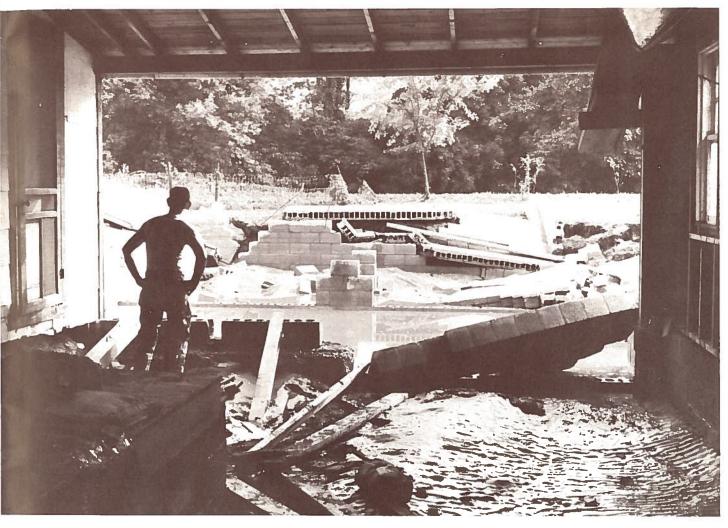
DRIVING BACK THE MUD—Wilson firemen at work with hoses in the Easton business district.



MUD OOZES ACROSS THE CONCRETE at the service station across from Scott Park in Easton.



HIGH AND DRY—A rowboat sits forlornly in South Front street, between Ferry and Northampton, Easton.

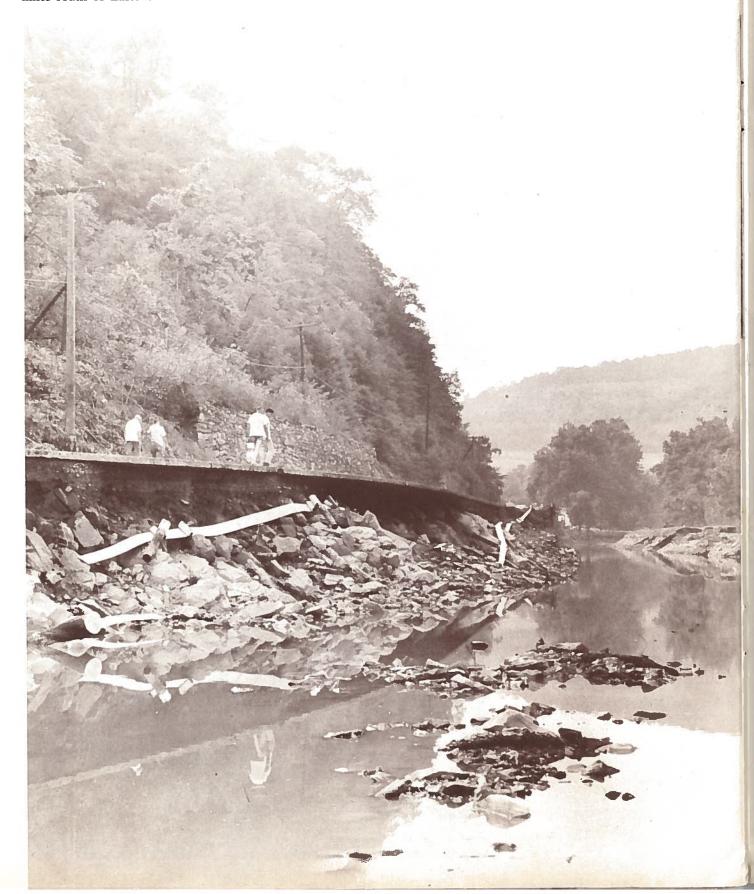


AT UPPER BLACK EDDY—Walter Zollinger surveys the addition he was building to his home along the Delaware.

DAMP BACK YARDS—Flood waters swirl around the backs of homes on South Front street, Easton, along the Delaware.



A MAIN NORTH-SOUTH TRAFFIC artery, Route 611 from Easton to Philadelphia, is undermined by the combined flood forces of the Delaware Canal and the Delaware River. This damage occurred about four miles south of Easton.





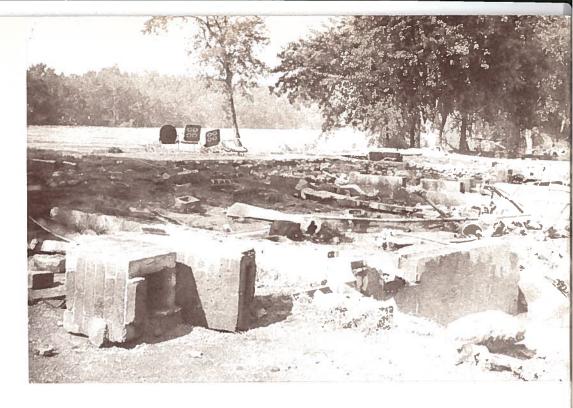
BARRELS, ROLLED OUT—After the flood, work begins in Hull's Court, Easton.

TO GET TO WORK, you wade, after when you get there—no work, at least not while Lehigh, Inc., is still under the river siege.



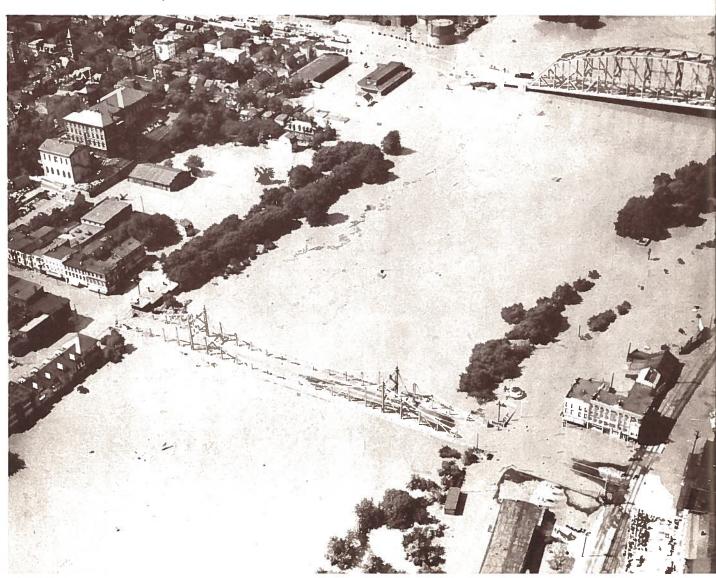


COP LENDS A HAND—Easton Patrolman Paul Kline helps get a flooded car moving again on South Third street.



THREE FORLORN DECK CHAIRS remain to mark the location of the summer colony of Hutchison, N. J., wiped out by the Delaware.

BRIDGES AWASH—This aerial view shows lower sections of Easton, to the left, and Phillipsburg, submerged. Most of the floor of the Northampton street bridge, in the center, and both of its approaches are covered. The Easton approach to the Bushkill street bridge, in the upper center, is flooded but the span itself is a few feet above the muddy tide.





AERIAL VIEW LOOKING EAST shows limited access Thruway running through flooded areas at juncture of Bushkill Creek and Delaware River at Easton. Thousands of vehicles piled up as Delaware blocked off Thruway's toll bridge approach.



EASTON CITY employes pile into the enormous task of cleaning up debris and flood-spoiled merchandise on South Third street.



FOOD FOR DIANE'S YOUNG VICTIMS—the small-fry refugees of the flood are served food at an evacuation center in Easton.





NO SOUP TODAY—A diner lies on its side at Riegelsville.

THE BULLDOZER BECOMES a machine with A-1 priority as the great cleanup begins along the devastated low-lands of the Delaware Valley.



NORTH FRONT STREET, the new municipal parking lot and a city park offer fit passage only for amphibians as the Delaware surges over Easton.

DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE, or at least this part of it along Delaware Drive, Easton, there once existed a refreshment stand. Today only the foundations remain.





CLEANUP BRIGADE goes to work at Penn Hotel Supply Co., Easton. Loss to stores and industries in the low-lying areas of the community was estimated in millions.



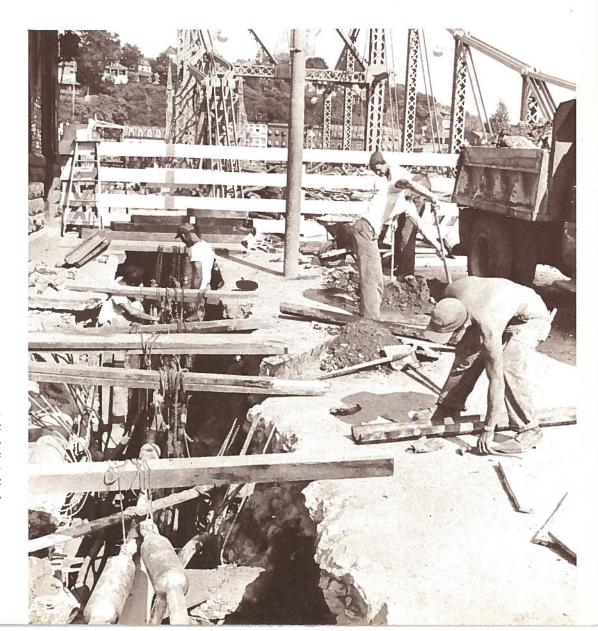
FLOOD BENEFIT performance for disaster victims is given by Barbara Adams, 10, accordionist of four days, and Amy Sobel, 8, violinist of 18 months, in Easton.



PART OF MENNONITE DISASTER UNIT from the Blooming Glen area arrives in Riegelsville to help local residents clean up the grime and debris left by the flood waters of the Delaware River.



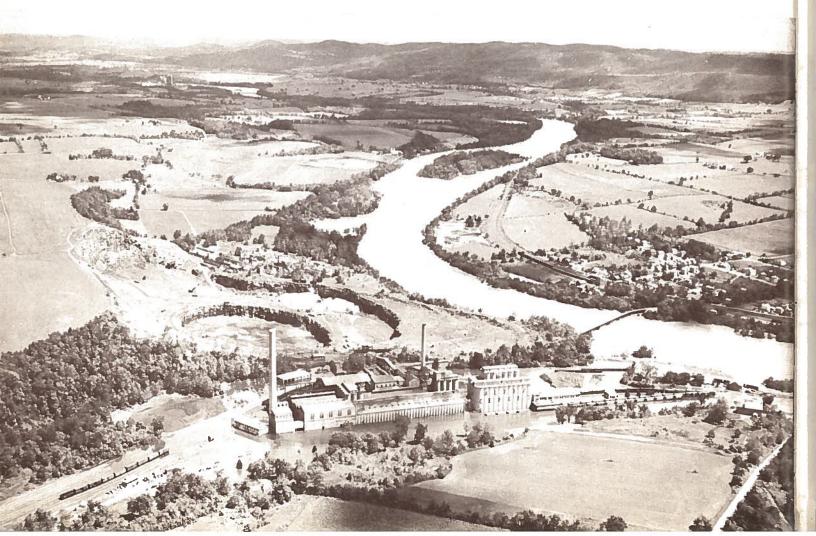
HOME IS WHERE YOU HANG YOUR HAT, and the John Heater family, dispossessed by the thundering Delaware River, hang their hats (all eight of 'em) at the flood refugee shelter in St. Mark's Church, Easton.



BELL EMPLOYES CON-NECT CABLES at Front and Northampton streets. In the background are barricades across the entrance to the washed-out Northampton street bridge. GOV. LEADER'S FLOOD SURVEY COMMITTEE meeting in Easton with local officials. Left to right are: Donald R. Young, manager of the Easton office of the Bureau of Employment Security; Mayor Robert W. Morse, of Easton; Miss Genevieve Blatt, secretary of internal affairs; John R. Torquato, secretary of labor and industry; William Davlin, nominee for commerce secretary, and Adrian Levy, of the New York office of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

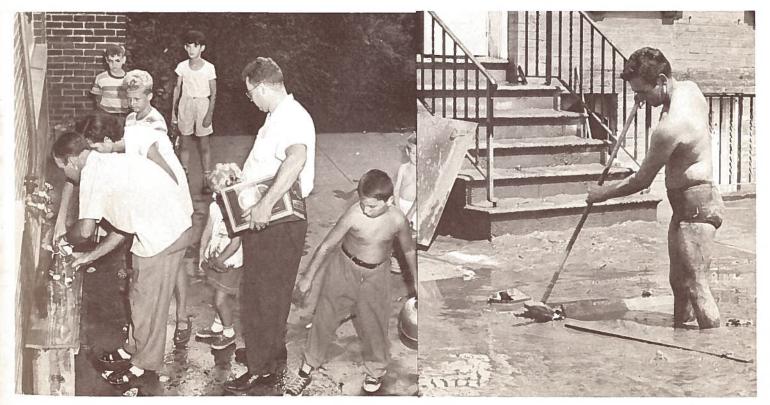
NEW ALPHA - PORTLAND LAKE is created when, shortly after this aerial photo was taken, Delaware River began pouring 600,000,000 gallons of muddy water into the cement company's quarries (above left smokestack) at Sandt's Eddy.





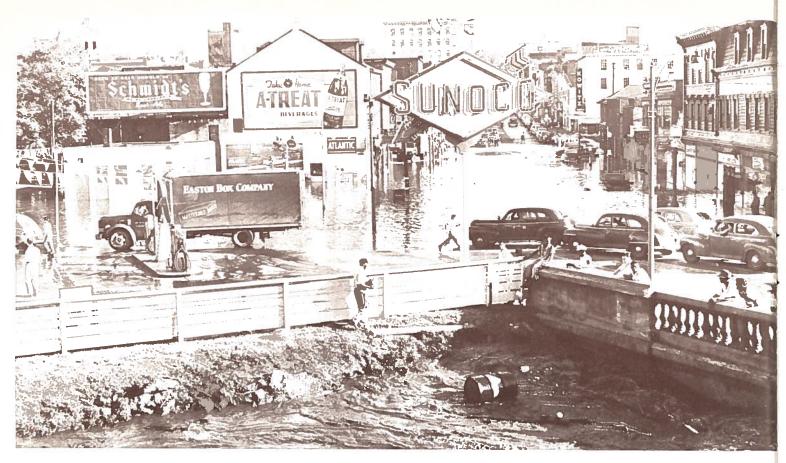


GARDEN CROPS IN THE WEST EASTON flats were harvested by the Delaware River. Here firemen remove people from their foundering homes.



PHILLIPSBURG RESIDENTS, their water sources hit, line up to get what they can into a variety of containers.

NICK BLASCO CLEANS UP on Easton's Ferry street, near the Metropolitan-Edison plant.



HERE, AT THE SOUTH THIRD STREET BRIDGE, a bold motorist, in foreground, walks off with a watermelon he spotted floating down the Lehigh River.

PHILLIPSBURGERS' FEARED for a while that the angry Delaware was going to dispose of their new sewage disposal plant (right foreground).



# Death, Havoc Hit Stroudsburgs Hard

Northeastern Pennsylvania, Pike and Monroe Counties, home of the Pocono Mountain playgrounds and the Stroudsburgs, felt the initial impact of Hurricane Diane's floods. The mountain slopes were still sodden, streams and lakes still glutted with the rains of Hurricane Connie of a week earlier when Diane, thought by the U. S. Weather Bureau to be a "dying" hurricane bereft of her mighty strength, dumped billions of gallons of water on the Northeastern Pennsylvania watershed. Hundreds of mountain streams, rivers went berserk, hammered down to the Delaware Valley on the night of August 18, 1955. The result: multi-millions of dollars in damage to businesses, industries and homes, a great toll of life and human suffering. Below, Harry Gramsback, a Civil Defense volunteer works at the grim task of identifying the dead in an improvised morgue at East Stroudsburg.







DRY-GULCHED TODAY, But yesterday it was riding the raging crest of the Brodhead Creek flood. And when this bridge went, along with more than a score of others in the Poconos, an entire community—East Stroudsburg—was cut off from the outside world.

DEATH EMBRACED THEM—Two of the nine survivors of the Camp Davis tragedy that claimed nearly 40 lives, Nancy Johnson, 19, Jersey City, and Linda Christensen (right), 11, stand near the site where death clutched at them, and missed. A few hours before this photograph was taken Linda's father identified the bodies of his wife, son (Linda's brother), his sister, and sister-in-law, who lost their lives when Brodhead Creek smashed the camp, operated by a retired Baptist minister, into matchsticks. Linda floated on debris for several hours before she was snatched from the watery grip of death. Said Linda's father: "I'm just thankful my little girl is safe—now I have someone left." Obliteration of Camp Davis was the greatest single incident of tragedy in the entire Northeast.



THE THRIVING RESORT COMMUNITIES of the Stroudsburgs present a scene of desolation from the air after the deluge.



THE BEGINNING AND THE END of Rt. 46 near Manunka Chunk is marked by this debrisfestooned guard rail. Trucks are marooned on the highway in the distance.



THE HISTORIC GAP AFLOOD—Another view of the Delaware Water Gap, mecca for thousands of tourists annually, shows the spread of the flood.



THE MORNING AFTER Brodhead Creek smashed its destructive way south to the Delaware the lifeline between Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg lies smashed downstream.

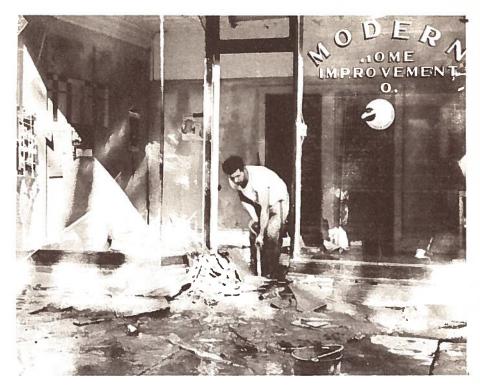


TEEN-AGE FLOOD EVACUEES at Camp Hagan in Monroe County sit amid piles of personal belongings and await evacuation.

THE ROAD TO THE LEFT LEADS NOWHERE. The bridge, which spanned Brodhead Creek at Minisink Hills, was disintegrated by the power of the flood. Only the single steel beam, to the right, remained of the span.



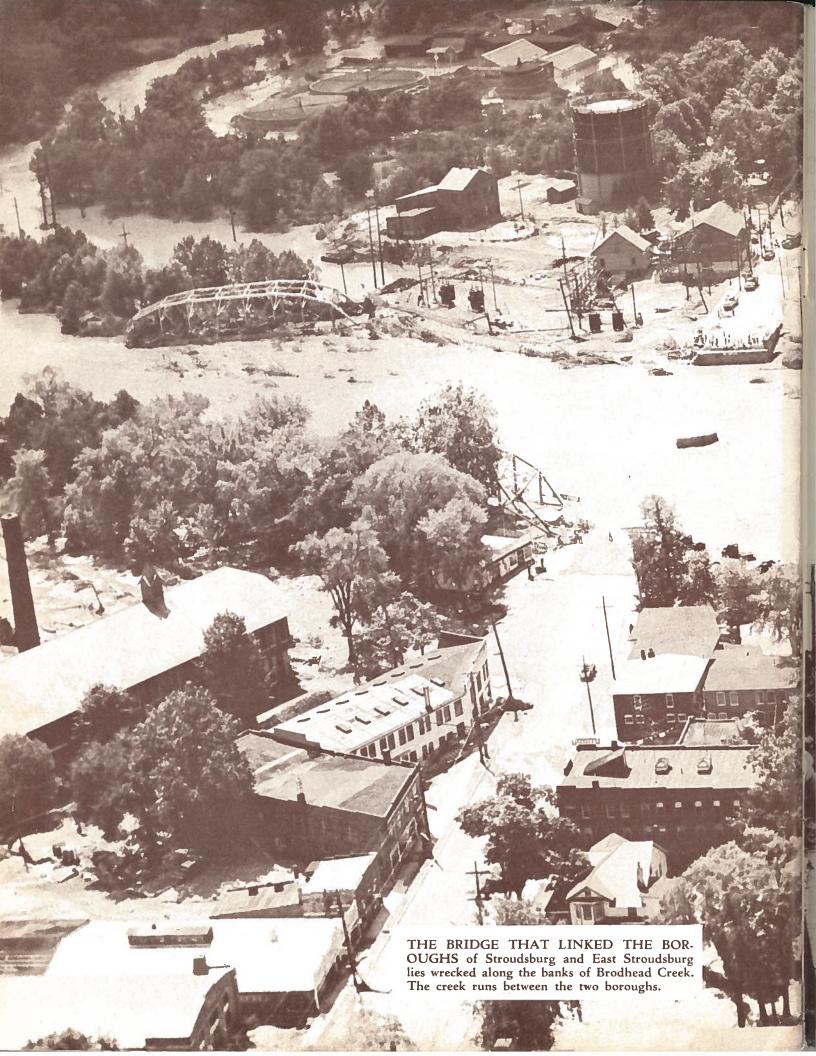




NO HOME IMPROVEMENTS today! A disenheartened businessman in Stroudsburg removes debris from his home improvement store.

NEW MONORAIL SERVICE for Port Jervis? Nope—just a washout on the Main Line of the Erie Railroad's Delaware division. Needless to say the commuter's special will not be on time.







PRESIDENT EISENHOWER (second from right) met with governors of floodhit eastern states at Windsor Locks, Conn., after he had flown over the stricken area. Gov. Robert B. Meyner, of New Jersey, is at the far left of the table, with Gov. George M. Leader of Pennsylvania standing behind him.



WORKMEN breaking up a bridge west of the center of Stroudsburg on Route 209.



ABOVE: IS ONE OF FEW BUILDINGS to escape wreckage at Camp Miller, 6 miles northeast of Minisink Hills, boys camp run by the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania. This is the infirmary which stood north of the wrecked mess hall.

ROBERT GELBERT, 12, right, of Philadelphia, makes sure that he has all his gear as he is evacuated from Indian Lake Camp, near Bushkill, in Monroe County. On the left is Henry Behr, 14, of York, sitting on his personal belongings.





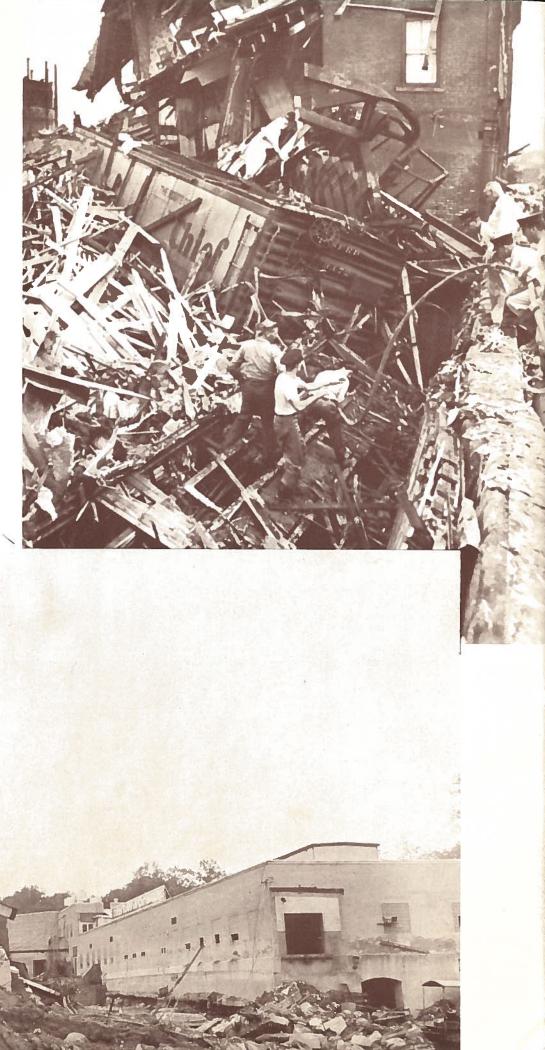
THE LUTHERAN CAMP NORTHEAST OF SHAWNEE was ravaged by the Delaware River. About 200 boys were led to higher ground in human chains through waist-deep water.



EASTON AND PHILLIPSBURG GIRLS evacuated from Camp Hagan in the Eastern Poconos awaiting a bus. They were brought across Brodhead Creek near Minisink Hills.

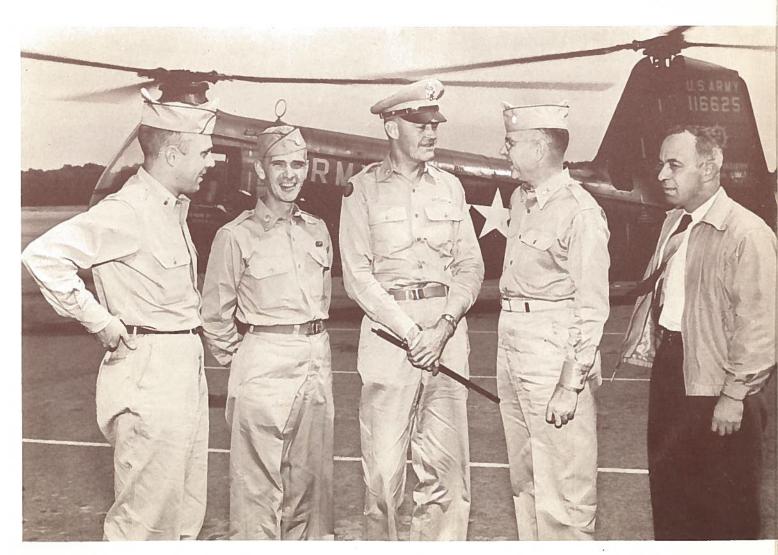
TRAGEDY, HAVOC were created elsewhere by Diane, too. Here Waterbury, Conn., city firemen prowl through railroad wreckage and other debris in bed of Naugatuck River in search of flood victims.

COATES BOARD AND CARTON CO., INC., along Brodhead Creek below East Stroudsburg, looks as though it has been struck by a tornado. Macadam road from Delaware Water Gap to East Stroudsburg ran along the building to the right. Now the roadbed is a gully ten feet deep. A railroad bridge and two highway bridges were washed out nearby.





DEATH CALLED 'BINGO!' at this veterans organization building in East Stroudsburg where 100 women were playing when the waters of Brodhead Creek were rising. The bodies of four of the Bingo players were found in the wreckage.



FANNED BY THE WIND from a mercy mission 'whirlybird,' Brig. Gen. W. J. Verbeck (center), commanding officer of the Indiantown Gap Military district, confers at Tobyhanna on the rescue work in the Stroudsburgs.

THIS **FAMILY ALSO** KNEW TRAGEDY - Mrs. Dimmick Heller, left, and Mrs. Ruth Middaugh, pictured here with their children, urged their mother, Mrs. Florence Bousman, 61, by telephone to evacuate her East Stroudsburg home. But it was too late; the waters had risen too high. Mrs. Bousman was swept to her death in the flood -one of several score who died.



DIANE, HER WATERY BACKLASH spoiled the summer's camping fun for these youthful refugees awaiting the beginning of "Operation Kidlift"—the evacuation of some 10,000 Eastern States children from summer camps in Monroe and Pike Counties, Pa.





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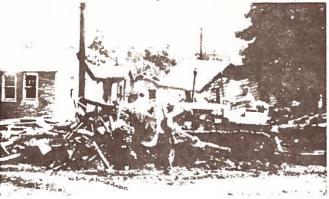
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10,000 Children To Be Evacuated Tomorrow At Camps In Pocono Area

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Bulldozer Clears Away Debris In Stroudsburg



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BY EDWARD P. KENNEDT

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