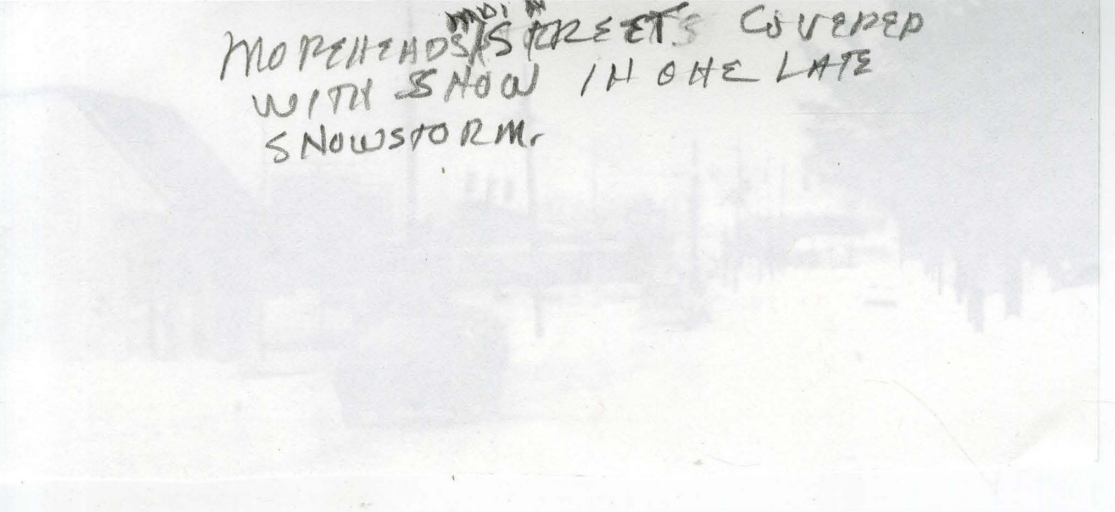




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Winter storm packs a punch

Covers surprised residents in a frosty blanket of snow

By KIM HAMILTON

The Morehead Rowan County area was frosted in winter white this weekend during a snow

storm that's been tagged one of the worst in the century. As the Morehead area received approximately only 6

inches of snow, other parts of the state and east coast reported up to 20 inches of the fluffy flakes.



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Some residents, who were literally stranded due to icy road conditions also witnessed brief telephone and electrical power outages in some parts of the county.

Road crew members worked over the weekend and are still at it according to reports from the city and county road crews.

About five members of the city's public works department put in nearly 30 hours overtime trying to clear city streets, according to David Stacy, assistant director.

"We were out from 3 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 2 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday and they're back at it again this morning," Stacy said Monday.

"The salt wasn't working much because it was so cold and the snow was so deep, but we got most of the city streets in good shape," Stacy said.

He added that one worker wrecked into a ditch and another nearly toppled over when the crew tried to clear a steep grade on Cardinal Trail in Forest Hills.

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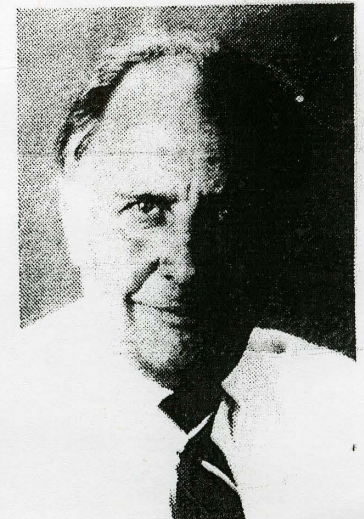
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He said the county had two graders and three trucks working this weekend. Some of the work was to plow through state roads because one of the state graders had broken down.

"It's just one of those things — they help us and we help them," Moore said.

Moore speculated that roads would be clear by Wednesday if no more snow falls.

"If the weather don't give us no bit tomorrow (Tuesday), everybody should be able to get out," Moore said.



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"The DES was absolutely great," said Cathy Horsley, one of the nursing coordinators at St. Claire. "They even moved

equipment in their vehicles to accommodate more people."

Horsley said that since the DES brought in many of the nurses who were scheduled to work, they were staffed well. They would not have been otherwise because about half of them had called, saying they couldn't make it to St. Claire on the sick roads.

"They even took day shift people back home when they brought in night shift, and that

helps everybody. I think it relieves stress, because it's awful to be stranded away from family," Horsley said.

DES Chief Rod Stanley, a resident of Morehead and who has been on the squad since 1985, said this was one of the worst winter storms he has seen in this area since 1984-85.

"As far as I know, we've had a fairly fortunate weekend, but that's because people usually stay in for the first couple of

days after a new snow. The trouble comes after we've had the snow for a few days when people think they need to get out," Stanley said.

Carolyn Howard, the Rowan
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DES operating on low budget during snow, until July

During the weekend, the DES limited its service to transporting health workers with the hospital, Lite Care Treatment Center and other places where needed. He said the squad was doing all it could because it is suffering from low operating funds right now.

"We could get drained this weekend because we've got only \$190 in the budget to last through July," Stanley said Sunday.

He said the DES has not yet received the \$5,000 from the city that was budgeted for the 1992-93 fiscal year.

The DES operates on city and county revenue. The county gives \$5,000 and the city gives \$5,000 yearly to contribute money for operations. The DES

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Robber serving life sentence asks court to vacate judgment

By SHIRLEY SMITH
Claiming he was not fairly represented by his attorneys, a man who pled guilty in 1988 to robbery and assault charges has asked the Rowan Circuit Court to set aside his conviction. Thomas Mitchell was charged

with robbing the Rock Wall Antique Shop, and brutally assaulting Elizabeth Jayne and Cindy Hodges at the scene in March 1988.

Mitchell was initially indicted by a Rowan County grand jury on one count of first degree assault and two counts of robbery on July 15, 1988. He was also charged with PFO (being a persistent felony offender), because he was out on parole from prison when the Rock Wall robbery occurred. Mitchell had previously been convicted of manslaughter in Louisiana.

He was arrested after he was featured on the television program, "America's Most Wanted."

Mitchell, with his attorneys, public defenders Steve Guerin and Gary Johnson, entered into a plea bargain agreement with Commonwealth Attorney Truman Dehner on Nov. 8, 1988. The assault charges were merged into one count at a later hearing before the plea agreement.

In the agreement, Mitchell pled guilty to the charges, with the condition that he would retain the rights to appeal the circuit court's prior rulings, including motions such as change of venue.

However, the guilty plea itself could not be appealed under the terms of the plea agreement or sentencing.

Mitchell was sentenced by then-Circuit Judge James

Richardson to life imprisonment on both remaining counts of the indictment, to run concurrent with each other.

Presently serving his sentence at the state prison at LaGrange, Mitchell filed his present motions *pro se*, which means that he is representing himself, without an attorney.

He has also filed motions to have counsel appointed to represent him in the new motions.

Mitchell claims that he should have his original court judgment against him set aside because he was misadvised about the plea bargain.

According to Mitchell's new motions, he asserts that when he pled guilty, he was told that he would be eligible for parole, but would receive a life sentence without parole if he went to trial and were found guilty.

He also claims that his counsel failed to raise an intoxication defense on his behalf.

Mitchell had previously filed motions for relief from judgment in the Kentucky Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Kentucky on the Rowan County conviction.

In December, the supreme court denied his latest petition for relief due to ineffective counsel.

If Mitchell's latest motions are granted, it does not mean that his original conviction on the charges will be overturned. What it does mean is that he could get a new trial.

Retired Morehead State University Professor Jack Bizzel was captured on film as he took a brisk walk to church Sunday following one of the worst winter storms Morehead has witnessed for years. (Photo by contributing photographer Guy Huffman)



Young fisher

Adam Hughes, 6, braved blustery winds morning to get a little fishing in with his pole at Triplett Creek at the Morehead. He really likes to fish, and was using corn. Sharon Hughes of Wrigley. (Photo by Shi

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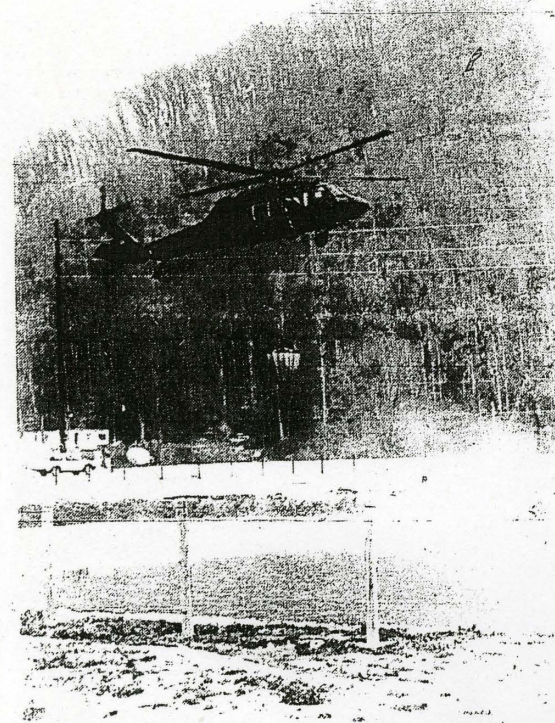
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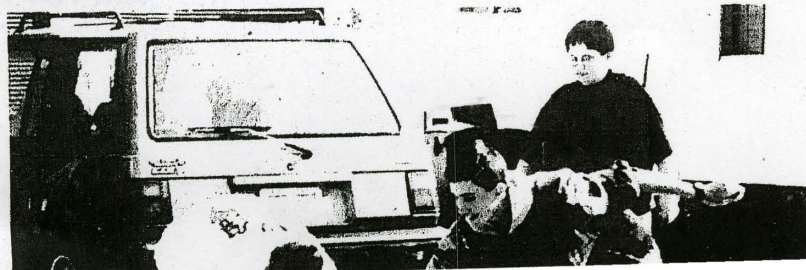
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The heaviest recorded rainfall in the United States was at Morehead on the night of July 4, 1939. The resulting flash flood caused millions of dollars in damage and claimed 25 lives in Rowan County.

Good Passing, Poor Running

The Rowan County News predicted Saturday's football score as Morehead 44; Western 0. The final score was Western 23, Morehead 21.

We have no alibis. But we do have at hand three national rating systems. One picked Morehead by 31 points; another by 36; and the other by 37.

Seems that all "us" experts bit the dust on this one. But, we're going along with our previous prognostication that the score of this week's game will be: Morehead 32, Middle Tennessee 6.

But, unless the Eagles can generate a ground attack to go with

Charley Porter's aerial offense, it looks as if the going might be tough from here on.

Every opponent is playing a five man line of defense against us.

Morehead has scored 152 points this year . . . but not a touch-down running the ball.

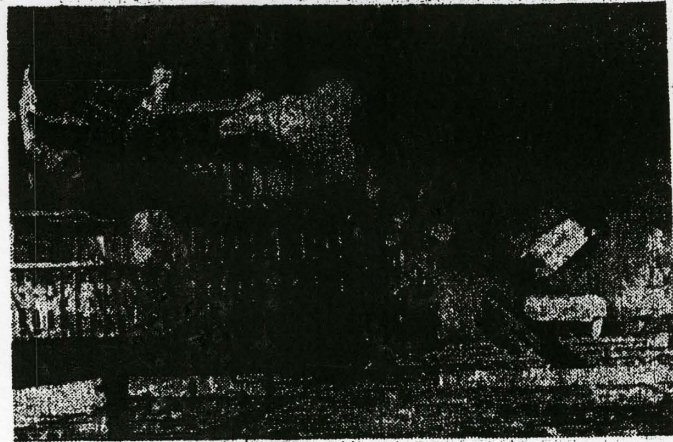
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Want Building Named After Dr. Button

There is a move in Morehead to name the student union building, to be constructed next year at a cost of over a million dollars after Dr. Frank C. Button, founder of the school. Final decision will likely be left to the Board of Regents but friends and admirers of the late Dr. Button have a mighty strong and sincere talking point.

Politics were really brewing in Morehead a couple weeks ago . . . that is the democrat variety. On Monday Governor Clements, Highway Commissioner John Keck, Banking Commissioner Henry Carter and a half-dozen other administration stalwarts were present . . . Congressman Joe Bates was here that day and



DROP TO DOOM . . . A reporter and Mrs. Lucille Martin look down fire escape outside her Los Angeles apartment at the body of a young unidentified woman who leaped from the roof.

also later in the week . . . and on Friday Harry Lee Waterfield was an all-night visitor.

Here's an advance hint—look for two or three Morehead leaders to play a major role in next year's state primary.

Amazed At 50 Years Progress

In 1900 Boyd Cornett left Farmers, Ky., for Cheyenne, Oklahoma where he later purchased a cattle ranch. This month, or 50 years later, Mr. Cornett returned for the first time to visit with his sister, Josie Grayson, of Farmers. While here he attended the Harvest Festival and toured most of Morehead.

"Most amazing thing I ever saw," he commented. He was talking about the remarkable growth and progress.

When Mr. Cornett left Rowan County Farmers was a much bigger town than Morehead.

Those Graves Have To Be Deeper

You may have noticed a recent warning from the state department of health that grave diggers in this county are not going the 6 feet required by Kentucky law.

It is later noted that this law is being violated all over the state and the state department of health is planning state-wide action with possible court indictments.

Dealers Ask To Be Regulated

The "wets" and the "drys" in Mason County have informal agreement that if the wets will conduct their places of business properly and close by 10 o'clock each evening another local option election won't be called.

This month 10 to 30 dealers petitioned the city council to adopt an ordinance making them close at 10 o'clock. However, the ordinance is no good, because this is governed by state law which specifies 12 midnight as the closing time.

War Hits Neighbors

When Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dahlberg of Five Points, Wisc., learned that their son had been killed in Korea, John Smelcer, a neighbor, offered to help the Dahlbergs with their haying. The next day, Smelcer was informed that his own son, Pfc Richard Smelcer also had died in action in Korea.

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There will be a special singing. Brother Sjoan will be celebrating his birthday, making this a special occasion.

An anonymous letter, by the way, is just a sign of anonymous intelligence.

We haven't any idea about a number of things which we need not mention.

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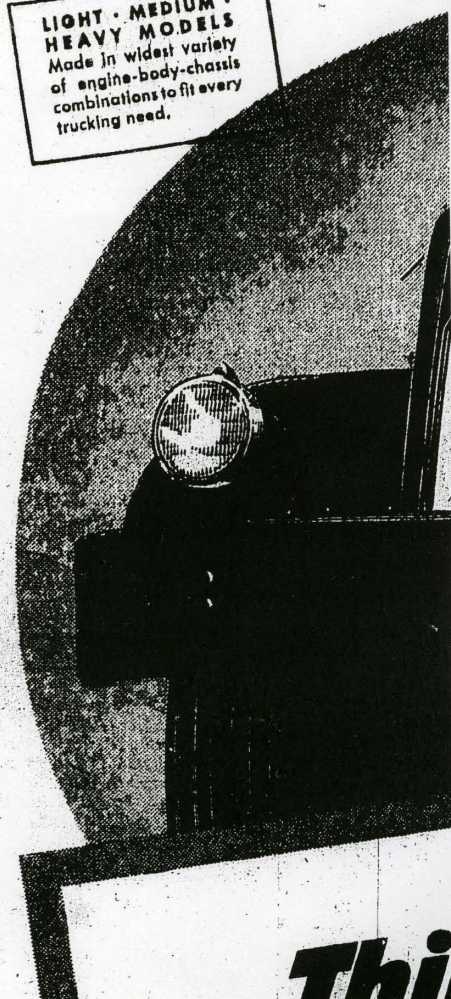
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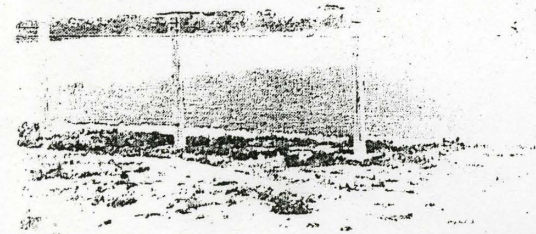
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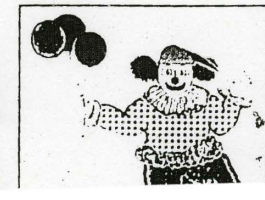
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Judge John W. Riley, 84, Claimed

Retired From Active Business At Morehead On His 80th Birthday

Death came to one of Eastern Kentucky's best known citizens at 3 p. m. Tuesday as Judge John Windsor Riley, 84, passed away at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He was 84 years of age.

Judge Riley, who held the office of County Judge and County Attorney in Rowan and was United States Commissioner for this district, retired on April 1, 1940 and had since made his home at 1018 Fontaine Road, Lexington.

Although 80 when he retired Judge Riley was active and in an excellent state of health. However, he became intermittently ill

Picture, Story About Judge Riley On Page 3

A picture of Judge Riley, taken when he closed the door to his law office at Morehead on his 80th birthday and a news story about his career appear on page 3 of this section of the News.

a year later and was unable to participate in public affairs to any extent. His visits to Morehead—a spot he always called his "real" home—became less frequent during the past two years.

Judge Riley was born in Nicholas county near a town called Headquarters, the son of the late Simon and Martha Taylor Riley. He received his primary education in Nicholas County schools and was graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan College, at the age of 18, when that institution was located at Millersburg, Ky.

He taught school as a young man in Nicholas County, West Liberty and Morehead. In 1898, at the age of 20, he entered law school at the University of

Morehead. He lost his voice at Morehead. He never missed casting a ballot in any primary, general election, city or school election for 63 years until this November when ill health made it impossible for him to come from Lexington to the city hall precinct where he was registered.

So long as he was able Judge Riley returned for the opening day of each Rowan Circuit Court—a court that he practiced in for more than a half century.

A staunch Democrat, he was willing to take the stump anytime on behalf of his party. A forceful speaker, he conducted many of his own campaigns from the stump and it is said that

Eastern Kentucky Digs From Worst Blizzard In 15 Years; All Main Roads Now Passable

Commissioner Snowed In

Keck Finally Gets To Frankfort Monday Night To Direct Snow Clearing Operations

Kentucky's Highway Commissioner, John Keck, who is directing state-wide emergency efforts to make main roads passable, was snowed in like everybody else in Eastern Kentucky.

Keck had reservations to attend the Kentucky-Tennessee football game at Nashville Saturday and was scheduled to join a party driving from Frankfort to Knoxville. The commissioner started from his home at Sandy Hook early Friday morning, but he was able to make it only to Morehead.

After a hazardous battle through drifts he returned to his Sandy Hook home Friday afternoon.

Efforts to get through Saturday and Sunday failed. Finally on Monday Keck started out in a jeep but found the drifts too high on the Morehead-Sandy Hook road. He was also blocked off through Mt. Sterling via West

Liberty.

The jeep was able to make it from Sandy Hook to Grayson and a construction company truck brought the highway commissioner to Morehead Monday afternoon where he caught a Chesapeake and Ohio train to Frankfort.

While in Morehead Keck made a survey of road conditions and ordered every state highway employee on an emergency basis.

Keck said that fortunately telephone service between Sandy Hook and Frankfort was not interrupted and he was able to keep up with the state-wide emergency by phone and state police radio.

The highway commissioner said Kentucky didn't have snow plows, like many northern states, because a blizzard of this severity happened here only every 15 or 20 years.

TGT Gas Turned Into Morehead Mains Friday

Eastern Kentucky is digging from under its worst blizzard in 15 years.

With rising temperatures yesterday and today the 18 inch snow fall in this area has started to melt.

The state highway department reported at Frankfort this morning that all principal roads are now passable. U. S. 60 between Morehead and Ashland and between Mt. Sterling and Winchester was blocked Sunday and Monday.

Drifts, which piled up as high as eight and ten feet in some places, left Rowan County practically isolated so far as highway travel was concerned. State route 32 from Morehead to West Liberty and Sandy Hook and from Morehead to Flemingsburg was blocked but traffic was resumed Tuesday.

The state highway department called into service every available piece of equipment and hired bull-dozers and other machines from contractors to clear the snow.

Reports from other parts of Kentucky and the nation indicate that Morehead suffered less than most. In many places electric and telephone services went out, but they were uninterrupted here.

For the first time in years Morehead had ample natural gas. At noon Friday the Utility Plant Board cut in a supplemental supply from TGT mains. This was made possible by a line constructed this year to the Glennis Freley farm where a tap was made on the 24 inch line of TGT.

The blizzard made Morehead streets nearly impassable. Business places reported that sales from Saturday through Tuesday were only a fraction of normal.

The Greyhound Bus Company did not remember buses on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad continued although they were generally several hours late. Train passenger travel through this section hit a new high. Bus travel has now been resumed.

Although state and national highways are now open in Kentucky repeated warnings are being issued to drive carefully. All have spots of snow and ice which makes driving hazardous. Many rural roads are still blocked.

Plumbers have been busy for days thawing out frozen pipes

Trichinosis Warning Is Issued

Caused From Eating Under-Cooked Meat, Usually Pork

Trichinosis, a painful and sometimes fatal disease, is caused by eating raw or under-cooked meat, usually pork, which is infested with Trichina parasites, or "pork-worms."

The disease is easily prevented and cured. It is caused by eating meat which has not been cooked long enough to remove the worms from the meat. The worms enter the body once they have reached the muscle fibers.

The only safe rule to follow is to cook all pork thoroughly before eating it. The heat of thorough cooking destroys the worm larvae in the pork. All pork and pork products should be cooked sufficiently to cause them to lose their pinkish color, and to turn grey throughout.

Farmers can also aid in preventing trichinosis by cooking garbage before feeding it to their hogs and by processing their pork either by heating or freezing before using or selling it.

This advice is particularly timely since, in many sections of Kentucky, it is being killed time

Red Rose Dairy Changes Ownership

Announcement was made this week of the sale of the Red Rose Dairy and the Red Rose Ice Cream Company by the estate of the late Ray Flannery to Bill McClain and Roscoe Pennington.

McClain and Pennington have already assumed the management of the company which has its modern milk and dairy products plant on Second Street.

Court Will Convene This Morning

Cold Wave Causes Postponements; Docket Extremely Light

Rowan Circuit Court, adjourned for Thanksgiving and then recessed because of the cold wave, will resume its November term today.

The docket is light.

The grand jury is expected to finish today or tomorrow. They

Minstrel Club

Local Trivia

Early History

■ As we each examine our lives at the end of 2007 most would agree there have been many things that have robbed us of our bank account of time.

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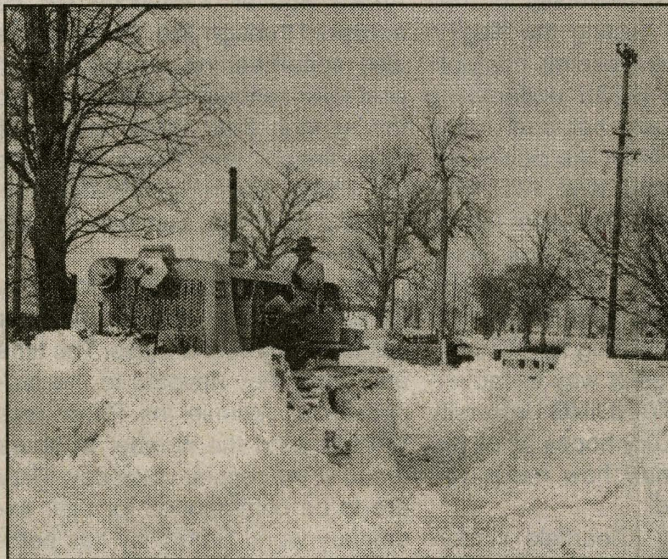
By JACK ELLIS
Special to The Morehead News

"...Hail, snow and stormy wind fulfills his word." (Psalm 148:18)

Will Rogers, one of this nation's humorous writers during the Great Depression, once said, "Everybody talks about the weather, but no one ever does anything about it." Weather is still one of the primary subjects when people come together and no one yet can do anything about it. But as we often say in Kentucky, if you don't like the weather, just wait, it will change. Usually Kentucky's weather changes are moderate, but today this writer is writing about one extreme unexpected blizzard that trapped Kentucky's Highway Commissioner in his home for 3 days. He was the man responsible for keeping the state's roads clear.

Early blizzard catches everyone unprepared

On November 24, 1950, what was called the Bliz-



The 1950 blizzard required bulldozers to help rescue stranded motorists. KY Archives photo.

zard of the Century roared into Kentucky with a vengeance, paralyzing much of the state. There were 18-24 inches of snow along with freezing temperatures and blinding winds. The fact is, it came surprisingly early in the year catching everyone unprepared, including Kentucky's Highway Commissioner, John Keck. Mr. Keck was responsible for directing statewide emergency efforts to keep main roads passable. Ironically, Mr. Keck, a native of El-

liott County, was at his home in Sandy Hook at the time the blizzard roared into Kentucky. (Weather forecasting was very primitive at that time.)

Kentucky's Highway Commissioner stuck in Sandy Hook

Mr. Keck had reservations for the Kentucky-Tennessee football game in Nashville on Saturday. (That was one of Coach "Bear" Bryant's football teams that won the Sugar

Bowl.) Commissioner Keck left Sandy Hook early Friday morning in a four-wheel Jeep. However, after battling snow drifts six to eight feet deep, he was forced to return to Sandy Hook. He still could not get through Saturday or Sunday. But on Monday, he was able to get from Sandy Hook to Grayson where he caught the C&O train to Morehead where he stopped to survey road conditions, and ordered all State Highway workers on an emergency basis.

Mr. Keck said fortunately the telephones were working in Sandy Hook and Morehead. (Of course, this was 50 years before cell phones.) He was able to mobilize state road crews via telephones, but he didn't get to Frankfort until the following Tuesday aboard the C&O passenger train that was several hours late. Although the trains were running after only a one-day delay, they were running hours behind schedule.

Local streets and roads impassable
While Highway Commis-

sioner Keck was stranded in Sandy Hook, practically every road east of Lexington was impassable. Drifts were reported eight to ten feet in Rowan County leaving the county isolated as far as highway travel was concerned. The streets of Morehead were impassable. This writer was working at the Post Office and going to college at the time, and the only delivery on Friday and Saturday was to town businesses. There was no rural mail delivery on Friday or Saturday. Since the trains did not run Friday

no mail came until Saturday.

There were many different dramas being played out all over Kentucky's roads during that blizzard. But one particular dramatic event happened between Morehead and Flemingsburg.

Hearse and several people stranded in the snow

As Eastern Kentucky dug out from the "blizzard of the century" during the

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sion or a recommendation that there be a 7% cut in SEEK for the next fiscal year." (The Support Educational Excellence in Kentucky or SEEK program is the basic funding formula for Kentucky's public schools.) We are all aware that any cut in school funding has the potential to stop the educational progress we are striving to make. I am sure you agree with the KEA's position that schools need more money, not less, if we are to achieve our goal of all students being proficient by 2014. To put this in clear terms—Since approximately 77% of our total budget goes toward salaries, if we had to take a 7% reduction in SEEK (over \$700,000), we would have to review ALL staff positions and cut 8-10 certified staff and up to 10 classified staff. This would increase the teacher-student ratio in classrooms which none of us want. While we certainly do NOT want to panic at this point since there has been no firm decision made concerning exactly what cuts we can expect, I would encourage you all to speak to your legislators and talk with them about how devastating a cut to the SEEK funding would be for our children. We must all keep a positive attitude and work together on this.

Congratulations to our 8 RCSHS juniors who are nominees for the Governor's Scholars Program. They are: Spencer Bolt, Derek Daniel, Paige Doyle, William Grey, Sydney McClain,

Lowell Neeper, and Katlyn Teager. Speaking of scholars.....National City Bank is again awarding one-time \$1,000 scholarships to athletes (one boy and one girl) in each region who exhibit excellence in the 3 areas of academic achievement, leadership at school, and community service. If you would like to nominate one of our deserving young athletes, please take the time to complete the form Roy Wright (RCSHS athletic director) recently placed in your mailbox. Let's make sure our outstanding students are recognized!

On Tuesday I got to sit in on two of McBrayer's PLC meetings (kindergarten and 2nd grade) and was able to see why their test scores are soaring. The way they work together as a team is very impressive and the passion to put their students above what might be convenient for them is evident. I know that these kinds of meetings are occurring all over the district and I look forward to visiting PLC meetings at other schools in the near future.

I've had so many meetings lately, I got behind on my school visits; but by Friday afternoon I was happy to have gotten around to all of the elementaries. I am always encouraged when I see all the good things going on.

On Friday evenings you can normally find me at a movie or a ballgame, but this past Friday was different. I attended the RCSHS play

"Winnie the Pooh" and (as always) am amazed at how abundantly talented our students are. Now, we are all familiar with our renowned speech and drama students, but this play was performed by the RCSHS Stage Performance Class. It was certainly better than any movie that I could have seen! My only regret is that my 2 grandbabies couldn't have been with me, because I know they would have enjoyed it as much as I did.

Extra Degrees

Lucy Moore (former RCSHS cheer coach and KAPOS Past President) says she has too many "extra degrees" to name them all individually, but they go to Rebecca McGinnis (MSU Conference Services) and Morehead State University for their cooperation in hosting the Region 16 KAPOS cheerleading competition. This is a HUGE undertaking and Rebecca and her staff made the whole event run like clockwork. Lucy appreciates Kris Alderman (RCSHS cheer coach and former MSU cheerleader) and Tony Nash (MSU cheer coach) for working with Rebecca to make this happen. It was the perfect setting for the competition and a great way to "advertise" our OUTSTANDING University to the region. Lucy hopes all of you who helped know how much you are appreciated!

Donna Grey (Clearfield kindergarten) nominated Ginny Laux (4th grade teacher) for going the "extra

degree" by sharing her Promethean board. Donna took her students downstairs and they went over their first kindergarten Think Link scores. Great collaboration!

Tami Buttry (Clearfield principal) would like to nominate Mary Caric (nurse) as her "extra degree." Mary has been going over to help in the health unit when she has time. She has been a GREAT help to them and is very much appreciated.

Paula Stafford's (RCSHS assistant principal) "extra degree" goes to Megan Davenport (senior.) Megan initiated a Mitten Drive to gather gloves, mittens, earmuffs, ear bands, scarves, and toboggans. All donations will be given to the RCSHS Youth Service Center, the Homeless Shelter, and Spouse Abuse Shelter. Donations will be accepted through Jan. 25. Megan is also spearheading an initiative to post informational materials around the school. Both ideas originated with Megan, and Paula applauds her efforts. Megan exemplifies caring and humanity and sets the bar for the rest of us!

My "extra degrees" go to Ginny Etherton (teacher/director) and her Stage Performance Class. The time and effort they devoted to the production of "Winnie the Pooh" was WAY beyond the number of hours found in the regular class day. They are to be commended for their exemplary work! Broadway has nothing on our Thespians!

Scholarship information

Time is running out to apply for Rogers Scholars or Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI).

High school students in Southern and Eastern Kentucky are eligible to apply if they meet the program requirements, but they must act quickly. The deadline to file applications for both programs is Thursday, Jan. 31.

Applications are available online at The Center for Rural Development website, www.centertech.com, and Rogers Scholars website, www.rogersscholars.com, and must be submitted by the filing deadline to be considered for a limited number of spaces in the summer leadership programs. Rogers Scholars and ELI are sponsored by The Center and held at its headquarters in Somerset.

Roger Scholars

Rogers Scholars is an intensive one-week summer session for rising high school juniors from The Center's 42-county service area in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. Sophomores with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 are eligible to apply. The program, named after U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers, emphasizes technological skills development, fosters an entrepreneurial spirit, leadership development and encourages commitment to rural Kentucky.

"We are trying to light a spark where students, if they do have to leave home to get an education, will want to come back and establish their homes in Southern and Eastern Kentucky," said Jessica Melton, youth programs coordinator for The Center for Rural Development.

Rogers Scholars will offer two one-week sessions on June 22-27 and July 6-11. Thirty students will attend each session. One student will be selected from each county in the 42-county service area and 18 students will be picked at-large, based on highest scores, to participate in each of the sessions.

For more information on Rogers Scholars or ELI, contact Melton at 606-677-6000, or e-mail to jmelton@centertech.com.

on the tone, but at least nobody at home or work uses the same one. And this time I ordered the same brand and the old chargers work, even the one in the truck. I had to mail off a bunch of forms to get back the \$50 rebate on my new phone, and know I will forget about it if it never comes.

Why I had to pay the fifty bucks then file to get it back is beyond me, but gift card rebates are part of somebody's marketing plan. They never made sense to me, unless the companies figure we'll just not file or give up while waiting.

There has to be a profit involved.

I'll be more careful with the new phone and try

hard to keep it off the concrete.

I can't get another set of free ones for a while year.

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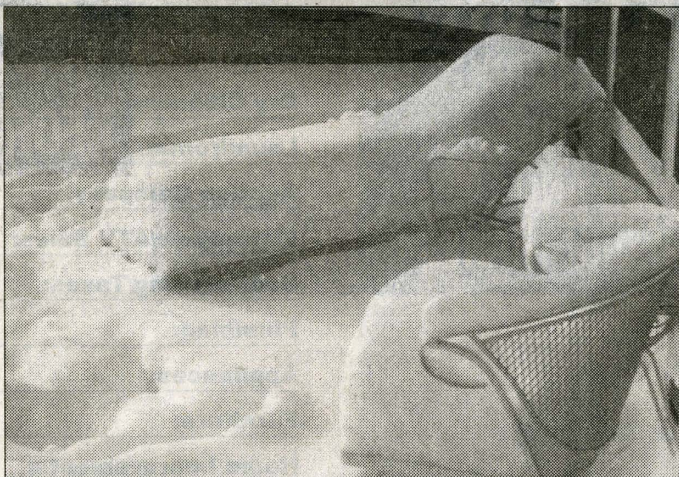
week of November 23-30, 1950, most were marooned and just "hunkered down" waiting out the storm. But there were those who did attempt to travel Kentucky roads much to their regret.

During the Thanksgiving holidays, Mrs. Bertha Allen Monroe of Muncie, Indiana was visiting relatives in Rowan County. While here she became critically ill and died unexpectedly. Local Funeral Director Clark Lane picked up the body on Thursday and prepared it for burial. Her family in Muncie, Indiana, arranged with the funeral home there to come to Morehead to return the body back to Indiana.

George Hackett and Harry Gradeless, two employees of the Muncie Funeral Home, arrived in Morehead in the midst of the blinding snowstorm. In spite of reported warning, they left Morehead about 4:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon in a major blizzard to return the body to Muncie, Indiana. They headed north on



Dr. Jack Bizzel, MSU professor, walks to work during one of Morehead's many snowstorms.



Lawn furniture after the '78 blizzard.

Route 32 and soon became stuck in a snowdrift. They dug themselves out and continued on toward Flemingsburg. They soon came upon a young couple, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Ness, and their 18-month old daughter in their car that had slid off the road in a snowdrift. They rescued the mother and baby, who continued with them in the hearse. However, the father elected to remain with his car.

Blizzard conditions to stall rescue efforts

The four in the funeral car, with chains on all four wheels, continued slowly north on Route 32 and were three miles from Flemingsburg when they became hopelessly stuck in an eight-foot snowdrift. As darkness fell on the four in the stranded hearse, they saw a light in the window and smoke curling from the chimney of the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carpenter well off the highway. In a blizzard marked by stinging winds and drifting snow, the two men, woman and baby made their way to the Carpenter home where they were given shelter.

From the Carpenter home, they called Mr. Frank Boone of the Boone Funeral Home in Flemingsburg, who said noth-

ing could be done until the next day. On Sunday, Mr. Boone made arrangements with a State Highway truck to plow the road to the stranded hearse. But the plow also became stranded in front of the Kissick home on Route 32. The second stranded group made their way to the Kissick farmhouse where Mr. Kissick hitched his spotted pony to a sled and took the men across on empty field and back to the abandoned hearse. They brought the body out on the sled to where Mr. Boone could bring his hearse. Mr. Boone said they saw snowdrifts 10 feet high that covered stalled cars completely. However, that was typical of roads throughout Eastern Kentucky during that blizzard.

All's well that ends well By Sunday afternoon all who had been stranded were safe after the harrowing ordeal, including Lon Ness who had elected to remain with his car after his wife and baby were "rescued" by the Indiana hearse. By Monday afternoon the Indiana hearse was able to continue back home with the body of Mrs. Bertha Allen Monroe.

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Basketball lovers brave
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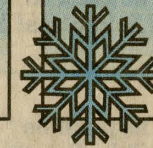
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SNOWBOUND!

'Storm of century' strands thousands



A record number of basketball fans braved the storm yesterday to attend the semifinals of the SEC Tournament at Rupp Arena.

Drifts lead to highway closings

By Andy Mead and Bill Estep

Herald-Leader staff writers

Central and Eastern Kentucky are snowed in by a late-winter storm that stranded residents in their homes and tourists in emergency shelters and motel lobbies.

"Worst mess I've ever seen," said Sgt. Doyle Stogsdill at the Kentucky State Police post in London, where the weather closed Interstate 75, apparently for the first time since it opened in 1969.

One weather-related death was reported. Joe Harper Sr., 63, of Monticello, apparently died of a heart attack after shoveling snow, said Wayne County Coroner Marvin Hicks.

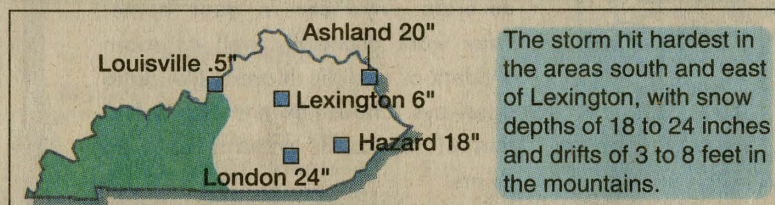
Many areas in Eastern and southeastern Kentucky had nearly 2 feet of snow on the ground, with more falling. At times, it was falling at the rate of 3 inches an hour, said Kirk Huettl at the National Weather Service office in Jackson in Breathitt County.

Virtually every road south and east of Lexington disappeared under blowing snow pushed by 40-mph winds. Drifts of 3 to 8 feet deep piled up in some parts of Eastern Kentucky.

Interstate highways and major

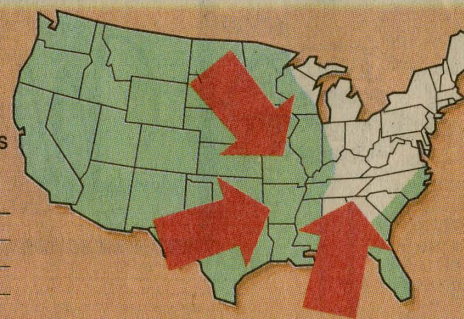
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Snow conditions: Kentucky and U.S.



Three storm systems converged in the Southeast, producing hurricane-force winds and record snowfalls. The storm created tornadoes in Florida before moving up the East Coast.

Asheville, N.C.	16 inches
Birmingham, Ala.	15
Boston	13
Pittsburgh	22



Herald-Leader/Chris Ware



The snowy weather left its mark on Ricky Collie, an employee of Gainesway Lawn and Landscaping who started removing snow from sidewalks downtown at 3 a.m. yesterday.

Herald-Leader/David Perry

Grounded snowbirds seek shelter along I-75

By Bill Estep and Ted Schultz

Herald-Leader staff writers

LONDON — The concrete floor is chilly and hard. It's crowded and the air is stuffy from too many people occupying too small a space. There's not much to do.

The shelter at the National Guard Armory in London, however, was better than the alternative in yesterday's blizzard.

"It could be a lot worse," said Jason Ayers, 21, of Ontario, Canada.

"Yeah, we could be stuck in a ditch somewhere," said his friend Darrell Kirby, 22, as they lay on the floor at the armory.

Red Cross volunteers, National Guardsmen and others set up shelters across south-central, Central and Eastern Kentucky yesterday as the worst storm in years dumped more than a foot of snow in some areas, and raw, gusting winds piled it into drifts more than 3 feet deep on roads and made many impassable.

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To our readers

Because of the winter storm, delivery of your Herald-Leader might be late today, and in some areas there may be no delivery because of the extreme conditions. We regret any inconvenience to our readers and hope to restore normal service as soon as possible.

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start some momentum again,"
said the movie star, "giving peo-
ple what they want."

SNOWBOUND!

STRANDED: Northerners marooned in Ky.

From Page One

About 2,000 people, unable to continue their trips, were forced into the shelters, many of them along Interstate 75.

Many of the travelers were headed to Florida from Canada, where schools are on spring break this week.

About 800 people were stranded in London in shelters at the armory, two churches and a motel, said Larry Corum, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel who leads the American Red Cross in Laurel County.

They might be stranded through tonight because there are too many abandoned vehicles on I-75 for the snowplows to avoid.

The irony of being caught in weather many of them were trying to escape was not lost on the travelers from Michigan and Canada.

"We never expected that down in the South you would get the kind of weather we get up North," said Martha Ronalds, 30, from Huntington, Ontario, who was on a tour bus to Florida. "We were going to escape it, but it's following."

Some of the stranded travelers found life in the shelter trying.

"We don't like it. It's not that they're not nice, but I don't like being stranded, not being able to go anywhere," said Stefanie Smith, 16, from Peterboro, Ontario.

The travelers were disappointed that they were spending their vacations trapped, but the mood was surprisingly upbeat in a building full of people thrown together by common misfortune. It became a tiny community.

Those in the shelter said they were impressed and touched by the efficiency of the Red Cross and National Guard, and the generosity

of the community.

"I'm just overwhelmed by the hospitality of the Kentucky people. It's just amazing," said Rob Hewitt, 54, of London, Ontario, who noted with a laugh that he had come "from London to London."

Corum said several businesses, including Wal-Mart, McDonald's, E.C. Porter Grocery and Kerns had donated food, blankets, sleeping bags and other items. Begley Lumber Co. donated \$1,000 for supplies, and the Laurel County Fiscal Court opened its purse, Corum said.

Those at the shelter ate well — fruit, hot dogs, turkey sandwiches, chicken and vegetable soup, doughnuts.

People stretched out on blankets, pads and sleeping bags on the gym floor. They played games, read books and talked to pass the time, and someone had brought in a television and movies for children.

Last night the experience was still novel, but the marooned travelers expected the novelty to wear off.

"You can only read for so long," said Linda Francis, of Windsor, Ontario, who was on her way to Florida.

Jim Shoemaker, 44, of Harbor Springs in northern Michigan, said it was a strange feeling to have to rely on the kindness of strangers.

"The first half-hour, you say, 'Gee, what am I going to do?' You're so used to fending for yourself, then a community is taking care of you."

Shoemaker said that once he got past that initial tension, he found the experience of being stuck in a shelter interesting.

"I'm not glad I'm going through it, but I'm going to be glad I went through it," he said.

Stranded in Richmond

More than 750 people crowded into Alumni Coliseum at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

Most were from Canada, but others were from Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, even Oregon.

Some spent part of the day watching basketball games on televisions in two rooms.

25 killed; 3 million on coast without power

By Roger Petterson
Associated Press

A fierce storm bombarded the East Coast yesterday with record snow — including 14-foot drifts in Virginia — wind exceeding 100 mph and killer tornadoes. At least 25 people died, more than 3 million customers were without electricity and thousands of travelers were stranded.

"We are fighting a losing battle against the elements," Pennsylvania Lt. Gov. Mark Singel said.

Thirteen of the deaths were in tornado-ravaged Florida, still recovering from Hurricane Andrew last summer.

Snow depths by early evening included 2 to 3 feet in western North Carolina; 2 feet in the mountains of West Virginia; 24 inches in Eastern Kentucky; 21 inches in eastern Tennessee; a record 15 at Birmingham, Ala.; and 16 in northern Georgia.

Farther north, 15 inches fell at

Philadelphia and 20 elsewhere in Pennsylvania; 10 inches at New York City's Central Park; and 15 inches in parts of New Hampshire.

"It's turning into a record snowstorm for the East Coast," said National Weather Service meteorologist Mike Wyllie in New York City. But blizzard warnings were canceled along the southern New England coast as the precipitation turned to rain.

Shore residents were evacuated from Delaware to Maine.

At mid-evening, rescuers were trying to reach 12 to 16 young people stranded in four-wheel-drive vehicles on High Knob Mountain in western Virginia. Authorities said the stranded people were running their motors occasionally for heat and had food and a cellular phone.

Power outages affected nearly 2 million customers in Florida, and outages also were reported across the South and up the East Coast to Connecticut, utilities reported. "We

have some people in trucks who can't go anywhere because the snow is too deep," said Alabama Power Co. spokesman Dave Rickey.

Up to 3 feet of snow — before drifts — was forecast for hardest-hit areas from the mountains of West Virginia to northern New England.

"This is like a hurricane with snow," said Devin Dean, a forecaster at the Atmospheric Science Research Center of the State University of New York in Albany.

The atmospheric pressure at the storm's center was lower than the extra-low pressures at the center of some hurricanes. By creating a contrast with surrounding air, the low pressures create high winds.

States of emergency were declared from Florida northward to Maine.

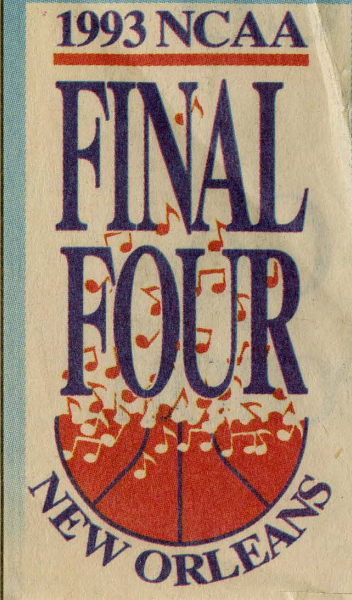
The storm closed key airports at New York City, Washington, Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Atlanta, stopping

hundreds of flights. Almost 3,000 people were stranded at just New York's major airports, Port Authority officials said.

All interstate highways in Pennsylvania were ordered closed and motorists in West Virginia were told that interstates would not be plowed. Highways also were closed in North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee and New York state.

The storm struck on the anniversary of one of the worst storms on record in the East, the Blizzard of 1888, which dumped at least 4 feet of snow in some places during March 12-14 and killed an estimated 400 people.

The storm killed 14 people in Florida, three of them by tornadoes. Three weather-related deaths were reported in North Carolina, two each in Tennessee, Pennsylvania and Georgia and one each in Alabama and Kentucky.



Cats capture SEC crown

UK to face Rider in Southeast

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Ford is SEC Tournament MVP

University of Kentucky Coach Rick Pitino hugged Travis Ford, who was named the SEC Tournament's most valuable player. Behind Pitino, Jared Prickett, Jeff Brassow, Rodney Dent, Tony Delk and Todd Svoboda applauded Ford's award.

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Snowstorm stuns thousands



Traffic jam traps drivers in Kentucky

By Bill Estep and Dottie Bean
Herald-Leader staff writers

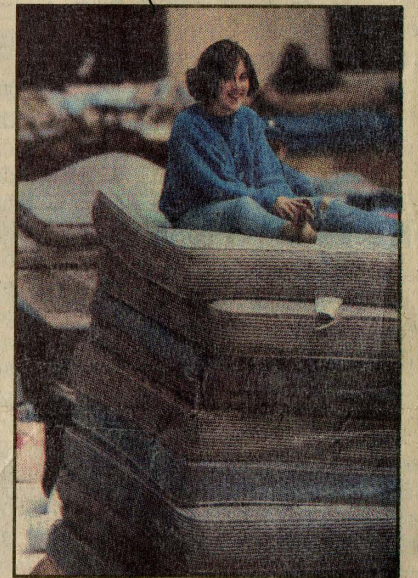
Thousands of motorists remained snowbound in Kentucky motels and converted shelters along Interstate 75 yesterday because a traffic jam on Jellico Mountain in Tennessee prevented them from traveling farther south.

At one point, as many as 200 cars were backed up along a 12-mile stretch of I-75 near the border.

Kentucky State Police began stopping southbound motorists on I-75 at London at 5:30 last night, helping them find shelter or telling them to return north.

"The alternative . . . is sitting all night in a traffic jam," said Lt. Ron Sears of the London state police post. "We don't want people sitting on the interstate all night, hungry and cold."

Volunteers running shelters in London and other southeastern Kentucky cities were told to prepare



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Maurita Prato, 16, of London, Ontario, sat on a stack of mattresses at Eastern Kentucky University.

Weather freezes out aorae



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Southbound traffic on I-75 waited for the road to be opened on Jellico Mountain.

The storm closed the interstate from Berea to the state line, stranding thousands.

ists than they housed Saturday night.

Between 3,000 and 4,000 travelers took refuge Saturday night in

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campers

By Dottie Bean

Herald-Leader staff writer

Doug Scott heard Friday's forecasts of snow for Kentucky, but he wasn't fazed.

"When they call for five to 10 inches of snow around here, we usually get three or four," said Scott, a medical technician from Louisville.

Despite warnings that one of the worst snowstorms of the century was on its way, Scott, his fiance and several friends went camping in the Red River Gorge.

"When we woke up Saturday morning, the snow was half over the tent and we said, 'Hell, we got to get out of here.'" They walked six miles in knee-high snow to find shelter.

Scott's group was among 30 campers and hikers who came swarming out of the gorge Saturday and took refuge at Sky Bridge Motel near Pine Ridge in Wolfe County.

Owner Wanda Stewart had only six rooms, and some of the campers had no money. "But she took us all in and fed us — she has been absolutely wonderful," Scott said.

At least one camper remained in the gorge Saturday night, his tent pitched in a rock house. Rescue workers found him yesterday morning, a little frostbitten, but OK.

David Glass of Lexington and several friends also were stranded at the motel after they left their vehicles in the gorge and hiked out on Chimney Top Road.

"We'll probably have to stay here tonight," Glass said yesterday morning.



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- Few winter cyclones have inflicted so wide a variety of heavy winter weather.

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Death toll reaches 98 as blizzard exits East

By Michael Mokrzycki
Associated Press

The blizzard that paralyzed much of the Eastern Seaboard whirled through New England and eastern Canada and out to sea yesterday, leaving at least 98 dead from Cuba to Quebec and shattering records with as much as 4 feet of snow.

Among the victims was a man found frozen to death in Alabama.

About 70 travelers remained stranded in a tunnel on a snowed-in highway in Virginia last night, 24 hours after the storm passed

through, while 100 hikers hunkered down in shelters and tents in the mountains of East Tennessee.

Millions of people up and down the coast had no electricity; many didn't have heat either. Thousands more were stuck in airports and shelters.

The calm after the storm was windy and bitterly cold — as low as a record 2 degrees in Birmingham, Ala., and a wind chill of 40 below zero in Vermont — threatening to freeze crops in the South and slowing the storm cleanup.

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Associated Press

A homeless man wrapped his tattered clothes around him as he walked through snowy Manhattan yesterday.

Snowbound

KENTUCKY: Traffic jam traps drivers

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Kentucky National Guard armories and other shelters after a late-winter blizzard immobilized southbound and eastbound traffic. The blizzard dropped up to 30 inches of snow in Eastern and southeastern Kentucky — leaving drifts 8 feet deep in some areas — and 6.5 or more inches in Central Kentucky.

Motorists traveling east through Kentucky on Interstate 64 found their journeys blocked at the West Virginia border until yesterday afternoon, when interstates through West Virginia reopened. However, progress was limited because the interstates remained closed at the West Virginia-Virginia border.

There were surprisingly few traffic accidents because Kentuckians heeded weather warnings and stayed off the highways, officials said.

However, at least two deaths in were blamed on the weather.

Whitley County Coroner Carl Paul said a frozen body was found about 10:30 a.m. yesterday in a ditch along Black Diamond Road southwest of Corbin.

"Apparently it was weather-related," Paul said because there was no other obvious cause of death.

Paul said the body might be that of a 28-year-old Whitley County man who left home Saturday night, saying he was going hunting. The man did not return and was missing yesterday.

Also attributed to the weather was the death of Joe Harper Sr., 63, of Monticello. He died of an apparent heart attack Saturday after shoveling snow.

It was unclear whether a third death, that of Dr. Earl Douglas Rees of Nicholasville, was weather-related. Rees, a Lexington endocrinologist, died yesterday after losing control of a tractor he was using to clear snow from driveways.

Road clearing

Kentucky highway crews on several shifts worked to clear roads yesterday, but they made little progress in some areas.



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Hunter Stith, 9, left, and Carter Downey, 8, worked in tandem to clear snow from the sidewalks in front of their homes.

Calls for help

Throughout the day yesterday, Kentucky National Guardsmen driving Humvees ferried nurses and doctors to hospitals, obtained medicine for the elderly, brought food and fuel for others, dug motorists out of ditches and ran shelters at 20 armories.

By mid-afternoon, Guard troops at London had responded to 24 calls for help from people who were out of food, baby formula, fuel or medicine, Sgt. Bruce Fredricks said.

In Pike County, Guardsmen delivered 15 gallons of kerosene to a house in an isolated area of the Miller's Creek community, where several adults and four children were gathered.

The house was heated only by kerosene heaters, and they had run dangerously low on fuel. "There was no way we could get our

Storm sets cold, snow records in state

Herald-Leader staff report

The "storm of the century" shattered records nationwide for snow accumulations and low temperatures, including several in Kentucky. More were poised to fall.

Lexington yesterday tied the record low of 12 degrees, set in 1960. The Cincinnati area registered a record low of 11 degrees at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. The previous record, 13 degrees, was set in 1891.

"We don't really know what to expect," Red Cross volunteer Eugene McCord said last night.

The shelter, which temporarily

Robert Szappanos, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Lexington, said a record low was likely today. The overnight forecast called for a low of 10 in Lexington, 4 degrees lower than the 1890 record of 14.

As for snow, the National Weather Service in Jackson reported several records, including most snowfall in 24 hours — 20.3 inches yesterday; snow depth — 20 inches; and snowfall for March — 21.8 inches.

Lexington received 6.5 inches

of snow Saturday, far short of the record March 1960 accumulation of 17.7 inches.

More than 60 cities set or tied overnight record lows yesterday. They include:

- Atlanta, 18, tied record set in 1926.
- Birmingham, Ala., 2, shattered record of 19 set in 1926.
- Chicago, 7, tied record set in 1891.
- Columbus, Ohio, 8, broke record of 12 set in 1891.

BLIZZARD: Power still out

million, including 430,000 in Alabama, remained without it for much of yesterday.

President Clinton authorized

Greatest storm? How are you measuring?

New York Times News Service

Was it the winter storm of the century?

Scranton, Pa., and Chattanooga, Tenn., got 21 inches of snow each, a record in both cases.

But many New Yorkers and other residents of the Washington-Boston corridor might ask, "So what else is new?"

It depends on where you are and how the storm is measured.

Over all, few winter cyclones have inflicted so wide a variety of heavy winter weather — from snow to rain to sleet to hurricane-force winds to thunderstorms — on so many places at once.

By at least one measure, this storm looks peerless: No winter storm so intense has ever affected so vast an area inhabited by so many Americans.

By that measure, it probably was the storm of the century, said Paul G. Knight, a meteorologist at the Pennsylvania State University Weather Communications group.

Knight and his colleagues at State College, Pa., are calling the storm a "snow-a-cane," because it combined the characteristics of a hurricane and a blizzard in one vast weather system. Winds circulating counter-clockwise around the storm's center lashed Atlanta and Boston simultaneously.

Still, there were wide differences in the storm's effect. In a broad stretch straddling the Appalachians, reaching from just west of metropolitan New York City to western Pennsylvania and western New York state, it was a first-order blizzard.

Two feet of snow was common, and a few spots got three feet.

Snow fell on New York City early in the storm, then sleet and in some spots rain. If it had been all snow, Knight said, Manhattan might have received 18 inches rather than the foot or so it did get.

But that was far short of the New York City record of 26.1 inches

On I-75, the Kentucky portion of the road was cleared to the Tennessee border, and many motorists began heading south yesterday morning only to run into gridlock at Jellico Mountain.

"A logical assumption is that south is better, but in this particular situation that was not the case," said state police Sgt. David Biggerstaff.

The situation on Jellico Mountain was aggravated by several jackknifed trucks and dozens of abandoned vehicles.

By 4:30 p.m. yesterday, traffic in the southbound lanes of I-75 was backed up 7 miles at the state line.

The newly stranded travelers included some of the 800 people who sought shelter in Laurel County on Saturday night.

Most of Kentucky's heavily traveled roads — interstates, federal highways and parkways — were cleared by yesterday afternoon. But primary and secondary roads in Central and Eastern Kentucky remained snow-covered and were considered hazardous, particularly because they were expected to ice over last night.

Sgt. Ottis Capps of the National Guard in Harlan said many roads in the area were impassable. "It's still rough," he said.

Main roads in Pike County were passable yesterday afternoon, Magistrate Jim Smith said, but side roads were still in bad shape. "It'll be three or four days before we get everything squared away."

Vacationers stranded in Richmond had Florida beaches on their minds

By Ted Schultz

Herald-Leader staff writer

RICHMOND — Most teen-agers think of parties, gifts and maybe a spin in the family car on their 16th birthday.

Jenn Boyd was supposed to celebrate that milestone in Florida: Sunny beaches, fancy hotels and an endless stream of people were waiting.

Jenn didn't make it to Florida yesterday. She was stranded with 900 others at Eastern Kentucky University's Alumni Coliseum.

"It's depressing," said Jenn, who lives in Stratford, Ontario. "We had to spend the night on the bus, and we couldn't get any sleep. You can tell this is a bad day because we're complaining about everything you can complain about."

vehicle out of the driveway," said Rosetta Batley, one of the women in the house.

Johnny Blair, Pike County's disaster and emergency services coordinator, said there were more calls yesterday than on Saturday for help with heating fuel because more people couldn't get out to get more.

SEC fans stuck

In Lexington, hundreds of out-of-state and out-of-town basketball fans were attending the Southeastern Conference Tournament at Rupp Arena when the blizzard hit this weekend.

The city was already short on hotel and motel rooms, so several organizations opened temporary shelters.

About 350 stranded motorists spent Saturday night at the Red Cross shelter on Newtown Pike. About 75 remained there yesterday after hearing that I-75 was blocked at Tennessee.

Quaker Oats granola bars are recalled in six states

CHICAGO (AP) — The Quaker Oats Co. issued a six-state recall of 1,600 cases of granola bars that might contain small particles of metal.

The recall affects certain shipments of the chocolate-chip flavored Quaker Chewy Granola Bars made to California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Rhode Island.

Jenn was one of about 50 Canadians on a bus on the way to Gainesville, Fla., who arrived in Richmond yesterday morning. They joined hundreds of others who had spent the night in the coliseum.

"Every second of this trip is getting worse," said Sarah Brown, 15, also of Stratford. "We're never going to get there. I just want to go home."

At least two-thirds of the stranded motorists were Canadians on their way to Florida. Most of the rest were on their way to the Sunshine State from Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

By the time the stretch of Interstate 75 from Berea to Tennessee reopened about 3:30 p.m. yesterday, only 200 people remained in the coliseum. Between 200 and 300

houses victims of house fires and other disasters, had a few cots, and many travelers had sleeping bags. But some slept on the floor on blankets, McCord said.

A few other travelers were housed at shelters at the Marriott Resort at Griffin Gate and the National Guard Armory in Lexington.

Lexington and other Central Kentucky communities spent yesterday digging out from under at least 6.5 inches of snow.

At least 20 city trucks were rolling to clear Lexington streets, and the city had leased four graders for the cleanup.

"Fortunately, we received a new delivery of salt last Friday," Public Works Commissioner James Street said.

The city's main streets were clear, but some county roads were barely passable by late yesterday.

Street said all city services were expected to operate normally today, including garbage pickup.

Consumers who have bought granola bars from these shipments may return them to stores for a full refund, the Chicago-based company said Friday.

The affected granola bars bear the code numbers 3H22B, 3H23B or 3H24B. Customers seeking more information on the recall may call Quaker toll-free at (800) 231-7000.

people were expected last night.

"We're going to have what we expected to have" Saturday night, said David Silver, chairman of the Red Cross Disaster Committee. "We're prepared to have them as long as they have to stay here."

Silver said the Red Cross had spent almost \$10,000 on supplies for stranded motorists. It bought 800 dinners from Kroger's and Hardee's and \$1,700 worth of breakfasts from McDonald's and Hardee's.

Kelly's Fruit Stand donated bananas, apples and oranges, and Wal-Mart brought in 160 blankets Saturday. Last night, the Red Cross bought more dinners from Kroger's.

Silver said the Red Cross had received \$2,000 in donations from the stranded motorists.

In parts of coast

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"When is it going to stop? Every time I throw a shovelful of snow, it blows right back in my face," said Bill Loomis of Stuyvesant Falls, N.Y., which is 25 miles south of Albany.

Rain followed by cold turned the snow piled on New York City's streets into "rock-hard piles of ice," said Sanitation Commissioner Emily Lloyd. The task now, she said, is "not just carrying it away. Now it's chipping and carrying it away."

Airports in Washington, D.C., Atlanta, New York, Boston and other cities slowly began reopening, but air travel across the country was backed up.

Interstate highways throughout the storm's wide swath also were cleared, though plow crews had to contend with blowing snow. The American Red Cross had 600 shelters open in 20 states.

At least 200 travelers took shelter inside control rooms in two tunnels along Interstate 77 at the Virginia-West Virginia line Saturday night, said John Redmond of the Virginia Department of Transportation. The National Guard had picked up about half of them by yesterday night, he said.

Guardsmen rescued 70 people yesterday stranded in mountainous East Tennessee but about 100 others were stuck in shelters along the trail, said Army National Guard Col. Larry Shelton.

"Everybody has been smart enough to stay put when they got stranded," he said. Food and blankets were dropped to six campers near Tellico.

Among other dramatic rescues: National Guard helicopters ferried 100 teen-agers and counselors to safety from a camp in Caesars Head, S.C.

Syracuse in northern New York got the most snow of any big city — 36 inches. Workers deflated the Teflon roof over the Carrier Dome as a precaution.

The storm created blizzard conditions in large areas of New England early yesterday before pushing into eastern Canada. There, it whipped the Nova Scotia shoreline and northern New Brunswick, damaging many buildings with wind gusting to 65 mph.

Three storm-related deaths were reported in Quebec and one in Ontario.

At various times during the storm, more than 3 million customers lost electricity. More than 1

Florida and 1972 communities in Florida, which had been struggling to recover from last summer's Hurricane Andrew. Tornadoes and other severe weather killed at least 26 in Florida on Saturday, caused extensive flooding along the Gulf Coast and flung boats ashore and against a bridge in Tarpon Springs.

The monster storm formed Thursday and Friday over the Gulf of Mexico, and early Saturday it covered nearly the entire eastern third of the United States, with its outermost bands over Cuba and the Canadian Maritimes.

In Cuba, at least three people died, many homes were destroyed and tobacco crops were ruined, the Cuban news agency Prensa Latina reported.

In the United States, the deepest recorded snow depth was 50 inches of new snow on North Carolina's 6,684-foot Mount Mitchell.

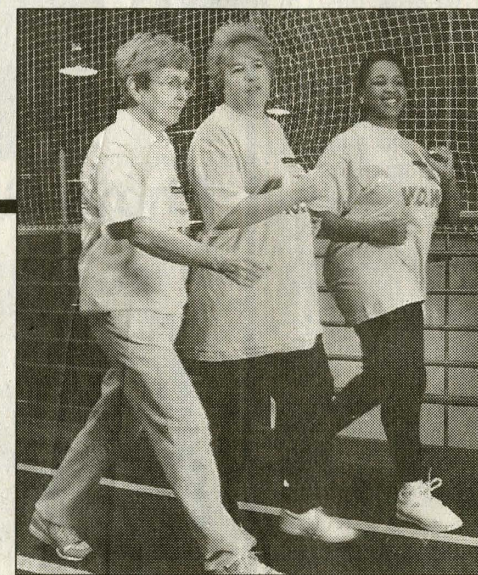
on Dec. 26, 1947, not to mention the 21 inches of the blizzard of 1888.

"In no way was it the storm of the century in terms of snow" in the Washington-Boston corridor, Knight said.

For some residents of coastal areas in the metropolitan region, this was not even the storm of the winter, much less of the century. It did less coastal damage than December's northeaster, possibly because there was less coincidence between peak winds and high tides.

After a lull Saturday night, for instance, just as the tides were building along the New Jersey coast, the winds shifted away from offshore.

On the other hand, New Jersey suburbs west of the city that suffered less in the December storm found themselves paralyzed Saturday and digging out from under more than a foot of snow yesterday.



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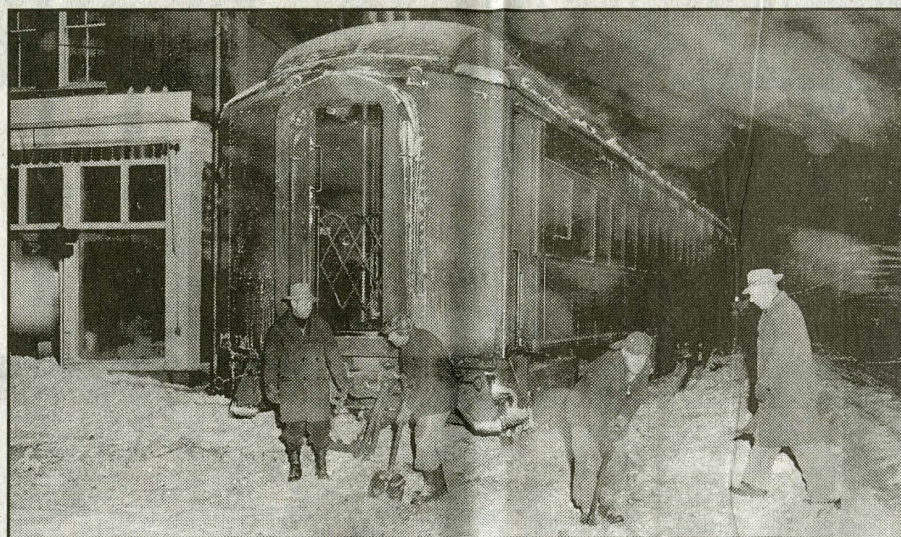
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BRANCHES CAME DOWN. POWER WENT DOWN. WE SHIVERED IN DARK, COLD HOUSES AND CONNECTED, OFTEN FOR THE FIRST TIME, WITH NEIGHBORS AND STRANGERS. THE STORM TAUGHT US TO APPRECIATE MODERN COMFORTS WE TAKE FOR GRANTED, TO COPE WITH THE SMALL STUFF AND TO KEEP OUR SPIRITS UP.

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Falling under the weight of a coating of ice, tree limbs crashed all over Lexington, showering yards and streets with crystalline debris.



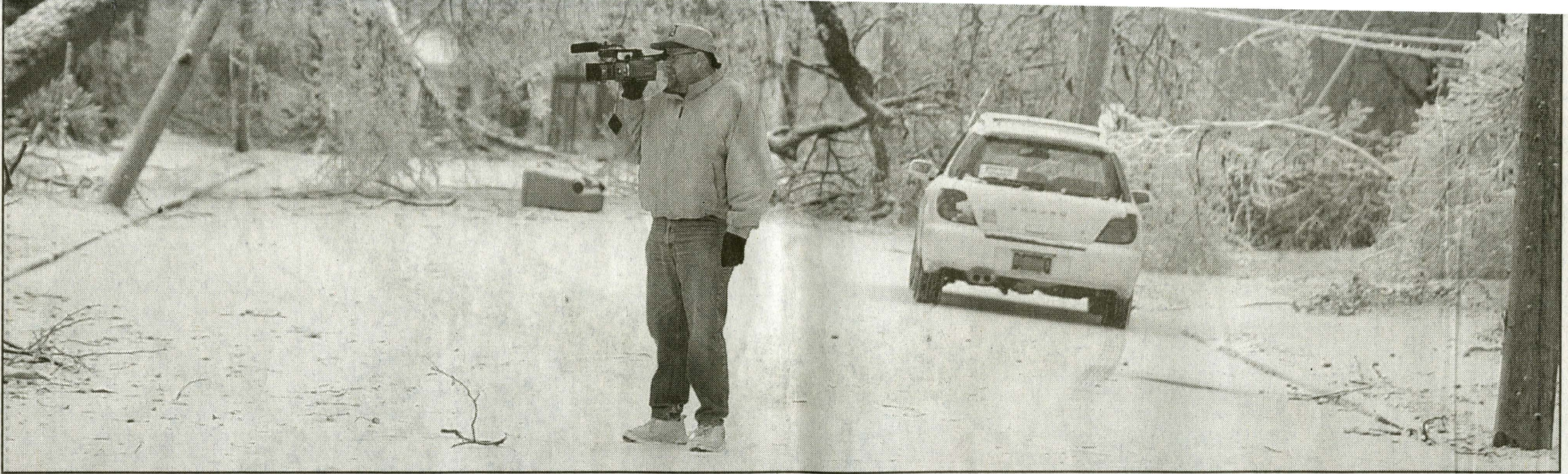
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A railroad car derailed near Broadway in Lexington during the ice storm of 1951. More than 7 inches of snow fell atop frozen rain and sleet; the temperature hit 8 below.

Our darkest hours

CLIMATOLOGICAL CONDITIONS WEREN'T MERELY RIGHT, THEY WERE PERFECT



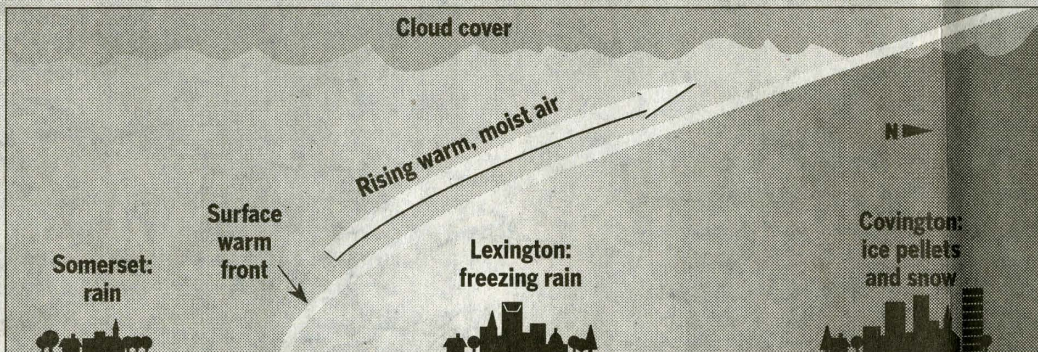


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Bell Court resident Marty Newell videotaped the havoc in his neighborhood on Monday, when Lexington was coming to grips with the extent of damage from downed trees and power lines that littered the landscape.

Why Lexington froze over

The storm that moved through the middle of the eastern United States last weekend hit Central Kentucky under just the right conditions to produce a significant ice storm. Warm air from the South rose over a layer of colder air blanketing Lexington. Rain fell from the clouds as liquid, was chilled when it hit the cold air, and froze on contact with the ground, roads, trees and utility lines. But southern Kentucky got rain only, and Northern Kentucky got ice pellets and snow.



Source: Corey Pieper, UK Agricultural Weather Center

CHRIS WARE | STAFF

By Andy Mead

HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER

It was Lexington's version of The Perfect Storm.

Before it plodded through Central Kentucky last weekend, the low pressure system had dropped several inches of rain in the Plains and spawned tornadoes over Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and the Florida panhandle.

It would later bury the East Coast under almost 3 feet of snow.

But the storm was at its worst as it moved through Central Kentucky, producing a coating of ice that broke trees, snapped utility lines and crippled the region's largest city.

Saturday afternoon, Feb. 15, Lexington was merely cool and soggy after nearly two days of light, steady rain.

The low pressure system had weakened and was centered over northeastern Arkansas, in a fairly inactive area between northern and southern branches of the jet stream.

Ahead of the low, a front of warm air stretched eastward across the center of Kentucky.

The warm front hit cold air just south of Lexington, and the warmer air began to rise, leaving a wedge of cold air close to the surface.

The meteorological trap was set.

Precipitation falling over southern and Eastern Kentucky hit warm air and continued to fall as rain. Many areas got 3 to 6 inches of rain, which led to widespread flooding.

Over Northern Kentucky, the moisture passed mostly through cold air and hit the ground as ice pellets or snow.

But over Lexington and Central Kentucky, moisture leaving the clouds passed first through the warm layer of air, then the cold.

Sometime after dark, the temperature dropped low enough that the cold rain began

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HOBIE HILER

When their families decided to tough it out in their cold and dark homes on Mentelle Park, neighbors Trey Owens, 12, and Ashley Fish, 11, amused themselves with a game called Mancala. Many people tapped into their pioneer spirits and remained at home for the duration.

Lexington may never have seen worse

BY THE NUMBERS

175,000

Number of customers without power in Kentucky at the peak of the outage.

115,000

Kentucky Utilities customers without power; that compares with 45,000 in February 1994 and 24,000 in March 1994.

100,000

Number of KU customers whose power was restored within seven days.

1,742

Utility workers helping to restore power to KU customers. That compares with 464 in February 1994 and 633 in March 1994.

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freezing as it hit exposed surfaces.

Corey Pieper, a University of Kentucky meteorologist, first noticed what would become Ice Storm 2003 between 7:30 and 8 p.m. He was driving from his home on the south side to a pet store on the northeast side.

"It was just cold enough on the north side that it started freezing," he said. "We had crossed the 32-degree line."

Roads, trees and power lines throughout the city soon were being coated with what eventually would be 1 to 2 inches of ice.

Before midnight, branches started snapping under the weight. Some pulled down lines, cutting service to the first of 115,000 Kentucky Utilities customers who would lose power. For some, the power is still out.

Costs are being totaled, but, in terms of damage, cleanup, lost wages and sales, and just plain inconvenience, what happened last weekend eventually could rank as the worst storm to hit the city.

(City officials couldn't provide cost estimates of previous storms last week because such



600

Approximate number of runs by the Lexington fire department since the storm.

100

Approximate number of traffic lights out in Lexington on the first day after the storm.

27

Traffic collisions in Lexington Feb. 16, the first full day of power outages.

66

Electrical circuits out in Lexington at the outage's peak. That compares with 11 circuits in February 1994 and 18 in March 1994.

51

Kentucky counties that declared an emergency from flooding and storm damage.

records are stored in a building that temporarily had no electricity.)

But Ice Storm 2003 is not the city's first ice storm, and it certainly won't be the last.

State climatologist Stuart Foster says research by the Army Corps of Engineers suggests that the region can expect a 3/4-inch coating of ice about once every 50 years.

The last significant ice storms hit Kentucky in January, February and March 1994.

The January storm produced Kentucky's all-time low temperature: 37 below zero at Shelbyville on Jan. 19.

The March storm was especially bad in Lexington and surrounding areas. It caused extensive tree and power line damage but was not accompanied by extreme cold.

None of the 1994 storms compared to the Great Ice Storm of 1951, Foster said, which hit as January turned to February and affected the entire state.

In Lexington, that storm brought 2 inches of frozen rain and sleet, topped by more than 7 inches of snow. Then the temperature dropped to 8 below zero.

After talking with Glen Conner, his predecessor as state climatologist, Foster said that, despite our technological advances, modern society might be more easily disrupted when nature throws a coating of ice our way.

"In some ways an ice storm today is more critical, because if you go back to 1950 or before, most folks lived out in the country," Foster said. "They had a fireplace or stove. They could generate some heat. Nowadays you have people who are almost completely dependent on electricity."

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FILE PHOTO

Police and firefighters checked the damage on Walton Avenue on Feb. 1, 1951, when Lexington was hit by an ice storm that later dumped more than 7 inches of snow on top of the ice. Lexington was not alone, however; the entire state took a hit then.



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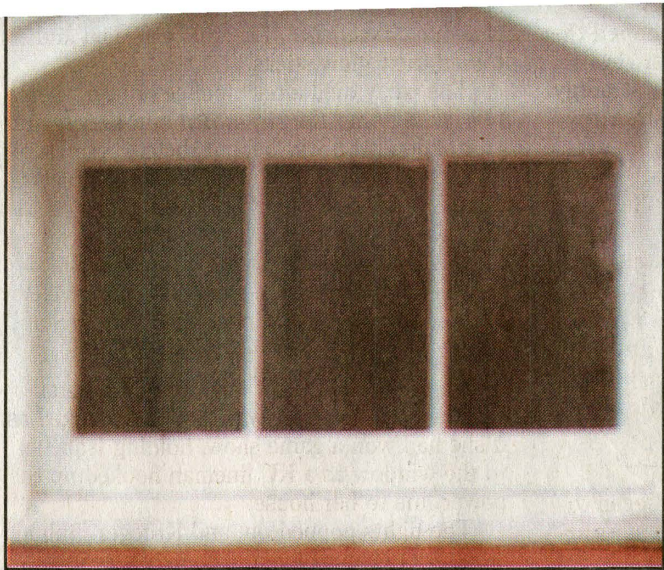
Kentucky Utilities crews worked to restore power in the Chevy Chase neighborhood, one of the city's hardest-hit. The area is full of mature street trees that split, toppled or dropped limbs on the above-ground power lines. Parts of the area were still without power yesterday.

Like others in Lexington, Mentelle ONE BLOCK'S



Although this car was leaving Mentelle Park, that wasn't the option many of the street's residents chose. Neighbors found a camaraderie in their discomfort as they weathered the same misfortunes that befell countless other pockets of Lexington.





The sight of Kentucky Utilities worker Jeremy Bowen of Danville was a welcome one to residents of Mentelle Park. Many of them had remained in their cold and dark homes and were more than ready for the lights and heat to come back on.



A tree-lined median runs the length of Mentelle Park, and it's a popular place to play for children like Noah Friedman-Buchanan, 7, left, and Julian Boehnert-Krueger, 6. This time, though, they had to work their way through debris.



Stan Fish provided lights for his Mentelle Park neighbors Thursday night when he set off fireworks. The police came along and put an end

Mentelle Park residents found ways to cope

S BLACKOUT

In a shower of ice and sparks and tree limbs, the lights went out for thousands of Central Kentucky residents. And for a week, life was hardly typical.

On Mentelle Park, a historic block in the heart of Lexington, residents responded as did their neighbors throughout the region. Some hunkered down. Some left their homes in search of warmth. Many offered a hand or a hot cup of coffee.

And they reveled when the darkness receded.

By Laura Yuen

HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER

From his kitchen table, John Krueger looked out at the fallen trees in his back yard. He was spreading jam on his toast when a huge branch ripped from another tree and tumbled onto a power line. The kitchen went dark.

Across the road, while everyone else slumbered, 7-year-old Noah Friedman-Buchanan scampered downstairs and peered out his parents' bedroom window. He heard two booms as orange sparks splashed across the sky. When he tried to play with his toy train, nothing happened.

And that was Sunday. Just the beginning.

Overnight, the block known as Mentelle Park turned into a stretch of blackness and crackles, lit by candles glowing behind windowpanes. As Noah's twin sister, Emma, tip-toed over dead branches with her mom in the dark, she began to cry. So did her friend Julian, who couldn't believe his favorite crab apple tree was smashed.

"I call it the Entry to the Dead Zone," said Fiona Doherty, a psychiatrist who lives near one of the street's stone-pillared entrances. "I would take a photograph of it, but it'd be like taking a picture of a funeral."

The people of Mentelle Park awoke to a carnage of trees and battered roofs that seemed cruelly unfair — until they realized the entire city was equally torn, or even worse.

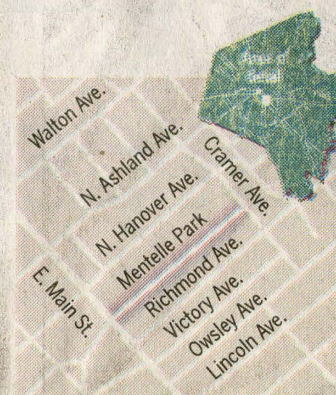
Old hardwoods that shaded the street snapped or slumped into frozen pretzels. Without heat, the drafty old homes got even colder. Residents longed to see workers in hard hats and watched streets around them light up. Some packed essentials and headed for hotels.



Natural light and candlelight, a comfortable chair and a book were all Mike Friedman needed to occupy some of his time during the day as he and his family waited for a return to normal life.

On the fifth day without power, Mike Friedman lunched on Korean leftovers on his front porch at 23 Mentelle Park. He ate straight from an iron skillet heated by his fireplace. For the first time since the storm hit, sun warmed the street, causing avalanches of ice from trees.

"This is the first time I've seen a bucket truck," he marveled as red utility trucks



Around 8:30 p.m. Thursday, a bunch of neighborhood kids huddled around a fireplace outside Ashley Fish's house. Most of the street remained powerless, but Stan Fish, Ashley's dad, reckoned he could lift the darkness.

Stan Fish, who helps out with firework shows on the Fourth of July, hauled out a bag full of pyrotechnics and set up miniature rockets. The



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Like thousands of Lexington residents, Edmond Nunez of North Forbes Road faced a yardful of downed tree limbs and branches and went about the business of cleaning up the mess. But much remains to be done.

TREE Q&A

What trees took the hardest hits?

Bradford pear, silver maple, birch and willows were predictable victims. Homeowners plant fast-growing trees like these for quick shade. But such trees usually have soft wood and develop weak V-shaped branch crotches that split easily in high winds or under the weight of ice.

How can you decide whether a tree's worth saving?

If the whole top or side is gone, it's probably not worth the money and time to try to save. This is especially true if it's a soft-wood tree that might have similar problems

An urban forest in limbo

• By Beverly Fortune
HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER

City forester Tim Queary was helping coordinate cleanup of downed trees in the Chevy Chase area last week. Here's what he had to say about the ice storm's effect on Lexington's landscape.

TREE Q&A

Can a split tree be saved?

Possibly, if the split isn't too deep. But trunks split down the middle are very difficult to cable and brace.

Can leaning trees be saved?

It depends. If the roots haven't pulled out of the ground, leave the tree alone. Many will straighten up by themselves. If they need a little help, gently pull them back to their vertical positions and brace them. Mature trees left leaning because of broken roots rarely survive efforts to pull them back into place.

Is it a good idea to paint trunk and limb wounds with

What damage is repairable?
Generally, if the branch hasn't split from the trunk, the broken part can be cut back to the next major adjacent branch. Prune so you don't leave stubs. Stubs die, encouraging rot and decay.

How much damage needs to be removed?

Cut off dangling limbs that can be hazards, but don't cut off more than you have to. Damage might look severe, but it's better to assess trees again in the spring when it's clear which limbs have died. Concentrate on saving as many trees as you can, rather than quickly deciding to cut them down.

How much pruning can I do myself? When should I call for professional help?

Small limbs within reach can be removed with pruning shears or a pole-clipper. Do you feel comfortable climbing a ladder? That's an individual decision. But don't operate power equipment from a ladder or in a tree where firm footing is questionable. Taking down major broken limbs might be better left to professionals with proper tools and training.

How much should I prune now?

Be conservative. Just take off loose branches now. Wait to decide about more pruning or removals. Cut away loose bark, but don't cut into bark that is living and still attached.

If a tree needs major pruning or has to be removed, why should I hire an arborist or tree service?

Pruning a large tree can be dangerous. An arborist or tree service professional can determine what type of pruning is needed to improve the health, safety and appearance of the tree. Professionals have trained workers, required safety equipment and liability insurance. Check the telephone directory under "Tree Service" for businesses that do tree work.

What do I do if the top's broken off?

Remove the snags and cut back to the next major interior branch. Often this will be a major fork. Don't top a tree. The new growth will look bushy, but it's weak and breaks easily.

Question: Have you done any assessment of the damage to the city's treescape?

Answer: No, it's still too early. At this time it's hard to say what the damage is. I know most of the mature trees have been affected more than younger trees.

Q: Where are you seeing the most damage?

A: The neighborhoods downtown with the large mature street trees. But we're also seeing damage in the newer neighborhoods with the Bradford pears. Really, what it comes down to is the soft-wooded species like silver maples and Bradford pears have had a lot of damage. Other species with harder wood, we're not seeing as much damage. I think a lot of pin oaks, though they've sustained damage, can be pruned, and they'll be OK.

Q: Do you have an early estimate on the number of trees damaged or lost?

A: We may try to survey the damage in the next couple of months. At this point, we're still in a state of emergency. Everyone with Urban County Government in various divisions is trying to open up our roads and get any hanging limbs out of the road. We haven't really had time to think about doing inventories or look at the extent of damage to the street trees.

Q: The city landscape has been changed pretty drastically. What do you think it will look like come spring?

A: It's wintertime, and we can see the damage to the trees. I think for the most part this summer when the leaves come it won't look that bad. My greatest fear is the trees that have been lost, are they ever going to be replaced by property owners?

Q: So is your concern that there will be a backlash against trees or that homeowners will think it's too expensive to replace the trees?

A: After experiencing a storm like this, people have to deal with cleanup costs ... you wonder whether they're going to go the extra step and pay for tree replacement.

Q: Is the city removing hazardous street trees?

A: The city for a long time has removed hazardous street trees as a service to the public. Now, I think, that is an issue the city will probably have to look at because we have possibly thousands of hazardous street trees. That's an issue we will have to look at. At this time, it's just too early to say.

Q: What about trees on private property that are a danger to passing cars or pedestrians?

A: The ordinance says street trees are the responsibility of the property owner to take care of. Right now we're not exactly maintaining trees for them. We're trying to remove the problem like low-hanging branches or branches that have completely fallen across the roadway.

Q: Are you thinking even in a preliminary way about a tree-planting campaign for the city?

A: I hope this will bring attention to an urban forestry plan. It probably has created an interest in trees, but we're still in the process of making streets safe for the public.

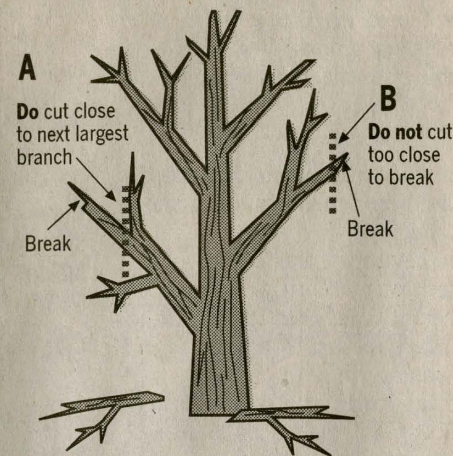
Q: As far as replanting street trees, don't you keep a list of acceptable street trees?

A: Yes, we have a list, and people can call the Division of Streets and Roads at (859) 258-3451 to get the list of trees acceptable for street tree planting. With that brochure comes a list of species not acceptable anymore, such as Bradford pear.

Q: What is happening to the debris?

A: It's being taken to a city-owned facility and chipped into mulch.

The damage is done; now the repairs begin



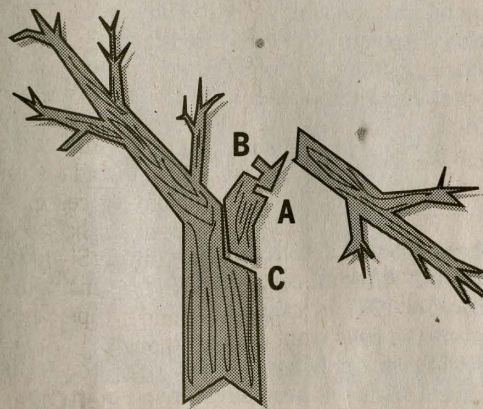
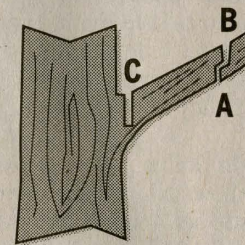
A. Cut broken branches adjacent to the next larger branch.

B. To help a tree heal naturally over a cut, don't leave a branch stub sticking out from the trunk. Make your last cut from the top of the branch at the branch collar. The collar is a slight ridge of bark where the branch attaches to the trunk or to another major branch.

SAVING WHAT CAN BE SAVED

To avoid stripping healthy bark from the trunk when a heavy limb is removed, use this three-step method.

A. Make the first cut on the underside of the branch, about 18 inches out from the trunk. Cut until its weight starts to bind the saw. **B.** Make the second cut on top of the branch, a few inches beyond the first cut. **C.** The last cut removes the remaining branch stub from the trunk.



Trees with split trunks might be saved if the split isn't too extensive. About the only thing a homeowner can do is cut away the broken section. A tree professional needs to be called if the tree must be cabled and braced.

Source: Staff and University of Michigan Extension Service.

STAFF

No. Once it was thought painting wounds was helpful to a tree. But research shows tree paint interferes with the tree's ability to seal the wound.

Is it OK to fertilize a damaged tree?

Some tree experts say a balanced fertilizer around a winter-damaged tree will help it recover. Others advise holding off because fertilizer might inhibit recovery. Newly planted trees should not be fertilized at all for three years. Trees need to regrow their root systems, and fertilizer slows that process.

When can I plant new trees?

Fall's the ideal time. The second-best time is early spring before trees bud out. Plant while soil temperatures are cool to let roots get established before summer, when heat and drought put trees under stress.

When I get ready to replant, what size tree is best to buy?

If you're buying a bare-root or ball-and-burlapped tree, remember that 60 percent of the roots were cut away when the tree was dug. Tree growth won't take off until the roots regrow to a size that can support top growth. For that reason, small trees get established and start putting on height faster than big trees.

Can I afford to replace trees I've lost to ice damage?

Consider the shade, beauty and value that trees add to your property. Container-grown trees cost as little as \$25.

How can damage like we've seen in the past week be prevented?

There's no guarantee that another storm won't cause damage. But to help trees survive, keep them healthy; remove weak, diseased or dead limbs. Prune to keep limbs out of power lines. Plant trees away from utility lines, or select low-growing trees. Before you plant a tree, know how big it's going to get.

Compiled by Beverly Fortune from information from the University of Illinois Extension Service, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the International Society of Arboriculture.

Helpful phone numbers

LexCall: (859) 425-2255.

LexCall is the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's service and information call center. LexCall hours will be 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. today. Regular hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Power outages: Kentucky Utilities customers with power outages should call 1-800-981-0600. Blue Grass Energy customers should call 1-888-655-4243.

Storm-related emergencies: Lexington's city government has set up an emergency operations center at (859) 258-3970 for all non-911 emergencies. That includes information about emergency shelters and transportation to them, medication and food. This number also has a Spanish speaker standing by.

Crime and medical emergencies: Call 911 for criminal activity and major medical emergencies.

Telephone outages: Alltel customers should call 1-800-782-6206.

Gas outages: Columbia Gas customers should call 1-800-432-9515.

Cable television outages: Insight Communications customers should call (859) 514-1400.

Clearing debris

WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY?

Lexington property owners might be confused as to which broken branches and downed trees they're responsible for cleaning up.

The city will clear all debris that has fallen onto roadways. The city will also collect debris that the homeowner has placed between the sidewalk and the curb. If tree limbs have not been picked up in a week, contact LexCall at (859) 425-2255.

Property owners are responsible for clearing any tree debris in their front and back yards. City workers will not come onto homeowners' property to collect or remove debris. Property owners must get tree debris to the curb.

The city is requesting that residents refrain from remov-

securing your property.

- Keep a record of all conversations with the insurance personnel, including the person's name and the time and date. Get the adjuster's name, phone number and company since he or she might be from out of town.

Other considerations:

- Don't agree to a final settlement until you are satisfied that it is fair. You are entitled to obtain independent estimates if you wish.

- Don't sign anything that limits the company's future obligation.

- Be aware that while insurance is your main source of funding, you might qualify for state and federal assistance after a disaster, regardless of your income.

- Avoid repair scams by dealing with local licensed contractors you know or can check out. Do not deal with fly-by-night remodelers who go door-to-door.

- Ask for identification and proof of workers' compensation and general liability insurance.

- Insist on a written contract.

- Pay by check, not cash.

When you call, have on hand your:

- Insurance agent's name and address.

- Insurance policy number and renewal date.

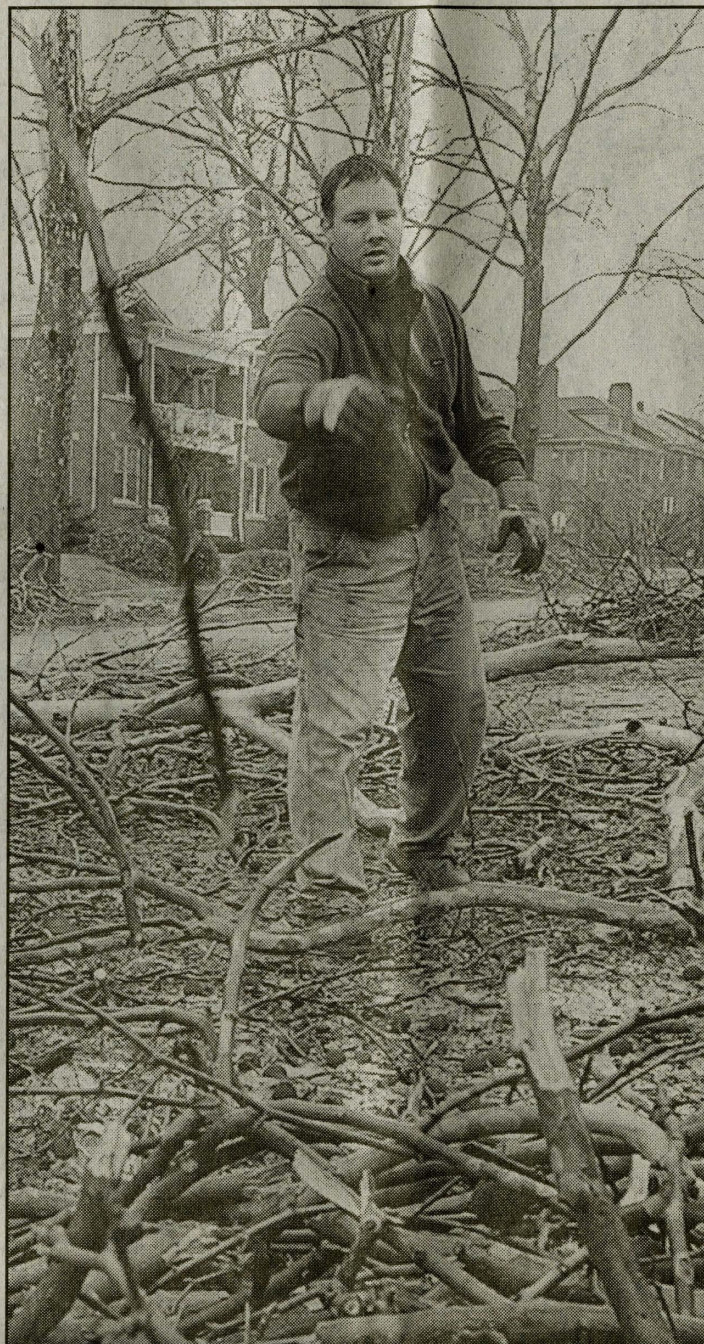
Be prepared to give:

- Complete directions to your home.

- Your temporary address,

GETTING PREPARED

Here's a page to save to help you cope the next time disaster strikes. Need help finding help? Call the Herald-Leader at (859) 231-1673, or go to our Web site at www.kentucky.com/mld/heraldleader.



- Three rolls of 2-inch sterile roller bandages.

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- Two pairs of latex gloves.

- Antiseptic.

- Assorted sizes of safety pins.

- Cleansing agent or soap.

- Insect repellent.

- Moistened towelettes.

- Needle.

- Cotton swabs and cotton balls.

- Rubbing alcohol and hydrogen peroxide.

- Scissors.

- Sunscreen.

- Thermometer.

- Two tongue depressors..

- Three triangular bandages.

- Petroleum jelly or other lubricant.

- Tweezers.

- Aspirin or non-aspirin pain reliever.

- Anti-diarrhea medication.

- Antacid.

- Syrup of ipecac (use to induce vomiting if advised by the Poison Control Center).

- Laxative.

- Activated charcoal (use if advised by the Poison Control Center).

- Personal medical needs that might include: heart and high blood pressure medication, insulin, prescription drugs, denture needs, contact lenses and supplies, or extra eyeglasses. Ask your physician or pharmacist about storing prescription medications.

powder).

- Pet food.

- Baby supplies to include: formula, diapers, bottles, powdered milk, and medications.

CLOTHING AND BEDDING

- Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person.

- Sturdy shoes or work boots.

- Rain gear.

- Blankets or sleeping

bags.

- Hat and gloves.

- Thermal underwear.

- Sunglasses.

- Portable folding cot.

TOOLS AND SUPPLIES

- Cordless clock.

- Battery-powered radio.

- Weather radio.

- Flashlight.

- Fresh batteries. Do not leave batteries in radios or flashlights, since this will cause them to go dead. Keep them separate until needed.

- Mess kits, or paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils.

- Emergency preparedness manual.

- Cash or traveler's checks, and change.

- Non-electric can opener and utility knife.

- Fire extinguisher (small-canister ABC-type)

- Compass.

- Matches in a waterproof container.

- Aluminum foil and plastic wrap.

- Plastic storage containers.

- Mop, bucket and broom.

- Signal flare.

- Paper and pencil.

- Medicine dropper.

- Shut-off wrench, to turn off household gas and water.

- Whistle.

- Plastic sheeting.

- Duct tape.

- Extra set of car keys.

- Extra hearing aid

batteries.

- Fix-a-Flat for tires.

- Ice chest.

- Chlorine bleach.

- Plywood.

- Screwdriver and screws.

- Utility knife.

- Pliers and vise grips.

- Safety goggles.

- Hammer and nails.

- Heavy work gloves.

- Dust masks.





ICE STORM 2003

Navigating Lexington's streets meant dodging tree limbs and power lines like the ones that fell on East High Street near Arlington Avenue.

HOBIE HILER

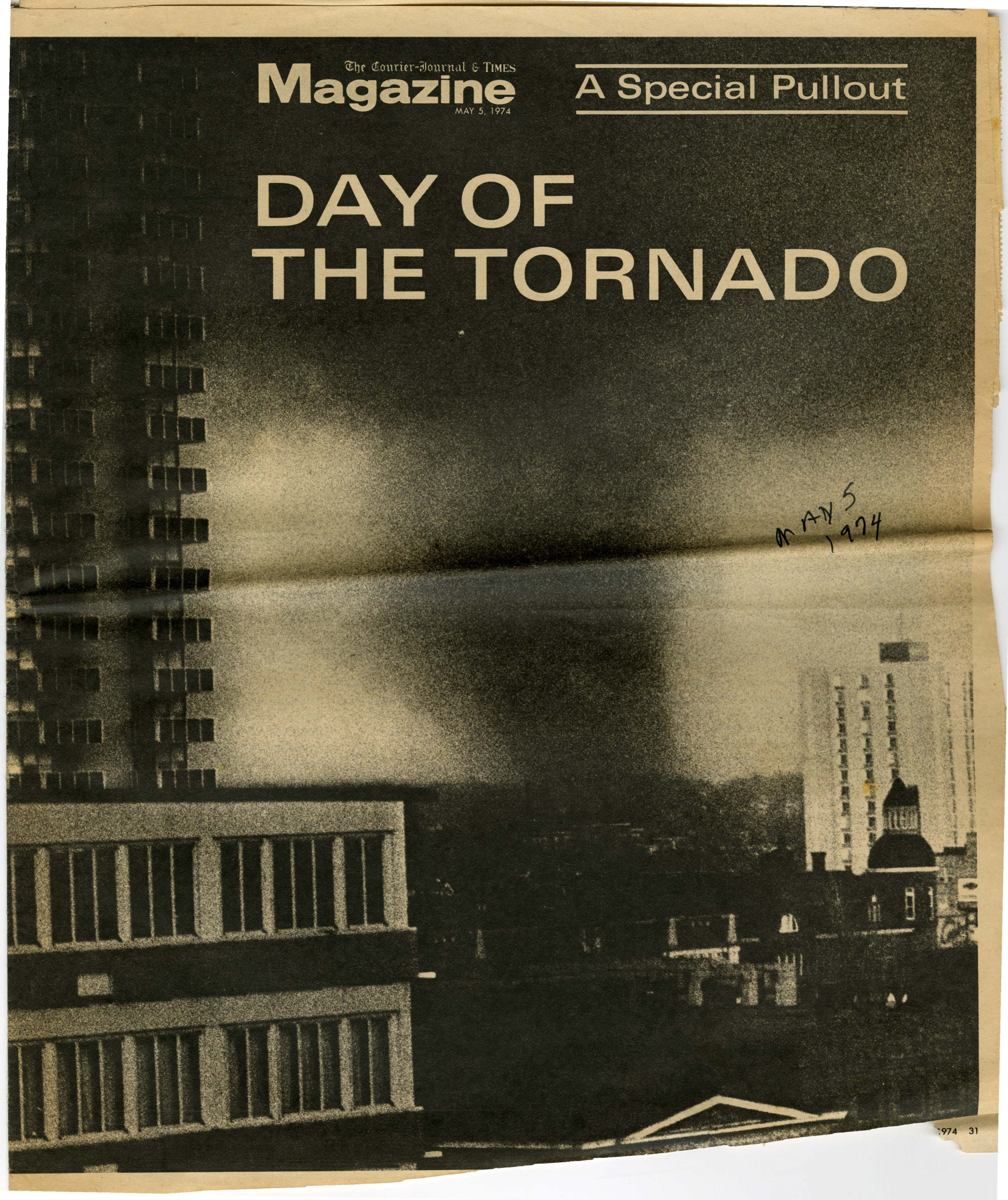
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DAY OF THE TORNADO

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XENIA, OHIO: A couple leave what's left of home, their possessions packed in leaf bags. Some 38 were killed at Xenia.

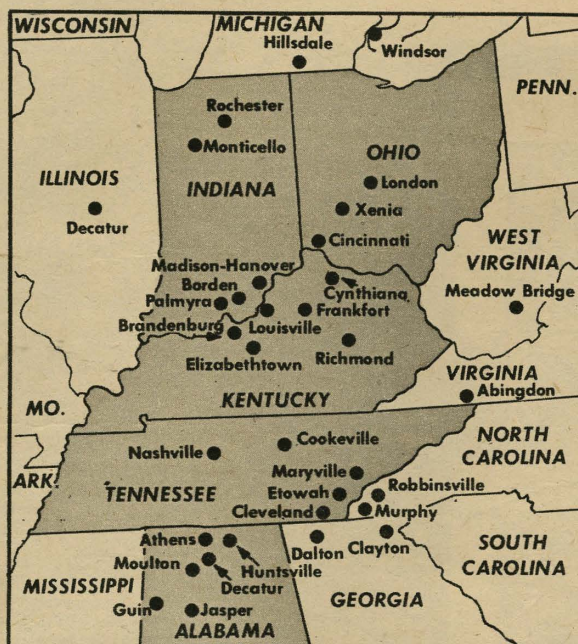
Associated Press

APRIL 3, 1974, started out as a routine news day. The Queen Elizabeth II was stalled at sea with boiler trouble and 1,650 passengers aboard. W. A. "Tony" Boyle was on trial for the murder of Joseph Yablonski. Donald Nixon denied to Senate investigators that he had helped financier Robert L. Vesco get a message to Mr. Nixon's brother, the President. The stock market opened on a sluggish note, though the Arab embargo had been lifted and the gasoline crisis appeared about over.

In Kentucky, Governor Wendell Ford had just signed a bill, passed by the recent legislature, putting into effect a compromise form of no-fault insurance. There was a general lament that no horse had emerged as a favorite to win the 100th running of the Kentucky Derby, and fears that the race might have to be run in two heats because so many colts were entered. Campbellsburg was recovering from a tornado that had swept through the town two days earlier, killing one person, injuring 20 more and doing more than \$1 million in damage.

A typical April day, with typical April weather, wet and warm. A chance of showers and thundershowers was forecast for much of the Eastern half of the U.S., following the pattern of the previous week and due mainly to a large,

warm air mass pushing up into the Midwest from the Gulf. Warm with a chance of rain was forecast for Kentucky; for Indiana: windy and warm.



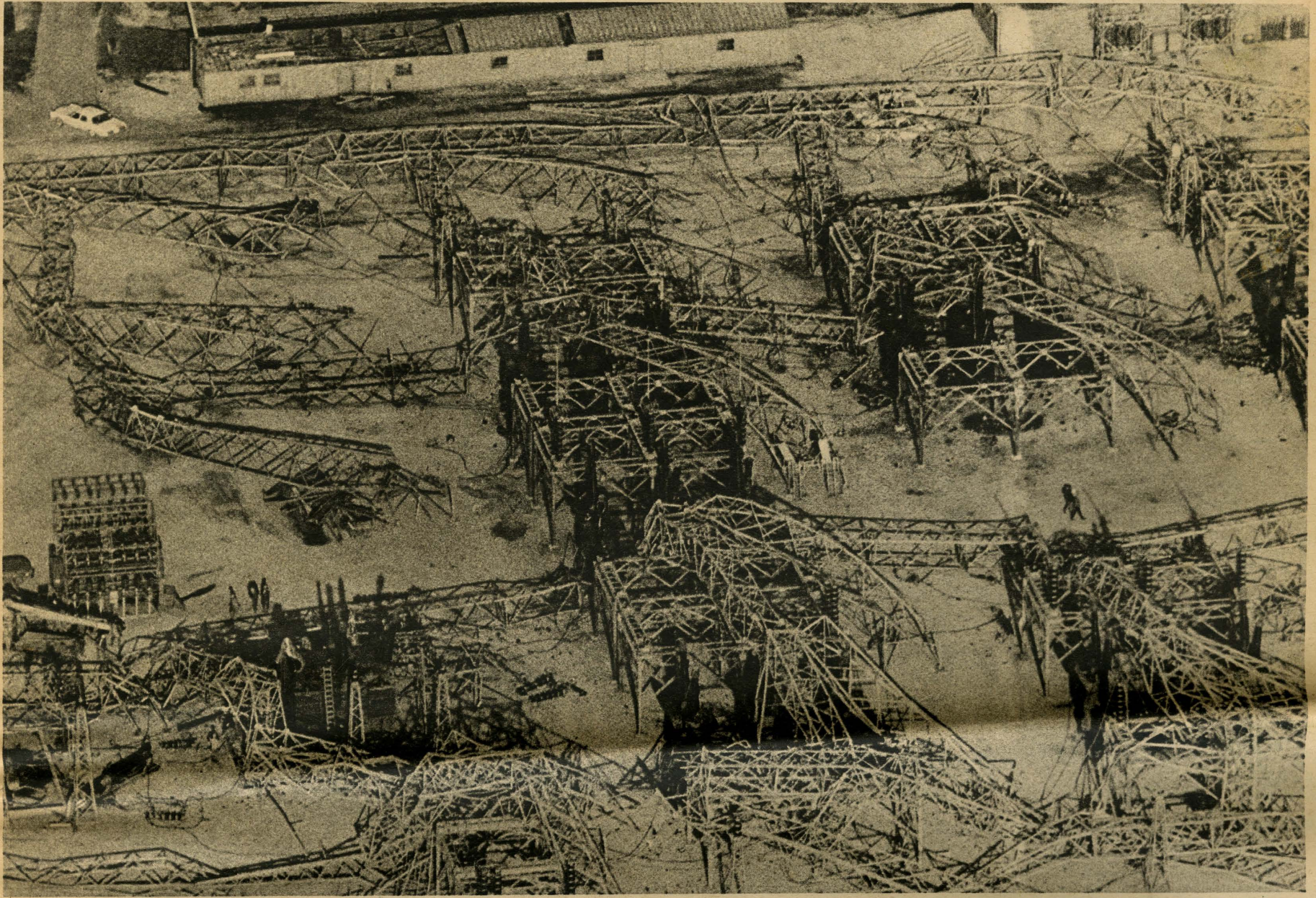
Map by Bill Donovan

Shaded areas show states hardest hit.

But for 24 hours a large, intense, fast-moving low-pressure area had been surging eastward across the Great Plains, pushing the warm air from the Gulf faster along its course to the Northeast. Shortly after noon, on a line stretching from Mississippi to Canada, the two masses collided, and along the extended front the wet, warm, conflicting currents began spewing out a series of tornadoes. From northern Alabama through Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, radio warnings crackled. Tornado watches became tornado warnings. Then the deadly twisters started ripping through the countryside, turning April 3 into a day of terror that left its mark on history.

In all, more than 100 tornadoes touched down along the squall lines from Alabama through Michigan, killing 317 people, injuring more than 1,500 and causing an estimated \$570 million in damage. In 10 states, 100 counties suffered heavy damage. Parts of eight states were declared disaster areas.

It was clearly the worst storm since the tornadoes of 1925 that killed 740 people, and the fact that the death toll was far less was due largely to improved warning systems that sent hundreds of thousands scurrying to shelter and let them survive the storm's passage.



Larry Spitzer



Stan Denny

INDIANA: *The power plant at Madison, above, was reduced to spaghetti. The Palmyra resident, left, lost her stepmother and trailer home in the storm.*

A Special Pullout

Pullout cover photograph of the Louisville tornado, taken by LARRY SPITZER from Sixth and Broadway, looking toward the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center

Color photography by C. THOMAS HARDIN
Text by JOHN ED PEARCE, a member of the Magazine staff



Bryan Moss

BRANDENBURG, KY: *In the throes of this destruction, 31 of the town's 1,800 people lost their lives.*

AS KENTUCKIANS went to work Wednesday morning there seemed to be no reason to worry about the weather. It was a little windy early in the day, with showers here and there, but April in Kentucky is usually windy and damp. Even when, at 10:28, Louisville radio stations began broadcasting severe-weather warnings, there was no alarm. Campbellsburg had been hit by a tornado two days earlier; in retrospect, it sounded an ominous overture, but at the time it was considered a freak. And there had been a half-dozen weather warnings in previous days and nothing had come of them.

Then suddenly, at 2:45 in the afternoon, the warnings took on a frightening tone. Following a severe-thunderstorm warning, a tornado had hit near Palmyra, Ind., and smashed into Borden. Madison was then battered. Reports started coming in of other tornadoes in Alabama and Tennessee. At 3:45 a tornado warning was issued for the area around Brandenburg, Ky. At almost the same moment, a tornado sideswiped Irvington; 15 minutes later it slashed through Brandenburg.

At 4:18, Louisville got its first tornado warn-

ing; sirens screamed and people headed for their basements, as radio and television stations hammered out the danger warnings. At 4:37, a tornado touched down at Standiford Field and began its 15-minute, 12-mile journey of death and destruction through Louisville, buffeting Oldham and Henry counties before blowing itself out in the open land of Owen County.

Three minutes after the Louisville twister sprang to life, Hardin County was hit. At 4:45 Simpson, Warren and Barren counties were struck. Nelson and Spencer counties were hit at 5:00. Another tornado touched down in Anderson County at 5:50, and in 25 minutes roared through Frankfort and into Scott County, where it lashed at Stamping Ground. Across the state, the barrage became a drumfire of reports of death.

Throughout the evening, the terror continued. Twin tornadoes hit Wayne and Clinton counties between 6:40 and 7:15. Another raged through Harrison County for 20 minutes after it struck at 6:55. There was another near Cynthiana at 7:15. At 7:20, a vicious one tore through Garrard County into Madison County. The Madi-

son-Fayette line was hit at 7:30. Then came others in Pulaski and Rockcastle counties at 7:55, at Camargo in Montgomery County at 8:05, in Scott and Harrison counties at 8:15, in Wayne and Pulaski at 9:25, and in Boone County at 11:30, before the fury of the storm finally abated with a smash near the Pulaski-Rockcastle line at midnight.

In Kentucky, 18 tornadoes and two severe storms were counted that day, a dozen more in nearby areas of Indiana and Ohio. Xenia, Ohio, a town of 25,000, lost 38 dead. But for its size, tiny Brandenburg (population 1,800) was probably hardest hit of all: 31 dead, scores injured, its business district gutted.

In a sense, Louisville was lucky, with only two deaths directly attributed to the storm (two more persons died of heart attacks). But as the stunned survivors crawled from their basements, they were bludgeoned by the numbing sight of destruction. Louisville was deeply scarred. Some of its finest parks and suburbs had lain within the storm's lethal path. It would be a long time before the city — like the entire nation — forgot April 3, 1974.



LOUISVILLE: The downtown skyline is a quiet horizon for the Northfield suburb, blasted in 30 seconds.



*Into the fashionable suburbs—
Rolling Fields, Indian Hills,
Northfield — the storm tore,
ripping the costly homes with
the stately trees, neat walks
and shrubs, filling swimming
pools with debris. After the
fury passed, there was little
to do but inspect the damage,
thankful life had been spared,
and then begin the grim task
of clearing away the past so
that homes and hopes could be
rebuilt on what was left.*

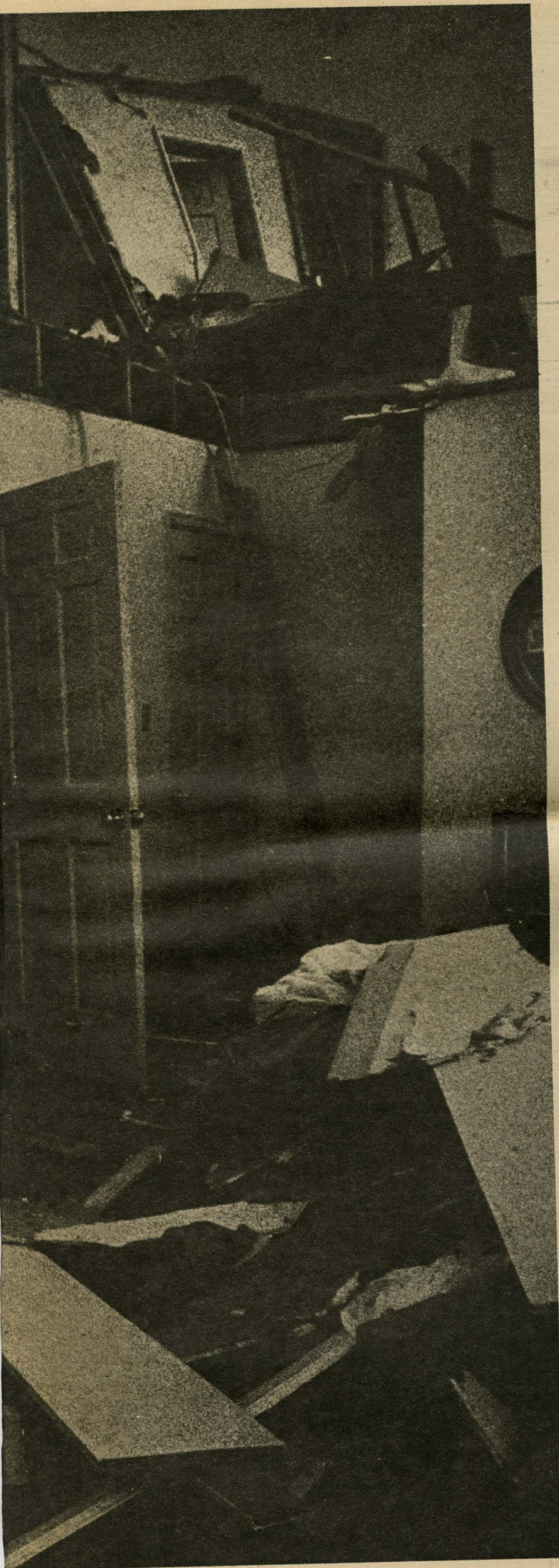


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Nothing softens for long the hurt of seeing one's home in ruins. For some the mercy of shock stuns and numbs and lets the anguish of truth seep in slowly. But the child feels in the heart the stab of reality, of dear things gone, of home and haven and security taken from her.



The storm dealt its wrath unevenly. Along Eastern Parkway (below) some houses lost only roof tiles. But in the Grinstead Drive area of Crescent Hill (above and right) homes were ripped apart, century-old trees twisted and shattered, and neighbors who had shared the comfort of quiet streets and shade now shared the common grief of loss and worry over what to do next.



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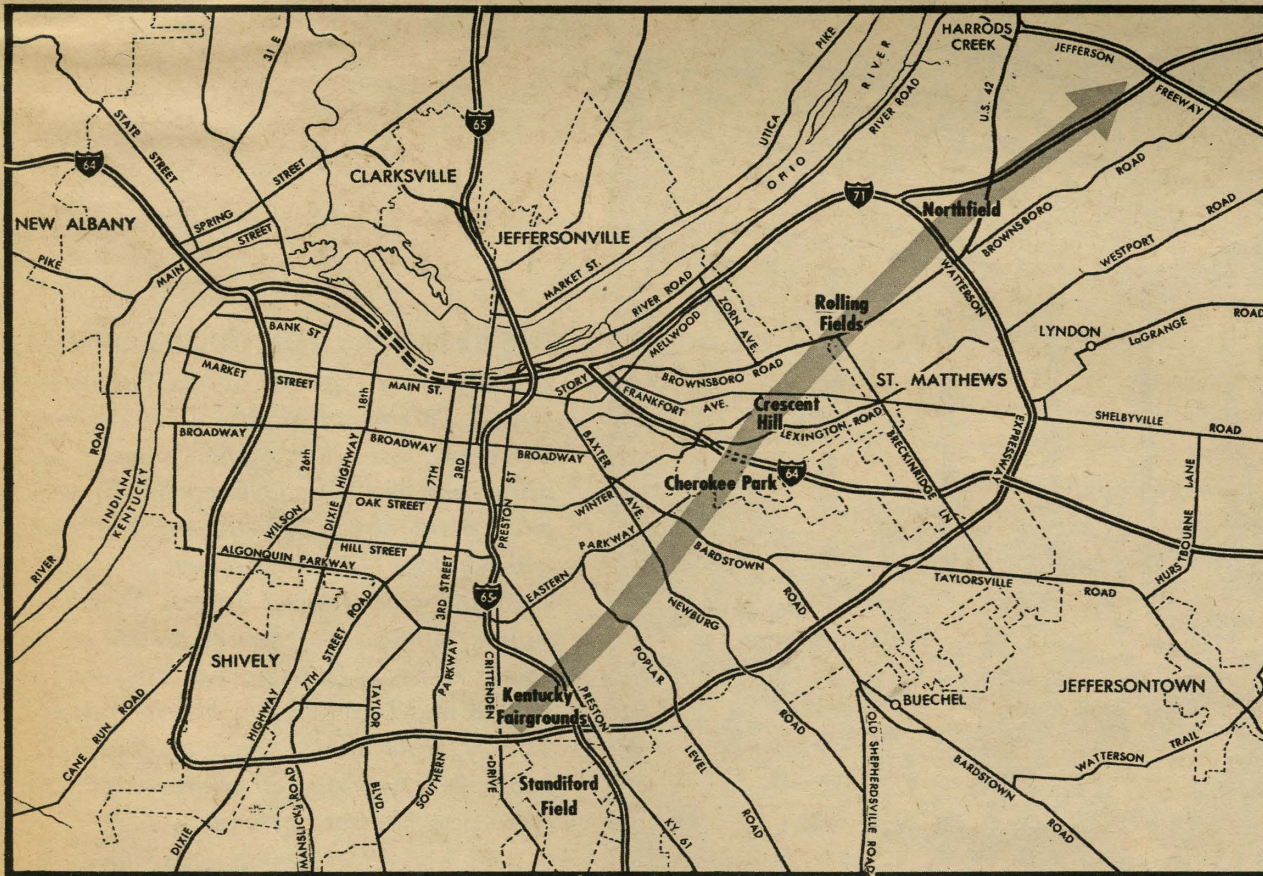




Cherokee ... when the storm struck. Another 80 years may pass before all scars are healed.



Frank Kimmell



Map by Steve Durbin

One of Louisville's busy commercial districts — Bardstown Road in the Highlands — was among the first areas hit. Looking southeast from Eastern Parkway, the street, above, is a maze of felled power lines and snarled traffic.

THE TORNADO'S PATH: "My God, it's right here!" meteorologist John Burke yelled to a newscaster as the twister formed before his eyes at Standiford Field. The map at left traces the trail of terror the storm then took in Louisville.

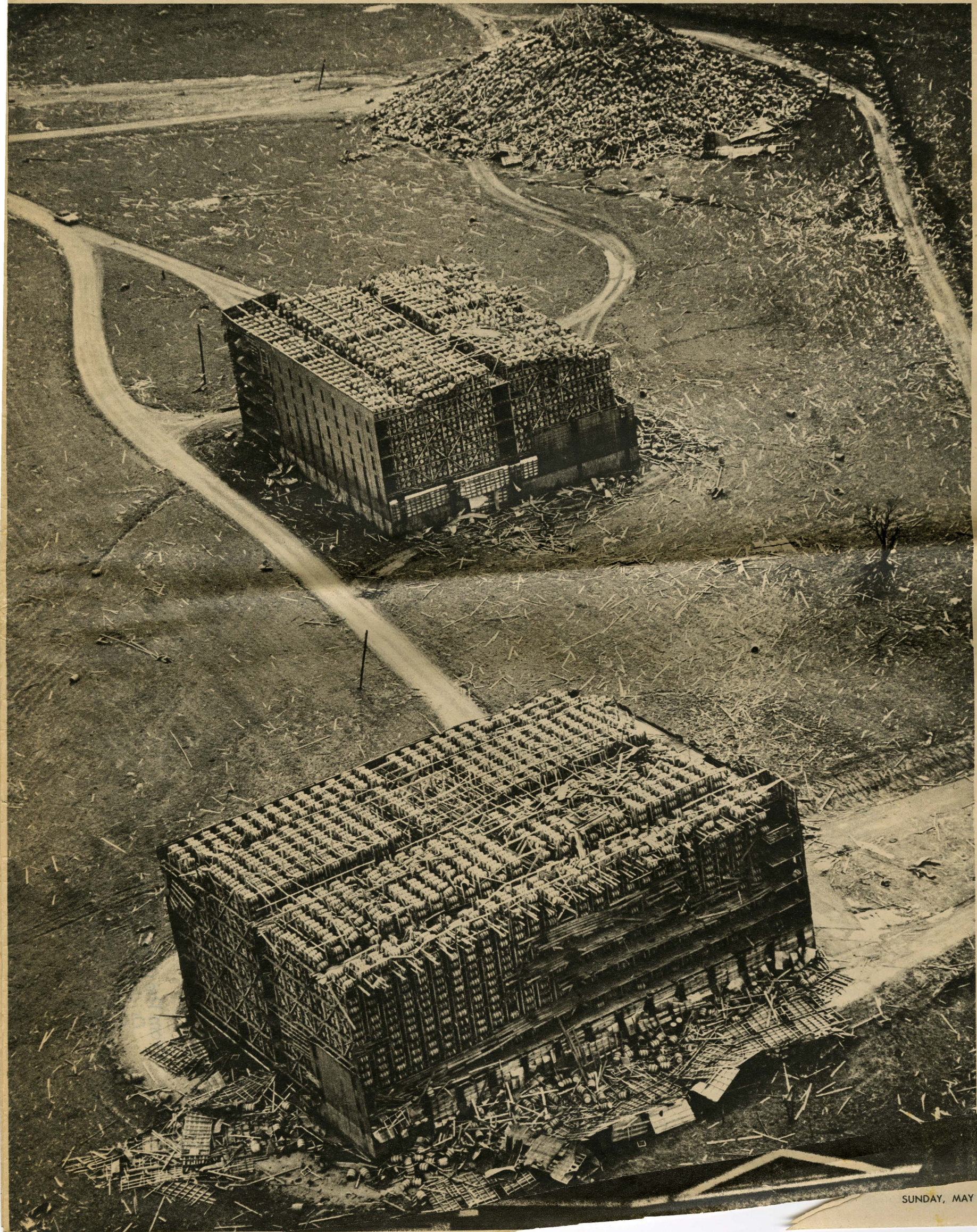


James R. Russell



Robert Steinau

THE KENTUCKY TORNADOES affected virtually every segment of life. Farmer June B. Perkins, of Madison County near Richmond, lost livestock, home and barns, and his farm machinery was blown into a pond, above. Wooden barrels filled with whisky were piled in a jumbled mass and walls stripped bare as the winds ripped through warehouses owned by the James B. Beam Distilling Co. between Boston and Lebanon Junction in Nelson County, right. Schools, among them Louisville's Audubon Elementary, left, were also hit, but, fortunately, classes weren't in session at the time.



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Billy Davis



James N. Keen

AT JETT, NEAR FRANKFORT, members of Capital City Christian Church showed, like most storm victims, that their faith was unshattered by the ravages of the tempest. Their church will be rebuilt on the same site according to the original plans.

IT IS a saving grace of mankind that the human spirit responds to times of tragedy with courage and generosity, and the storms of April 3 brought forth both in reassuring measure. True, police and aid operations were hampered by sightseers and curiosity seekers. But volunteers swarmed into the stricken areas to help the victims clear away the debris, homes were opened to the homeless, and a flood of food, clothes and medicine poured into battered towns. Neighbors became neighbors again in the sense of sharing and helping. Committees were formed to buy and plant new trees to replace the fallen shade-givers of parks and streets.

And slowly, as senses recovered from shock, people and machine cleared off the rubble,

signs of recovery appeared. Workmen hammered at new roofs, replanted lawns and shrubs. Homeowners began to plan and rebuild. For those who needed it, disaster aid was painfully slowed by the red tape that seems inherent in bureaucracy, and for them the time of recovery must seem an eternity.

For those who lost loved ones, of course, the scars of the storm will never quite heal. But already now, only a month since the tornadoes gashed their grisly path through our lives, the scars on the land are beginning to soften. Not all of them. For some once-lovely streets and for the parks that lost the beauty of towering trees to the storm's massive blast, recovery will be, if not an eternity, a time that few of us living today will be fortunate enough to see. □

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