Beach Residents Flee Storm

Route 14 Closed By Flood

Rodney and Airbase Schools Shut Down; Utility Lines Hit

Gale force winds rushed through Delaware today, flooding coastal areas downstate, causing minor damage everywhere and driving a heavy snow through the northern portion of the state.

State police at Dover were concerned about rescue operations which got under way this morning for residents of Kent County beach areas.

A slashing rain pounded Kent and Sussex beaches all night. Route 14 was closed from Dewey Beach to the Indian River Inlet. The ocean broke over dunes in three places, depositing sand and water on the highway.

WINDS REACHED their peak at 50-55 miles per hour between 6 and 7 a.m. throughout the state.

During that same hour, the snow which closed schools and made driving conditions bad.

CLEARING THE BRIDGE — The empty trailer section of a tractor-trailer headed for New Jersey was torn loose from its cab by gusts of wind up to 50 miles an hour on the crest of the Delaware Memorial Bridge at 6:30 a.m. today and turned over on its side. Bridge police are supervising the removal of the trailer, owned by the Sea-Land Pan-Atlantic Corp. of Newark, N.J., by a local tow truck. The driver was not injured and damage was moderate. Bridge police said sanding kept the span in good shape for traffic throughout the morning. No other mishaps were reported.
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complaint calls began tapering off.

Trees were reported down at 11th and Franklin Streets, where a parked auto was badly damaged, in the 400 block E. 3rd St., at Second and Rodney Streets, and on Maryland Avenue, just outside the city.

Several business signs either fell or were taken down before they did by city firemen, and several burglar alarms were touched off by the wind.

Commuters arriving in the city early were met by rolling trash cans, shredded awnings and small sections of loose roofing.

Hockessin, Sanford Prep, and Friends Schools all were closed because of power failures as were some Cecil County, Md., schools.

ANTICIPATION of heavy snow also closed down most northern Delaware kindergartens and schools in nearby Pennsylvania.

Robert A. Mitchell, chief engineer for the city’s Department of Public Works, said sand and salt trucks were ready to go, but added reports he received indicated most of the snow was melting on city streets.

The late winter storm was enveloping the eastern quarter of the nation today and had dumped nearly two feet of snow on portions of Virginia. Light snow extended southward into Alabama.

Heavy snow warnings were in effect for inland sections of Virginia, eastern West Virginia, western and northern Maryland, most of Pennsylvania, New York and southern New England. Rain and sleet pelted coastal areas.
Guard Nabs 5 Boys as Looters

Text of Carvel Disaster Plea

Text of the telegram sent by Gov. Carvel to President Kennedy at 8:30 p.m. yesterday:

The President
White House
Dear Mr. President:

For the past 14 hours I have personally been surveying the awful destruction on our Delaware coast caused by the most devastating and disastrous storm in the memory of living Delawareans. It is estimated that $50 million worth of damage has been caused to Delaware property and the end is not yet in sight. Abnormally high winds of gale velocity and high tides averaging five feet above normal continue to reap a terrible toll of destruction.

Thousands of homes have been completely destroyed and many thousands more are partially under water. I urgently request that you proclaim the coastal area of Delaware, from Fenwick Island to Delaware City, for a depth of five miles westward from the coastline, as a disaster area, and subject to all the assistance which the laws of the United States provide for such a condition. We are grateful for the help being rendered to us by the Second Army and the Office of Civil Defense in this emergency.

800 Men Protect Property

Troopers Boosted In Storm-Hit Areas To Block Pillage

Delaware National Guard units yesterday picked up five boys for looting in the Rehoboth Beach area.
The guard turned them over to civil authorities. Their names were not disclosed.

MORE THAN 800 officers and men of the guard are now on duty in areas hardest hit by Tuesday's storm to assist in protecting property and prevent looting and pillaging of stores and homes.

Brig. Gen. Herbert O. Wardell, commanding general of the 261st Artillery Brigade, said last night the guardsmen now on duty are armed and under orders to prevent looting. He said he was making the announcement to prevent any misunderstanding.
The only way individuals can get into the Rehoboth area, he
'Worse Than Hurricane' At Md. City

BERLIN, Md. — Eating fried chicken in the Buckingham elementary school, refugees from flooded Ocean City, Md., agreed: "It was worse than a hurricane."

"The storm is the worst we've ever had," said Lester Wise, 45, resident of the area for 18 years. "The insurance man said, 'I'm glad I'm in the life insurance business, and not the property insurance business.'"

A STEADY STREAM of refugees arrived at the school from Ocean City, eight miles east, and told of a night of cold terror. As they relaxed in the school, they spoke quietly, grateful to be safe.

Last night the National Guard Company of Salisbury mobilized for guard duty at Ocean City. The Army also sent in helicopters in case their services are needed.

Mopping up operations will begin today when property damage will be assessed. Saturday in a beachfront homes were reported to have been swept into the ocean.

Among the first of nearly 1,000 persons to evacuate were Mr. and Mrs. John Melvin who were, along with their pets, caught in their own web.

Melvin is a fisherman and the rampaging Atlantic Ocean hit his nets over his car and trailer. Home. The Melvins couldn't extricate the auto from the net and were rescued by an amphibious vehicle.

Although they apparently lost all their possessions to the sea, the Melvins worried most about losing their pets.

AT THE SCHOOL, the refugees sat on cots provided by the American Red Cross and ate hamburgers, French fries, and milk. The Red Cross sent in a food truck.

Bowers the Day After: Water High, Homes Gone, Rescues Continue

By Larry Van Goethem

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A trip into Bowers yesterday afternoon with Norman and Donald Connelly, father and son, in their 14-ton truck revealed still batters, homes, debris-filled yards and splintered cottages on the beach.

Bowers nests between the mouths of the Murderkill and St. Jones Rivers. It suffered the frontal assault of waves and tides and was struck on its flanks by swirling waters from the overflowing rivers.

The Connellys, along with elements from the Frederick Dorsey, Magnolia and Seaford fire companies and the National Guard, shuttled in and out of town, evacuating fatalities.

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To the north of town at the mouth of the St. Jones River stands the home and outbuildings of the Waters family.

The two-story house and an unairconditioned framing building stand starkly on a naked landscape. Along the beach rest remnants of homes and some that stood the test of pile-driving waves and a battering wind that lifted one home off its foundation and tossed it 50 feet away, in front of another home.

At one home five automobiles are buried, fender deep in sand, IN THE TOWN west of the beach, water still flowed down streets that had stood still in sheltered places. Fuel tanks were washed across marshes and down streets. Long planks were thrown ashore in flooded-in yards.

At 3:30 p.m. a National Guard truck took station to guard against looting. Nobody is allowed to enter except to get possessions, and then leave.

The power is off, and most telephone lines are out. A man drove all the way from Mount Joy, Pa., to check his summer home.

At other points in Kent County the situation isn't as severe. Little Creek suffered some flooding, but the major damage there was a $1,500 fire at Windrow's Seafood Restaurant. Fire Chief Edgar T. Thompson, short circuit in kitchen, caused by electrical current going on and off sporadically all day Tuesday.

Mifflin's central business section was flooded when the Mispillion River overflowed during high tides Tuesday and yesterday.

Damage to some stores and plants is extensive, but no estimate has been made.

OTHER CREEKS and rivers of the county were swollen. The St. Jones River overflowed its banks at Dover, but caused little damage.

The Dover office of the American Red Cross reported about 25 families by the flood have sought help. Dorothy A. Thompson, Red Cross supervisor for Kent County, said a home has been found for the Waters family for a week, and a permanent home will be found later.

Storm Excuses Federal Juror

The storm plucked a U.S. District Court juror from his duty yesterday.

Herbert W. Dayton of Laurel, a member of the Delaware National Guard, who had been sitting for two days as a member of the panel hearing an accident case, was called for emergency duty with the guard at 1 a.m. yesterday.

Levine Jackson, an alternate juror who had been listening to the case, took Day tons place. The jury returned a $13,000 verdict for the plaintiff.

Robbers Hit F.A.I-2 Office

Burglars yesterday broke into the Adams-Jackson Street Free Grocery office, 500 N. Jackson Street, and stole articles valued at over $1,800.

Two typewriters, a calculating machine and an adding machine were among the items taken.

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The Dover office of the American Red Cross reported at 2:30 p.m. that 25 families were affected by the flood. The homes of 1,000 people have been damaged.

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Guard Hop Gives Disaster's Scope

By R. SCOTT WILSON
GEORGETOWN. - As clouds covered setting sun yesterday, I climbed into a plane taking off at the Widmer Memorial Airport.

William Drummond of the Delaware National Guard's airmen, glared over with ice and a purple hue in the woodlands.

Some five minutes after we were airborne Capt. Drummond yelled above the rear seat, "Look out, we're supposed to be there."

He told me that he had been heading toward other towns and had been warned by local authorities that there was a possibility of flooding. He also said that the water was already starting to rise.

As we flew, we noticed that the water was already starting to rise in the area.

300 yards into the bay, Drummond told me that he had been following the shoreline and that it was normally 15 feet high.

As the light faded, we flew over the Dunkirk area and saw the floodwaters rising.

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GEORGETOWN, - As clouds covered the setting sun yesterday, I climbed into a light plane with Capt. William Drummond of the Delaware National Guard to survey part of the damage.

As we ascended from the Georgetown Airport I saw little that would foreshadow the ravaged coast line of Delaware.

Patches of snow lined the secondary roads of Sussex County but nothing on the horizon yet indicated the extent of the storm's wrath.

HERE AND THERE in the farm land below I could see occasional splatters of brown water, newly ploughed furrows, glazed over with ice and a purple hue in the woodlands.

Some five minutes after we were airborne Capt. Drummond told me about his experiences in the flooded area.

As we flew around the left I was still somewhat skeptical about the extent of damage. I noticed several places north of Broadkill where the bay had broken through sandy barriers but the summer cottages seemed to be intact.

Fifteen seconds later I knew the reports had not been exaggerated. Drummond nudged me and pointed out the inland side of the plane. That house is supposed to be there,“ he said. He told me that the block-like object below had been washed away and that the jetty is normally 15 feet high.

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He arranged the inspection to determine whether additional funds should be appropriated for both emergency and long-term repairs on the Delaware River.

Congress, he said, provides a standby fund to the engineers to repair storm damage, but additional money may be necessary because of the storm's severity.

U.S. Rep. Harris B. McDowell Jr. also said he has joined Gov. Carvel in asking President Kennedy to declare the coast a disaster area. The step would mean federal funds to aid the state.

Gov. Carvel, accompanied by a number of state officials, rode in a National Guard truck which plowed through five feet of water into Bethany Beach at noon. He could see beach homes being smashed by waves "which looked 20 feet high."

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But rescue stories were legion.

WAVES FOUR feet high were rolling into the grove at Oak Orchard, according to Thomas Whittle. He and several others said the entire shoreline has been washed away.

From three to four feet of water surrounds all the shorefront cottages including that of Col. John P. Ferguson, state police superintendent, at Riverdale.

THE DOCK at the Indian River Yacht Club, beyond Riverdale, is covered with four feet rescue operation.
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Nine persons, stranded in a truck, were rescued early yesterday after being trapped by the waters between Bethany Beach and Fenwick Island for seven hours. They included two state troopers and two state highway workers.
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‘Disaster’ Label Is Sought
Federal Aid Asked; Two Still Missing
In ‘Worst’ Storm

Estimating $50 million damage, Gov. Elbert N. Carvel yesterday asked President Kennedy to declare the Delaware coast a federal disaster area.

The governor sent a telegram to the President after a day-long inspection of the ravaged coast in the wake of the worst storm in the memory of residents.

“The devastation was terrible,” said Carvel. “I don’t think the hurricane of 1954 was anything like this.”

All other witnesses agreed with him.

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Carvel said he made his damage estimate after his personal tour of the area and after talking to state police, volunteer firemen, National Guardsmen, mayors of the afflicted towns, city managers and other local officials.

From Bowers on the bay to Fenwick Island at the tip of the state coast, nothing escaped damage.

Further north, the river swept over the Battery in New Castle. Inland, Milford's business district was awash. Milton, another inland spot, had water covering its main streets.

Rehoboth Beach, the state's biggest resort, was a shambles. The entire boardwalk was ripped away; the Hotel Henlopen dining room, a one-story wing of the four-story building, was under water; the tip of the east wing of the hotel was ripped open, exposing rooms on each floor; the Atlantic Sands Motel, a resort showplace, had a wall battered down.

Two persons are still missing. Seven-year-old Eugene Waters is missing and feared drowned at Bowers. Five other children of Mr. and Mrs. John Waters drowned Tuesday, as

Only the parents, one child and Mrs. Waters' blind mother survived the flood.

Also missing is Mrs. Richard O'Brien, wife of a major at Dover Air Force Base. He returned to their Slaughter Beach home Wednesday to find it destroyed by wind and tide. She has not been seen since.

The Delaware Chapter, American Red Cross, estimates it is caring for 300 evacuees from the beachfront areas. Centers are located in Georgetown, Milford, Lewes and Ocean View.

In Washington, Sen. John J. Williams announced he will tour the area today with officers of the Army Corps of Engineers. He said

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SEA-TOSSSED COTTAGES—Tilted homes at Maryland Avenue and the boardwalk in Rehoboth Beach attest to the fury of repeated flood tides. Boardwalk planks are piled against shifting walls. Chunks of concrete are from road leading to shore.

Rules Given

Calls for Advice

Flood Tax Office

The three Internal Revenue Service offices in the state were flooded today with calls seeking advice on the income tax treatment of losses suffered in this week's storm.

H. Leland Brown, district director, supplied the following information:

"When real or personal property is damaged or destroyed by a storm, the general rule is that the loss is measured by the difference between the fair market value before and after are often used in supporting a claim of loss. The costs of restoring the property are acceptable as evidence of the decrease in value of the property if (1) they are necessary to restore the property to its condition just before the casualty; (2) the amount of the loss is not excessive; (3) they are no more than necessary to restore the property; and (4) the value of the property after restoration is not greater than the estimated value of the property before the storm."

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"In no case, however, may the amount of loss exceed the cost or adjusted basis of the property. Determination of the decrease in value of the property due to the storm is not always easy. It requires an appraisal by an experienced and reliable appraiser."

"IMPORTANT elements in proving the loss in this way are the appraiser's knowledge of sales of comparable property, conditions in the area, his familiarity with the particular property, both before and after the casualty, and the method used by him. Photographs be-said.

"THE LOSS, however determined, must be reduced by the insurance proceeds and by the amount of any cash or property received from disaster relief agencies for the purpose of restoring property lost or damaged in the storm."

The revenue offices in Dover, Georgetown and Wilmington have available without charge a limited supply of document 5147, explaining more fully how to claim storm losses. Requests for the pamphlet will be honored in the order of their receipt until an additional supply can be obtained, Brown..."
CLEANUP—Small earth mover waits at head of Rehoboth Avenue in Rehoboth Beach to clean up debris washed from oceanfront along resort town's main thoroughfare. The damaged Belhaven Hotel is in background.
STORM-MADE KINDLING—Trade Winds Gift Shop, seven blocks north of Rehoboth Avenue in Rehoboth Beach, in vicinity of Lake Avenue, perches precariously over ocean. This picture was taken after tide had receded yesterday afternoon.
The Weather
Clearer and cold tonight, tomorrow increasing cloudiness and continued cold. Chance of rain or snow tomorrow night.
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Beach Loss Totals

Passes Required On Coast

National Guard Remains on Duty In Storm Areas

All units of the Delaware National Guard remained on duty today in downstate storm-ravaged areas.

Passes are required of all persons entering the area along the coast from Slaughter Beach to Fenwick Island. Passes are being distributed by local and state police.

The National Guard is assisting the civil authorities.

UNITs STILL on duty and their commanding officers are: The 2nd Battalion, 198th Artillery, Lt. Col. William P. Short, and the 5th Battalion, Lt. Col. William D. Steven-
Loss Totals Millions

Disaster Status Asked; Tides Continue High

Additional storm pictures on pages 2, 3 and Second Newsfront.

REHOBOTH BEACH—Tides dwindled today, leaving this resort town badly scarred but already planning reconstruction.

City Manager Frank H. Buck estimated property loss at "millions." Gov. Elbert N. Carvel, who toured the southern Delaware coast yesterday, said statewide damage might reach $50 million.

Delaware's worst coastal storm in half a century left five persons dead, two missing and thousands homeless.

Wind-stirred high tides receded somewhat last night and this morning, but gale warning were still up. State police at Dover warned of a return to flood tides.

STATE OFFICIALS estimate it will be a week before property owners along the beach area, many of whom are absent during the winter, can survey the damage and make plans for rebuilding.

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The 3d Battalion, Lt. Col. James L. Marvel, on duty in the Bethany Beach-Fenwick Island area and Lewes.
The 141st Ordinance Co., Capt. John J. Smith, alerting yesterday afternoon and moved to Sussex County this morning for use where needed.

ALL GUARDsMEN on duty are under the command of the 160th Artillery Group Headquarters, commanded by Col. Kenneth C. Madden, Brig. Gen. Herbert O. Wardell, senior tactical commander, is on the scene, coordinating the Guard's activities with local authorities.

Gen. Wardell and Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Seccum, state adjutant general, are both attending the disaster meeting being held this morning in Rehoboth.

All state police assigned to the normal 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift at State Road and Fenny Hill stations are working 12-hour shifts, thus relieving the 4 p.m. to midnight shifts at both stations for assignment in Georgetown.

THE SAME schedule was adopted for troopers at Bridgetown and the extra shift of men was sent to Georgetown.

This emergency assignment for the men has given Georgetown a force of between 45 and 50 troopers.

All leaves and days off have been canceled for the duration of the emergency.

"They don't get any extra pay, no matter how many extra duty hours will be required."

Aerial view shows how beachfront homes at Rehoboth Beach are wrecked or tilted after foundations were washed away. Debris litters the beach at Delaware's largest resort after the storm and high tides struck.

After the Storm Wrought Its Damage

Governor Finds Damage Depressing, People Smiling

By JIM FLOOD
Dover Bureau

DOVER--A somber-faced Gov. Elbert N. Carvel flew over storm-ravaged coastal sections of Kent and lower New Castle Counties today.

This followed up his day-long tour of the Sussex County coast yesterday.

Before taking off in the state helicopter, Carvel said, "When we got there we were in the teeth of the storm. The wind was blowing so hard I thought we might be knocked over."

In the distance he could see houses being battered by waves which looked 20 feet high.

"There were smiles on faces when they ought to have been crying," he said.

HE Praised the hard work and cooperation of National Guard units and state police. Volunteer agencies are "responding magnificently." he

Snow Possible Friday Night

The weather picture is bright for tonight and at least part of tomorrow. But that old word "snow" creeps into the forecast as a possibility for tomorrow night.

The weather bureau said that tides will continue above normal, causing some flooding of lowlands.

Writer Found Dead

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From Bowers, on the Delaware Bay, to Fenwick Island, at the southern tip of the state, nothing on the immediate coast escaped damage from the storm which hampered away at the state with snow, rain, gale-force winds and high tides Tuesday and yesterday.

Rehoboth Beach was a shambles. The entire boardwalk was ripped away by high tides. The Henlopen Hotel, the Atlantic Sands Motel and Bethel Hotel suffered extensive damage.

CONCESSION stands along the boardwalk were washed away. Stores half a block from the oceanfront along Rehoboth Avenue were hit by wave and wind.

Buck said the damage would be surveyed today by Army Engineers.

Two persons still are missing.

Hope was virtually abandoned today for Eugene Waters, 7, swept away by floodwaters while he was trying to get out of his family’s car at Bowers. Five other children, trapped in the car, were drowned. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Waters, were rescued along with a daughter, 9, and Mrs. Waters’ mother.

Still missing and presumed lost is Mrs. Richard O’Brien, wife of a major stationed at Dover Air Force Base. She was last noted at home in Slaughter Beach when the storm struck. Maj. O’Brien told state police she last saw his wife Monday. Their home, along with 16 others in the Slaughter Beach area, was virtually destroyed.

SMALLER RESORT towns north and south of Rehoboth Beach were closed to traffic today. Sections of highway were still under water.

Damage at Bethany Beach was extensive, according to an eyewitness.

Mrs. Irma Barnett, Ocean View, said most of the beach homes on Atlantic Avenue fronting the ocean at Bethany Beach were damaged or destroyed.

She said Holiday House Inn suffered heavy damage, as did some of the motels near the ocean. She said homes in South Bethany “broke up like cardboard boxes” as waves struck them in their understructure.

“It’s terrible,” she said. “The beach here is still under three feet of water. Those houses nearest the beach just went down in the wink of an eye.”

She said National Guardsmen are patrolling the beach area. Permits are needed to enter the storm-damaged section, she said. The permits may be obtained at Lord Baltimore School in Ocean View.

COL. JOHN P. FERGUSON, state police superintendent, said it was still impossible today to reach some of the flood-hit areas.

He said Thomas Murray Jr., of Dover, has volunteered to cover the Slaughter Beach area today in an airboat to check individual homes.

A number of diehard coastal residents have kept to their homes and have refused to leave.

See BEACH LOSS—P. 2, C. 1
Red Cross Reports $85,509
In Gifts; Storm Needs Cited

Cash gifts and pledges totaling $85,509, about 27 per cent of the goal of $315,042, were reported today by the Delaware Chapter, American Red Cross, in its 1962 fund raising campaign.
The announcement was made by John N. McDowell, drive chairman, at a report meeting of division leaders at noon in the Red Cross Chapter House, 610 Gilpin Avenue.

“We are encouraged by early returns, but increased giving of 10 per cent or more over last year's contributions will be necessary from each division to reach our goal,” McDowell said.

-HUNDREDS of Red Cross volunteers throughout the state

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Effect of March Storm on Bethany Beach Shown in

These aerial photographs, taken by the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, show the severe devastation at and around Bethany Beach caused by the early March storm. The top photo shows the beach area as it was in May last year. The drawn lines indicate the present shore line and the farthest points of sand deposit. The bottom photo was taken March 15, eight days after the storm subsided. The white blotches retreating from the beach are masses of sand washed inland. At many places in the picture can be seen areas where the sand completely buried Route 14 (the small ribbon running parallel to the shore). The Corps of Army Engineers estimate $1,400,000 to restore the dune land at Bethany. Nearly $5,000 restoring the water system damaged and complete restoration is expected.
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Chicken Losses
Set at 1 Million

Chickens raisers in Sussex County report the loss of nearly a million chickens, drowned in this week's severe storm.

George Knox of Bethany Beach reported the loss of 17,000.

Preston Townsend, of Townsend's Inc., Millsboro, said his firm had not lost many broilers but had lost a few prize breeders.

Murray's Feed Service, Inc., Frankford, among the heaviest losers, had not been able to total all losses. All their chickens in the Dagsboro-Ocean View area drowned, Edwin Murray said.

State Sen. Curtis W. Steen said one project in Dagsboro lost 26,000.

Tallies were still being made of chicken losses.
First Task
Is to Aid
Homeless

Top-Level Talk Held
At Rehoboth on U.S.
Aid in Rebuilding

Delaware's coordinator of disaster relief lost no time today in assuming his new duties.

He is Elisha C. Dukes, secretary of state. Dukes flew over the storm-damaged Delaware coast this morning and announced that his first job will be to help the homeless.

The appointment of Dukes was announced by Gov. Elbert N. Carvel on a day highlighted by a top-level meeting in Rehoboth Beach to plan for federal aid to storm-ravaged areas.

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Daniel Mikitis of the Office of Emergency Planning has been named federal coordinator for the Delaware disaster area. He will work with Dukes and will maintain an office in the secretary of state's office.

Today's top-level meeting in the Rehoboth Beach Town Hall was told that initial reports on damage to the beachfront area of Rehoboth Beach will be ready within two days.

C. B. Brown of the Army Corps of Engineers in Philadelphia told the meeting of area, state and federal officials that the extent of federal action to be taken will be governed by President Kennedy's decision on establishing Rehoboth as a disaster area.

ANNOUNCEMENT of that decision is expected this afternoon.

See DISASTER—Page 2, Col. 3
The Weather
Snow probably becoming mixed with rain tonight and ending tomorrow morning. Cloudy and continued cold tomorrow afternoon.
(Weather Map and Details—Page 9)

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Disaster Relief

Sightseers Given Warning: Keep Away From Coast

Additional storm pictures on Pages 2, 3, 6, 10 and Second Newsfront.

Rehoboth Beach—Sightseers were warned today to stay away from Delaware’s storm-torn coastal areas.

Property owners may enter the area if they have passes, but armed National Guardsmen have orders to keep all others out.

Many coastal lowlands are still inaccessible and under water, three days after the state’s most devastating storm in memory.

Passes for property owners are being issued by the local and state police and the National Guard.

Arrangements are being considered whereby Boy Scouts will be on hand tomorrow and Sunday to escort authorized persons into the disaster area.

The National Guardsmen will remain in the area at least until Monday.

Residents of Bethany Beach today began their search for remains of more than score of homes washed into the sea.

Persons stood in line for an hour or more at Lord Baltimore School at Ocean View this morning seeking National Guard passes to visit the beach site of the disaster.

Mountainous tides which swept at least 24 Bethany Beach dwellings into the sea Wednesday and Thursday were receding this morning but still were well above normal.

The entire beach front was pushed back a half a block, piling sand five feet deep the length of Atlantic Ave., which runs parallel to the beach.

Fenwick Island at...
Relief Chief Named

Fenwick Island at Low Tide

Island stand amid water and piled sand by afternoon. In background is the ocean. A rise of sand which formerly separated the homes in the foreground from the ocean beach are gone. This area was accessible only from the air and will remain cut off for some time.

Staff Photograph by Lloyd Tellisworth
length of Atlantic Ave., which runs parallel to the beach.

HOMES ON the land side of Atlantic Ave., which for the most part escaped the sea's fury, were up to their window-sills in sand and debris. One resident reported that the mountain of sand contains everything from refrigerators to lawn mowers.

Water was standing two and a half feet deep in many of the homes along Rt. 26 between Bethany Beach and Ocean View, and the highway was closed to traffic. Some autos parked in garages were completely covered by water, while the adjoining houses, raised from the beach, were still dry.

MAYOR Juel Stamper said damage continues to mount in Rehoboth with each high tide. Because the sea wall was destroyed, there is nothing to halt oncoming waves from doing further damage.

He said he could not make a final estimate of damage but called $5 million "a low estimate." The Atlantic Sands Motel alone, he said, represented a $500,000 investment.

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Indian River Inlet Bridge Gates Closed

Gates on Cullen Bridge over Indian River Inlet are closed
to non-existent traffic on Route 14. The highway north of bridge
is covered with sand. In center right is a sample of cuts made in
the sand by high water.
By Carl G. Smith

WITH THE storm there was bound to be a revival of the old saw about Delaware having more counties at low tide than at high tide.

At long last we have learned the name of that fourth county that appears only at low tide.

It happened during John Chancellor’s morning newscast on the NBC network Friday. He was detailing the storm damage state by state. Finally he said, “Down in Delaware, in Carvel County, the damage was…”

Verbal Venom

K.L. Emmons of 1935 Kynwyd Road, Graylyn Crest, says I would not have written last week that 19th century denunciations are better than modern ones if I had ever attended a zoning hearing. Emmons suggests that I attend one or two and see if I still believe that “may be the reason progress seems to be faster now is that you can’t find denunciations like this any more.” (I wrote that about an 1830 tract against a railroad).

“Do you have a zoning hearing does not do the trick,” adds Emmons, “I will send you a copy of the Graylyn Crest Civic Association monthly report in which there is expressed the same venom in modern form as that of the 1830s.

Imagine a man living a mile from a property boldly stating the damage done to him, should the property be zoned commercially, while at Silverside and Foulk Roads a man paid some $23,000 for a property backing up to a gas station.

“The unreasonableness of the whole Judas goat is not merely illogical and without horse sense and mother wit, it is laughable,” says Emmons, apparently referring to a metaphor in the civic association report.

“Zoning is exactly reversed

Shovel Job at Coast Guard Station

Coast Guardsmen at Indian River Inlet station start digging out six cars buried up to the tail lights in sand. Operating the power scoop is Joseph Roche with Roy Roberts directing. Others are Raymond Hitch and Edward Mason. The frame Coast Guard building itself had four feet of sand covering the lower floor, but looks as if it will be usable when cleared.
Coast’s Problem: Pick Up Kindling, Rebuild Dreams

By FRANK McLUNG

FENWICK ISLAND — Up and down the Delaware coast yesterday people picked up the kindling and rebuilt their dreams.

"There've been a lot of heartaches — but no crying," said Arnold Taylor of Fenwick Island. He said more than a third of the beachfront homes at Fenwick had been badly damaged.

Madison Gray, owner of the Lighthouse Diner, looked at a long-ago picture of the beach. "See how it's been cut back?" he asked.

Outside, Sgt. Paul Hasskarl of the state police checked a cottage owner heading up Route 14. Boy Scouts from Georgetown and Millsboro waited to act as escorts.

"Councilman Edgar Richards of Fenwick thanked these boys from the bottom of his heart," said Scout coordinator Aubrey Murray. "They're a real protection against looters."

THIS WAS THE bottom of Delaware, the southernmost tip of the long coast hard hit by last week's storm and flood tides.

"Look at that," said Harbison Hickman of Sussex Shores, at Bethany Beach. He was looking at what was left of the Seaside Inn. "That's owned by Mrs. Alice Jager. She was on her way to California. She's going to feel real bad, real bad. That building stood up to so many storms and she kept it up so good."

The front of the Seaside Inn was a twisted mass of wood, cut into thin strips by knife-edged waves. Much of the rest of the Bethany oceanfront was the same. In South Bethany, all the seashore homes were battered, crumbled, moved from their foundations.

"WE HAD 68 trailers here. Three escaped damage," said Clifton Dailey, Rehoboth Beach, manager of the Marina Motel & Trailer Park at the Indian River Inlet.

The motel was a shredded frame. Trailers leaned at odd angles. The road from Route 14 just south of the Indian River Bridge was gone. A man carried his son through knee-deep water to the Marina grounds.

"Look at this," Daisey said. He pointed at a framework of rusted steel that could have anything. "That was a trailer. You can tell where some have been by the wheels left behind. Cement blocks were washed half a mile away."

"Sure, the trailer park will be here again this summer. The motel? Just maybe."

"We got out of here in a four-wheel-drive Jeep. Took care of 21 people from Burton's Island at Rehoboth Beach. They got off all right."

ALONG A NARROW canal, a rose-colored cottage tilted crazily into the water. In the marshes a mile away were two cabin cruisers, the bottom cracked open, the paneling letting in sea water.

Chester Davis, worker at the Indian River Yacht Basin, pointed toward the docks. "The boats in the water were all right," he said. "They rode out the storm. But the ones on blocks just floated off and some had the drain plugs pulled out. Two of them sank."

"I got taken off here Tuesday, I guess it was, with two Coast Guard boys and another fellow." He pointed to a cutter, the Kiwi, lifted at a 76-degree angle against a piling. "We only got one boat real bad," he said. "A piling went through it. The Kiwi there is all right. But how do we get it off?"

AT THE trailer camp adjoining the yacht basin, Mrs. Paul Barr, Pottstown, Pa., pointed to a hash of trailers, boats and buildings. "How do we tell which is which," she asked, and where do we start? "Tell you it was an act of God, we weren't here. We're like one big family here during the summer, all here on weekends, all knowing each other. That's my trailer there on the tift, the Gypsy Patch."

Mrs. Clarence Hunt, Reading, Pa., another summer trailer dweller, helped her husband spread wet blankets on the ground. Mrs. Leland Sylvestre, New Castle, looked on. "Everything is all mixed up," she said.

Cars from the south were able to travel sand-covered Route 14 to the bridge, and had parked there. The bridge itself was barred. Beyond, to the north, the road was lost in shifting dunes. Small bridges were covered. Chunks of concrete were spread in a semi-circle at one spot like an eerie symbol of luck, good or bad.

AT THE INDIAN River Coast Guard Station, four men worked to get six cars out of the sand. The sedans were buried almost to their roofs, and the men, all members of the Coast Guard, used hand shovels and a large, erratic scoop.

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"Zoning is exactly reversed from what it should be," he continues.

"All frontages on main highways and their intersections should be zoned commercially to a depth of 400 feet, or a designed block in developments," he proposes.

Emmons goes on to explain his proposal:

"My commercial zoning of such areas there would be no chance of payola, or political pull in having residential property of low value zoned commercially to get the higher price of commercial land.

"No one ever heard of a store opening in the middle of a 10-acre field 10 miles in the country, but many people build homes in such places. Highway frontages and intersection are natural commercial locations and should be so designated, or the whole zoning idea will become shot thru with payola, politics and graft. People haven't changed a bit since 1830."

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Seaside Inn Becomes Airside

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Boat Convention at Dewey Beach
Sand Up to Here

The Luckier Ones Just Have to Dig

By FRANK McCULLING

SLAUGHTER BEACH—Clarence J. Plummer Sr., 72 quit this sandy stretch of coastline in 1918 because of a bad storm. He returned in 1920 and hasn’t regretted it since... not even last week when water and wind combined to make Slaughter Beach a hell on earth.

"It hit bad to the north and south of me," he said. "The breakers broke through up there toward Cedar Beach and down toward Fowler Beach. All it did to me, really, was well, the undertow brought sand knee-deep to my windows. I’m still digging out."

He pointed to marks two and three feet high on his red-shingled home.

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DEWEY BEACH showed the same devastation that marked Bethany to the south and Rehoboth to the north. Beachfront homes were scattered, missing, twisted. The Royal Surf Apartments, new last year, was open to the wind.

"That’s owned by Athey, Davis and Sikes, Inc.," said Glenn Crain. "Isn’t that terrible? Look at those boats smashed in the country yard. But look there, there’s one that looks like it didn’t get scratched. You can’t figure out what the sea will do," Crain said he had the Redwood Lodge further inland. "We had some water damage," he said, "but nothing like this."

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Cars streamed across the canal bridge in Lewes in single file, over a narrow steel platform, wedged into place by the State Highway Department to help bolster a slightly buckled span. People in Lewes Beach swept the sand out of their cottages and scrapers plowed the streets. At 2 o’clock yesterday afternoon the Rev. Leroy Washington said a few words over the
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Boat Convention at Dewey Beach

Private cruisers, wrecked in last week's storm, were piled like cordwood in court of Royal Surf Apartments in Dewey Beach yesterday. The building itself lost 100 feet of front to waves. Jack Hopkins and Roger Ush of Harrisburg talk with reporter at left. Royal Surf was new last year.
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"That was a nor'easter, too. The tide broke through the beach four times straight in that one. It took out all the boardwalk. Course, there were Beach.

He pointed to a white cat that sat on the sand and licked its paw. "That cat and another one was sitting under the porch next door during the storm Tuesday... sitting there right alongside a muskrat."

HE NODDED toward a string of poles sticking out of the bay in front of his cottage. "My net for rock fish was torn bad in the storm, you can bet we were just starting to catch some, too. But that changed the first of the week. It turned cold. Then, this storm. Course, the breakers went above the line, that's why the poles are still standing.

"They pumped sand in here last fall to build up the beach, but it looks like it went out again fast. See how my boats were carried back, and look at the corner post here that's knocked out. I tied a rope on my gas tanks to keep them in place."

"I sent my wife inland when I heard the storm was coming, but I stayed right here. There was no pleasure in it for me. I just stayed."

"I've known the beach all my life. My daddy had a farm near here in 1905. That water that cuts through the marsh, that's a canal the farmers dug."

"I LEFT in 1918 but I came back... and it looks like I'm going to stay, storm or no storm."

"The people that lost their cottages, though, that means something to them. It doesn't matter whether they paid $1,000 or $50,000 for them. Might mean more to the ones that had the little ones, like me losing a dime... when that's all I've got been losing a dime when he got lots more."

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Cars streamed across the canal bridge in Lewes in single file, over a narrow steel platform wedged into place by the State Highway Department, to help bolster a slightly buckled span. People in Lewes Beach swept the sand out of their cottages and scrapers plowed the streets.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Rev. Leroy Washington said a few words over the bodies of five children at the Reese Funeral Chapel in Dover and wished their spirits God-speed. They were drowned in the deluge at Bowers Beach.

Dewey Beach itself lost 100 feet of front to waves. Jack Hopkins and Roger Ush of Harrisburg talk with reporter at left. Royal Surf was new last year.
MISERIES IN MILFORD—Water flooded the lowlands of Milford yesterday in what was described as the worst onslaught since 1933. Hundreds of homes and buildings were damaged. Seen here is the intersection at Church Avenue and S.W. Front Street. The Carlisle Fire Co. building at left was flooded. Fire vehicles were removed and parked above the water line.

New Ocean City Inlet

Hundreds Flee Eastern Shore Communities

By Associated Press

Flood waters reached Baltimore today and evacuations continued in the wake of Monday's tidal pounding of Eastern Shore resorts.

Baltimore City police said side streets were under water. Flood waters reached two and three foot levels in Annapolis.

The aftermath of Monday's savage Atlantic storm moved up the Chesapeake Bay during the early hours, hitting both shores.

Authorities evacuated 500 persons from Kent narrows in Queen Anne's County on the Eastern Shore. Families were taken to Grasonville about five miles inland and housed in the school after the Chester River overflowed.

WATERMEN SAID the flooding already had passed its peak, however. Waters showed signs of receding after dawn and hope for relief rose.

Earlier, high waters covered 40 per cent of Tilghman Island. Authorities evacuated several families there. Evacuations were reported in parts of Dorchester County.

Helicopters were ready for aerial surveys of damage in
Well Named

Ocean City, Md., is bathed in sea water following the storm which lashed the coast. Some 1,500 residents fled to safety as high water caused millions of dollars’ worth of damage.

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This Ocean City police car was put out of action as high tides swept the resort from the ocean to the bay.
South Wilmington Wet, Too

This truck, heading east on Commerce Street near 3rd Street Bridge, is stopped by two feet of water which flooded the area yesterday as the Christina spilled its banks.

Passenger Dies When Car Hits Pole Near St. Georges

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Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Mary Kaczkowski; a son, Stanley J.; a daughter, Mrs. Marian Gulczynski; two grandchildren; four sisters; Mrs. Katherine Rozanski, Mrs. Mary

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Cities Drop In Jobless Profit Peaks

Prods Congress
For Emergency
Powers He Asked

WASHINGTON — Presi
dent Kennedy says the econo
my is healthier than o
f its gloomy skeptics. He's
given Congress a sharp an
cient nudge to pass legis
lation he believes will keep it
way.

Viewing the whole econ
omy at a news confer
ence yesterday, observed that un
employment in February reac
ted its lowest level in 19 mo
ths. Profits are at a record high, prices are fairly stable and goods are moving.

"Therefore," he said, "I think
that this economy has vital
ity in it than some of the
premature mourners."

LATER THE President
said the test for Congress is not
pace at which it acts but
action it takes. Specifically
mentioned medical care for
aged and "those pieces of
islation which will help us to
the next economic downturn.

He has recommended a tax cuts if an economic turn
isn't needed. He also wants tax credits,
industrial investment and in
provements in unemployment
compensation.

THE FORTHCOMING Ger
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clear testing and relations with
the Soviet Union occupied most
of the conference. Kennedy
sought in eight weeks.

He disclosed he had
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was a double tragedy. Charles
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Sen. Steen Loses 25,000 Chickens

DAGSBORO—State Sen. Curtis V. Steen, D-Dagsboro, lost 25,000 chickens yesterday, even though his chicken house was a half mile away from Indian River.

Chickens have also been lost by the William R. Murray Feed Co., former Senator Townsend, and C. V. Townsend Jr., Steen said.

The senator shook his head in disbelief as he told of seeing the head of Indian River rise over the Millboro Pond spillway yesterday and flow back into the pond itself.

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The Almanac Corner

Thursday, March 8, 1962

78th day of Winter

67th day of the Year

The Weather Map

Snow or rain is forecast for tonight in the upper Lakes region, the upper and middle Mississippi Valley, the Ohio and Tennessee valleys and the Gulf coast states with snow in the north and rain in the warmer areas. It will be colder in the central and northern Atlantic states, the Mississippi Valley and the Plains; warmer in the south Atlantic states, the Plains.

The Forecasts

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Day's Record, Tides

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Much Area Snow

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Water in New Castle had receded by today, but the Good
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AT ITS HEIGHT yesterday, water covered The Battery and extended nearly a block to the rear of stores on Delaware St. On New Castle Ave., partic
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At one point wind blew a rain spout across a high tension wire on Delaware St. The Good will hook and ladder truck was used to carry an electrician to the wire and remove the metal spout.

Power lines and telephone service were disrupted for a time during the storm.

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A huge oil tank located in front of the Post Office broke loose and floated down the street yesterday. It was returned and tied down twice and twice it broke away again.

NEW SHRUBBERRY work about $1,000, recently planted by the Park Commission, is under water and ruined. The same thing happened in November, 1950.

Water was so high in the dwelling behind the Krepp Store that the family raised the piano on blocks to keep it dry. Water swirled through the store of Ann Cornog on Clinton St.

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**Anyone for Golf?**

The new clubhouse of the Wilmington Country Club, off the Kennett Pike at Kirk Road, is assuming its final shape. The $2 million building has been designed by Whiteside, Moeckel and Carbonell, architects. The club reports much work still to be done on the interior, but it is hoped it will have it open by early summer.
Road Damage
In State Called
Very Severe

William J. Miller Jr., director of operations for the Delaware State Highway Department, said today that damage to roads from this week's storm will be extremely high.

He said it is too early to give even a rough estimate of damage because most of the roads are still covered with water and "you can't see them to determine the extent of actual damage."

Miller pointed out that until today the department's personnel has been engaged in rescue operations and emergencies. He added that for the time being it will take all available manpower to make emergency repairs to roads and bridges.

Roads are damaged from one end of the state to the other, the director said. He said River Road in the New Castle area, as well as the shore-bound roads at Port Penn, Bay View and nearby areas are known to be heavily damaged.

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THE MAJOR damage to highways is in Kent and Sussex Counties, with the latter hit the hardest, he said.

Delaware 14 from Milford to Fenwick Island is expected to show the highest damage figure.

Some bridges also were damaged and one of these, on Delaware 18 between the east and west sides of Lewes, has been closed to all traffic except emergency vehicles.

The span, over the Lewes- Rehoboth canal, can not be opened for navigation, he said. It is the only route from Lewes to the beach.

Miller said a survey will be made as soon as the water recedes. "Then we will be able to come up with a reasonably accurate estimate of the damage," he said.
Vestiges of Gay Summer, Cru

TILTING—This house's substantial appearance is belied by its list. The scene is typical of the pounding absorbed by Rehoboth Beach's fine homes in one of the worst storms in the history of the area. The rubble in the foreground was once another home.

McGlaughlin Photo

NO SWIMMING—The Sands the Rehoboth boardwalk has swimming pool—now literally.
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NO SWIMMING—The Sands Motel along the Rehoboth boardwalk hovers over its swimming pool—now literally smashed—and nursing a gaping hole in one wall. Boardwalk supports loom starkly in the foreground.
FROM THE AVENUE—The panorama from Rehoboth Avenue down the boardwalk is one of destruction and ruin. The eye at almost any sweep can count damage in the millions to one of Delaware’s most popular resorts.

ACCOMPLISHED!—This admonition in Henlopen Acres to “keep Delaware highways clean” gets a response from Nature.
TEETERING—Another photo made near the Henlopen Hotel at Rehoboth shows some homes which managed to hold their foundations while absorbing the punishment. In the background, a sizable building weakened.
STILL LIFE—Probably no picture on display in the Stuart Kingston Galleries last summer carried the message to frequenters of the Rehoboth boardwalk that this shot does. The structure frames twin views of the receding fury.
OFF-SHORE BOARDWALK—The view of the Rehoboth boardwalk from the end of New Castle Street is testimony to the erosive effects of an angry sea. This section of the boardwalk nevertheless came through in better shape than the business section.
This Bears Mention
By Tom Malone

Rehoboth Roots

To start with a cliche, maybe it could only happen in Rehoboth Beach, but the fact is the board of Rehoboth Beach commissioners met for three hours Friday and two hours Saturday before they finally decided not to renew a man’s beach concession next summer.

Simply because there was no beach on which to concede the man something at the time of the discussions had nothing to do with it in the commissioners’ minds. By the time summer comes they’re convinced there will be a beach; not a boardwalk maybe, early this summer at least, but a beach.

A reporter asked Mayor Juel Stamper, “Do you intend to rebuild the boardwalk?”

Stamper smiled before answering, “There’s never been any question about it. This is a summer resort, isn’t it?”

To Mrs. Andrew Zeman of Rehoboth Beach this is the only way for a mayor to act. “He’s a nice boy,” she said when the remark was relayed to her.

Mrs. Zeman is a Rehobothite, and Rehobothites love their town in an open-face way, talking of it with the affection Wilmingtonians, for instance, seldom voice for Wilmington.

“I’m from Baltimore, originally, but I’m a Rehobothite, a Sussex Countian, a Delawarean now, have been for years,” she went on. “There’s something about this town. It reaches out and holds you.”

With all the stories and pictures of Rehoboth there is a sense of normalcy in all parts of the town but the boardwalk and beachfront places. Bob Ching, who runs a restaurant not far from where Mrs. Zeman will rent you a room now and again if she likes you, said he had no idea there was any real trouble until sometime Tuesday afternoon when he wandered up the boardwalk way.
Storm Halts State Beach Fill Project

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TWO-Story Home Burns; Loss $6,000

A two-story home in Middle-town was destroyed by a fire which broke out shortly after the occupants had left yesterday morning.

Fire Chief Charles E. Price

MILLER ADDED that he would recommend to the highway commissioners that they cancel the project until it can be worked into the overall rehabilitation scheme along the Delaware coast.

A second project may have been affected by the storm. Mil-
1,000 'Heroes' in Disaster

Return to Offices, Farms

Winds and waves during last week's storm caused amusement arcades to fall in on the small car in Rehoboth.

This Dodge 'Em Didn't

Member New Photo by Harry A. Gauen

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A two-story home in Milletown was destroyed by a fire which broke out shortly after the occupants had left yesterday morning.

Fire Chief Charles E. Price of the Milletown Fire Company said firemen found flames breaking through the roof when they arrived at the home of Joseph W. Rhoads, Lake and Elizabeth Streets.

Firemen were unable to save the frame dwelling. Price set the loss at about $6,000.

He said neighbors told him Rhoads had left the house a short time earlier to take his wife to the hospital in Wilmingon.

Other highway department projects at the bidding stage now include:

-MILFORD By-Pass: A 3.9-mile stretch of Route 113 will be widened to a four-lane divided highway. The section involved extends from the point to the north of Milford where the present dual highway ends down to the southern limits of Milford. Completion time 1930 working days.

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This Dodge 'Em Didn't

Winds and waves during last week's storm caused roof and timbers to fall in on this small car in a Rehoboth amusement arcade. Even with a driver, it's doubtful the dodge 'em could have dodged.

After more than 200 rescues in its greatest peacetime mobilization, the Delaware National Guard started back from the beaches yesterday.

Last week's soldiers will this every once in a while would in their larger HH10 helicopter, in answering the disaster answer to a Jiffy. With the Salvation Army, Red Cross and Good Friday Relief funds. They were used to pull out people struggling hip deep in water. In isolated spots the helicopters were used.

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800 Men Protect Property

Troopers Boosted in Storm-Hit Areas To Block Pillage

Delaware National Guard units yesterday picked up five boys for looting in the Rehoboth Beach area.

The guard turned them over to civil authorities. Their names were not disclosed.

MORE THAN 800 officers and men of the guard are now on duty in areas hardest hit by Tuesday's storm to assist in protecting property and prevent looting and pillaging of stores and homes.

Brig. Gen. Herbert O. Wardell, commanding general of the 261st Artillery Brigade, said last night the guardsmen now on duty are armed and under orders to prevent looting. He said he was making the an-
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Elbert N. Carvel,
Governor of Delaware.

‘Worse Than Hurricane’ At Md. City

BERLIN, Md. — Eating fried chicken in the Bucking-

Bowers the Day After: Water High
Federal Aid
Talks Held
At Beach

Carvel Picks Dukes
To Coordinate
Survey of Damage

Secretary of State Elisia
Dukes today was named Dela-
ware's coordinator of disaster
relief.

The appointment was made
by Gov. Elbert N. Carvel,
who has proclaimed a state of
emergency in Delaware.

A top-level meeting is be-
ing held in Rehoboth Beach
today to plan for federal aid
to storm-ravaged areas.

The entire coastal region, in-
cluding Delaware, was declared
a disaster area yesterday by
the Small Business Administra-
tion.

TODAY'S disaster meeting is
being held in the office of
Rehoboth Mayor Juel C. Stam-
per.

Federal officials attending
include representatives of the
SBA, the Office of Emergency
Planning, Department of Agri-
culture, and Department of
Health, Education and Welfare.

Also attending are Capt. R.
N. Downes, state civil defense
director, and Lt. Col. James
Keller.
Fenwick Island at Low Tide

Homes in Fenwick Island stand amid water and piled sand during low tide yesterday afternoon. In background is the ocean. High dunes and the high rise of sand which formerly separated the homes in the foreground from the ocean beach are gone. This area was accessible only from the air and will remain cut off for some time.

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Resort's Worst

Storm Heaviest To Hit Rehoboth, Oldsters Claim

By VIRGINIA CULLEN

REHOBOTH BEACH—The violent nor'easter that devastated the boardwalk and famed night spots along Rehoboth's wooden way March 6 and 7 was the worst to hit Delaware's biggest oceanfront resort.

Oldsters are remembering the "Great Storm" of 1913, and all contend that one was nothing compared to the present debacle. Until now all storm recollections have centered around the 1913 blow that destroyed the colorful Horn's Pavilion on a jetty extending out into the ocean at the end of Rehoboth Avenue, and swept many waterfront cottages from their foundations.

BUT RESORT business went on as usual and subsequent owners of summer homes built them farther back from the water's edge beyond protective sand dunes.

Many of these oldsters, as well as present day dwellers, are now shaking their heads in contemplation of what the most recent nor'easter will mean to the 1962 summer resort season.

With Easter festivities less than six weeks away no one believes the boardwalk and Rehoboth's largest hotels and bistros can be restored in time for the season that officially opens Memorial Day. To its thousands of vacationers Rehoboth Beach means its boardwalk and night spots.

ONE WHO remembers the Great Storm of 1913 is Artist Frederick Vogel of Dewey Beach. "I was just a lad at the time," he recalls. "We moved to Dewey Beach in 1912 when my father, the late Capt. John Fred Vogel, was put in

University Branch Urged for Shore

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A resolution adopted by the Senate yesterday urges the establishment of an undergraduate branch of the University of Maryland in the central portion of the Eastern Shore.

Three senators from the area involved, John Clarence North, D-Talbot, Harry R. Hughes, D-Caroline, and Robert P. Dean, D-Queen Anne, introduced the resolution.

It contended the rapidly-growing university would benefit through decentralization, with the eastern shore branch "accomplishing a most significant step in the history of higher education in this state."

Chicken Losses Set at 1 Million

Chicken raisers in Sussex County report the loss of nearly a million chickens, drowned in this week's severe storm.

George Knox of Bethany Beach reported the loss of 17,000.

View from Army helicopter shows flooded residents h
Debris Litters Causeway

CHINCOTEAUQ ISLAND—This island, made famous by "Misty," the Chincoteague pony, and Tom's Cove oysters, is isolated.

Telephone and electric power for the 3,000 inhabitants are still out.

Word from the island by radio says property damage could amount to a million dollars.

High tides yesterday washed over the causeway, the only access from the island to the mainland.

Many persons have been evacuated by helicopter.

THE BODIES of two men lost when a fishing trawler capsized were picked up off Assateague Island and flown to the Wallops mainland station, formerly the Chincoteague Naval Air Station.

One was identified as Robert Lee Cropper, 32, of West Ocean City, son of Mr. and Mrs. John William Cropper. His wife is

Misty Safe

CHINCOTEAUQ, Va.—Misty of Chincoteague is safe.

She's in the kitchen.

Ralph Beebe, owner of the movie-star pony, took Misty out of her stable when the waters started to rise and took her into the house.

"And there," he said, "is where she's going to stay."

Mrs. Vera Cropper. The other man has not been identified, according to the Fox Funeral Home at Temperanceville, Va., where the bodies were taken.

Another death in Chincoteague was caused by a heart attack. The victim was Paul Kelson, who was brought in.
View from Army helicopter shows flooded Chincoteague Island from which more than 900 residents had still lack power.

Shore Says No

Limited Anti-Bias

ANAPOLIS, Md. — The Maryland Legislature convened in a special session today to consider forcing restaurants and hotels to serve Negroes.

State Sen. Curtis W. Steen said one project in Dagsboro lost 26,000.

Tollies still being made of chicken losses.

Among the planned exemptions were Cecil and Harford Counties through which runs U.S. 40 where integration started a concentrated drive to end restaurant discrimination last year.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S administration part in trying to eliminate such discrimination.

Town and Beach Separated

This is Lewes Beach. In the upper left is the bridge, now closed to navigation and to all highway traffic except emergency vehicles. The bridge over the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal.
Air View of Chincoteague

From Army helicopter shows flooded Island from which more than 900 residents have been airlifted to mainland. Islanders still lack power, phone service and drinking water.

President No

Unified Anti-Bias Bill Devised

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PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S administration took an active part in trying to persuade restaurateurs on U.S. 40 to integrate. The department left 400 with distinguished foreign visitors traveling the highway between New York and Washington.

Since failure of the persuasion approach, integrationists have spread their protest demonstrations to other sections of the state in the past several months.

The special session called by Gov. Tawes fulfilled a promise he made to Negro leaders pressing for mandatory legal service to all races in places of public accommodation.

An attempt to pass a law at the regular 30-day session ending yesterday was dropped when seven counties moved to be exempted. The exemptions would make it possible for Negroes to buy property in the area and use public facilities.

The bill now is under consideration by the committee of the public accommodations bill to be introduced in the House at the outset of the special session. The counties of Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne’s, St. Mary’s, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester then were to be exempted.

Even this concession to opposition of compulsory integration may not assure speedy passage.

They were ready to introduce some counter-punches. Two by Eastern Shore delegates, solidly opposed to integration, would sharply increase the penalties for trespassing on private property and prohibit picketing by juveniles.

Two others would ask the voters if they desired the legislature to act on compulsory integration.

SEN. HARRY T. Phebus, R-Somerset, is expected to try to reinstate his county in any bill sent over by the House which might slow it down.

Somerset County also is the lifelong home of the Democratic governor.

The administration and legislative leaders believe the special session starting at 10 a.m. will be completed in one day.

There were a total of 42 bills prepared for introduction.

The great majority, however, are local in nature mainly to authorize bond issues for hospitals, roads, fire companies, schools, office buildings and libraries. They can be enacted rapidly.

All bills of a local nature were barred during the 30-day session.

Helicopters continued evacuating the island until dark Wednesday night and resumed early yesterday morning.

Virginia State Police Sgt. E.C. Magette said the troops were just returning from the island and found debris of every description littering the causeway bridge.

All traffic is barred from approaching the causeway because of debris and several bad washouts.

The morning traffic was two and a half miles of water back over the causeway with more expected as the tide increases.

Virginia police estimated 550 people had been taken to the Wallops Station by 9:00 p.m. Wednesday night and 500 by last night. At least 10 helicopters are aiding in the rescue.

FOOD SUPPLIES were running short today. Appeals went out for bread, milk, bacon and eggs.

Another problem is what to do with the carcasses of 400,000 broilers drowned in the island before they pose a health problem.

The drowning of a 78-year-old waterman was reported today. Richard Evans was caught by the waters when he tried to retrieve his fish nets.

MAYOR ROBERT N. Reed and defense officials were busy today making a survey to determine what the distressed residents need. The Red Cross and defense agencies sent an appeal for at least 50 women to assist canteen workers at Wallops Station.

It was reported many residents had to go to their second story for safety and one man was reported sitting on his rooftop. Many were stranded.

The Tarramore Coast Guard Station was reported evacuated.

Many who couldn’t get off the island crowded into the fire house where they were fed and kept warm during the night.
South Wilmington Wet, Too

This truck, heading east on Commerce Street near 3rd Street Bridge, is stopped by two feet of water which flooded the area yesterday as the Christina spilled its banks.
Road Signs Now Channel Markers

The swirling waters of the Atlantic Ocean mark the Rt. 14 bypass at Bethany Beach. This photograph, taken yesterday afternoon, looks south toward the intersection with Rt. 26.
CHILDREN DIE IN BOW
Families Marooned As Heavy Gales Lash Tides; Extensive Power Failures

Three, and perhaps four, children lost their lives at Bowers today in the wake of a savage storm that slashed through Delaware.

A State Police detective arrived on the scene at 1 p.m. but could not determine the cause of death, whether by drowning or electrocution.

Names were not available.

Families were being evacuated at Bowers, Kitts Hummock, and Big Stone Beach.

Winds, which slammed down trees and power lines, and ripped roofs and signs from buildings, were officially clocked at 56 MPH at 7 a.m. at Dover Air Force Base.

Dover Air Force Base dispatched two snow plows and an ambulance to be used in the shore evacuation. It was believed that the plows, with their huge wheels, could move through the deep water.

State Police also requested the use of two helicopters from the Eastern Air Rescue Center stationed at the base, both were out of commission.

The local chapter of the American Red Cross was on stand-by and ready to go into action if needed, according to Miss Dorothy Thompson, director.

Miss Thompson said she had been in touch with the State Police and had offered assistance. She said the Red Cross was prepared to open emergency shelters and provide food.

Miss Thompson said, "If there is sufficient damage to the homes the Red Cross could also help with rehabilitation." However, she said police told her they felt the evacuees would probably be able to return to their homes tonight.

Both the Dover Armory and the Air Base were made available to house refugees. The Red Cross
Son Accidentally Shoots Father

LAUREL — The victim of an accidental shooting, Richard Hopkins Marvil, 53, of this town is in satisfactory condition today at Peninsula General Hospital in Salisbury-Md.

Marvil was shot accidentally in the stomach by his 14-year-old son while target shooting from the Plum Creek Bridge, near Shapstown, State Police said.

According to police, Edward J. Marvil, 14, accidentally fired the .22 calibre rifle when he turned to look at a car which drove by. There are no changes, police said.

power lines were down all over the state, resulting in school closings and industry slowdown. Among those were Caesar Rodney and the Air Base school, where windows popped by the force of the blows.

"The damage is very extensive," said G. Preston Ward, Dover city manager.

It's so broad I can't be specific. There are outages in all directions.

"Boughs have been broken off and fallen across service lines. Meters have been ripped right out of people's houses."

A tree blew over on N. Bradford St., tearing down wires that go to the transformer which feeds the whole block. A city crew of 2 men worked to run temporary wires without meters, in order to get service restored.

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Other roads in the beach area were partially closed as tides fanned by the northeast wind washed across the roadbeds.

Dover-Leipsic traffic was delayed until workers from the State Highway Dept. cleared a tree that had blocked the road.

At Walter's race track, east of Canterbury, the wind whipped a roof and a wall from a stable, but horses inside escaped injury.

There were no reports from any of the police barracks of injury or loss of life.

Windows in business places and homes throughout the area were shattered, including those at the Camden Service Center, a service station near Route 13.

But the beach areas, as usual in a northeaster, suffered the heaviest damage.

One cottage owned by Vernon Ingram, was washed more than half a mile in land to the farm owned by August Haas, Pickering Beach.

The cottage arrived upright on the Haas farm, but looked a "little bent-up" according to Haas, a farmer.

Here's how Mrs. Haas described the scene at Pickering:

"Refrigerators, oil drums, and furniture are floating around in our yard.

"My husband has lived here all..."