

# The Shinnston News

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## **SHINNSTON BURIES HER BELOVED DEAD** **Tornado Reaps Heavy Toll Of Death in Community**

**While the search continues for missing persons following the disaster of Friday evening, Shinnston has gone about the sad task of burying its dead, and the people are just beginning to realize the enormity of the calamity that has befallen the community.**

**Many funerals have already been held and others are being arranged just as fast as possible because of the large number to be taken care of. Services have been held in some instances for whole families—five hearses having been required in one instance to carry the caskets of those who met death in one house. The victims were the Carlin family with three members of the Bean family who were at their home.**

A monster of the elements, gathering from everywhere its particles of fury and might, and riding the black clouds of destruction has rained death and disaster on a large part of Shinnston and numerous other peaceful communities in West Virginia.

The worst calamity of its kind ever to strike West Virginia, the death toll in Shinnston and the surrounding communities has reached 66 and the search is continuing for other bodies in the wreckage of homes and the territory for miles around.

The tornado struck Shinnston about 8:30 Friday evening, and while the people in the path of the storm had brief seconds of warning in the unnatural noises immediately preceding the blow and in the appearance of the awful cone-shaped cloud on the horizon, few of the victims had time to seek shelter, even in the basements of their homes. And as panic seized everybody the crash of death was heard, the havoc was wrought, and devastating force moved on to spread its rage and destruction for many miles.

After the force of the tornado had passed, high winds prevailed and menacing clouds hovered over throughout the forepart of the night, but as if by providence there was no downpour of rain to add to the distress of wounded trapped in the wreckage of their homes or to hamper the work of the numerous people engaged in rescue work.

Immediately after the tornado had struck calls were sent to Clarksburg and Fairmont for help and amid the screams of ambulance sirens and general panic and confusion of the people, the rescue work quickly took form.

The Coffindaffer Clinic, the only hospital in the city, was soon crowded with the wounded and stricken, and an emergency ward was opened at the First Methodist Church for the less seriously wounded, while Clarksburg and Fairmont Hospitals received the many critical cases.

Not more than ten houses were left standing in the Pleasant Hill addition to Shinnston, while South Shinnston was entirely wiped out and the four houses at Lucas Mill, just across the river

from Pleasant Hill were blown into the river together with their occupants, some of whom have not been found.

The Solon row of houses was also reduced to wreckage, and some of the occupants of those houses have not been found. The top of the aerial at the State Police headquarters was broken off.

Continuing its path of destruction, the tornado moved to Shinn's Run. Leveling homes and buildings killing live stock and blowing down trees, and completely destroying the large compressor gas station on Booths Creek, together with two dwelling houses adjacent thereto.

The town was plunged into darkness by the breaking of power lines and the telephone facilities were such as were possible by auxiliary means. It was sufficient, however, to meet the situation of the emergency until a few hours later when normal service was resumed and the lights were on again as usual. Red Cross headquarters were opened in the office of the News. And the State Guards and Army units from the Elkins district were on duty everywhere throughout the area.

All service organizations in the city, including the Fire Department and the officials of the city were quickly mobilized to co-operate with the Red Cross and the military personnel, and everything possible was done to alleviate the suffering of the wounded and those suffering from shock.

The tornado approached from the direction of Mannington, although that city was not in its direct path. The Glade Fork community, near Joetown, was the first to suffer the deadly blows of the storm. There were several fatalities there, while the villages of Grangeville and Oakdale, landmarks of the pioneers of that section were entirely destroyed. At Grangeville the only building left standing was a small tile block garage. The church, store and all residences were reduced to wreckage.

Proceeding down the valley, the home of William Griffin, only a few hundred feet below the destroyed home of Mrs. Sena Mason was practically undamaged, although several trees were laid down around it.

A little further down the home of Herbert Moore was obliterated, not a trace of it left, while the home of his father, Ross Moore, a few hundred feet away, was undamaged. The village Oakdale was next in the path of the storm and the only building left here is the home of D.D. Robinson. The store and home of Dallie Ashcraft, the homes of Carson Griffin, Ralph Robinson, the Loomans and the church were all completely destroyed.

Further down, the dormer windows of the homes of Okey Hess and his son in law, James Arnett were blown out, and the roofs damaged, while the home of Mrs Inez Robinson and her father Jack Garrett were destroyed. The Bragg home, also near the Robinson home, was swept away together with the barn and the outbuildings.

Ira Hawker lost two outbuildings and damage was done to the roof of his home. Throughout the valley trees fell in all directions blocking the highway in many places. The home of Clark Anderson, a short distance from Hawker's was damaged, and his barn blown down.

Cutting a swath through the woods and crossing the hill, the tornado moved to Cunningham's Run., where several outbuildings were leveled and many trees uprooted. The barn of Wayne Cunningham was laid low but his home was untouched. Walter Robinson lost some outbuildings while the E.M. Hess house seems to have had a narrow escape, as huge trees fell all around it.

Coming over the Peoria hill the home of Charles William David Carlin was swept away and his family killed. Mrs. Carl Bean and two daughters who lived nearby were at the Carlin

home and were also killed. Their home was moved from its foundation but was not completely destroyed.

The storm moved on toward Shinnston, scattering the large barn of Joseph Lucas, and uprooting many large trees there as well as across the road at the Lee Boggess house, now occupied by Mr and Mrs. James Haislip.

Then the Lucas Mill homes were taken and the storm began it's wholesale destruction in Pleasant Hill and other sections mentioned.

Many people report having seen the tornado approaching. Their descriptions are all about the same. It was the most terrifying sight of their life, a monstrous mixture of fire and sulphur and blackness, forming its deadly funnel shape, and carrying tops of trees, large pieces of timber and debris.

Its fury and might was unequalled by anything produced by the devilish mechanization of man or war. It seemed bent on total destruction, like unto some unearthly giant sweeping above the earth, blasting homes and intermittently scorching hillsides and denuding them of the trees by the mad swing of its club.

Results of its visitation are in many instances too horrible to describe. In its might, it performed such terrifying acts as sweeping the feathers of chickens clean and leaving them standing, stark dead, peeling the bark clean of trees and leaving them upright, carrying huge timbers which in some instances struck human beings to break their bones and disfigure them-- and all the while in brief. Seconds killing and leveling homes.

Many miraculous escapes from death have been reported and numerous freakish incidents are told as the results of the tornado are surveyed.

The family of William Kendall in South Shinnston, with some neighbors who were in the house making ten persons, were left standing unharmed on the floor of their home after it had been blown away. Their household goods, including a refrigerator were scattered far and wide.

The storm seemed to have a special liking for refrigerators, iron stoves and the like, as they could be seen lying in many places, far from the site of the houses from where they came.

Automobiles were also moved nearly a hundred feet in some instances after the garage had been destroyed. At the farm of Ira Hawker, a large chicken house was blown over an embankment, landing on a hay rake. A few feet away a large wagon shed was knocked over the same bank, landing on a hay tedder.

Chalfant house, occupied by Robt Atkinson, partly destroyed. It would be hard to estimate the number of people who have com to Shinnston to view the wreckage. Literally thousands of cars have clogged the highways, making it difficult for the State Police and the Army to handle the traffic.

Making death by the storm all the more sad and disheartening, several of the victims were hurled into the river, and som of them are yet unrecovered.

The bodies of Mrs. Emma Yost, 58, wife of Calvin Yost, and her daughter, Mrs. Loretta Metz, 31, wife of Edward Metz, were found Monday afternoon lying close together on the bank of the river at Viropa. There were four deaths in the family, the husband and a son Kenneth Lee, 12, having been killed in the storm.

Lola King, 62, and Neil Eckard, 65, both died at a Clarksburg hospital Monday. They were victims of the tornado here.

Bodies of Loretta Sharp, 10, and Mrs. Ora O'Connor, both of Lucas Mill, and Blaine Carder, Jr., 14, of the Shinnston area were found by searchers in the West Fork river.

The body of John Cavalier, 18-months old son of Joseph Cavalier was found on the river bank at Ehlen.

The bodies of the following persons who were listed as missing, were recovered Tuesday from the West Fork river. Josephine Capillo, 19, of Ehlen, near Big Elm north of Shinnston; Mrs. Thomsa West, of Lucas Mill, who was found near the new bridge; Amos Lindsay, of Ehlen, found near the Country Club stop, near Fairmont; and Margaret Cavalier, 3, of Ehlen, who was found near Watson.

Still missing are Betty Lundell, 9, Shinnston, and Geneva Lindsey 22, also of Shinnston.

Among the homes destroyed were those of the following in Pleasant Hill; Louie Seamon, Sam Book, Angeline Marino, Santo Rotunda, Tony Larry, Louie Marra, Jon Marra, Steve Fooks, Lillian Malone, Wm. Bart's home and store, Roy Moore, James Mke, Frank Verdigone, Mrs Barron, Tony Oliverio, Golden Heldreth, Henry Heldreth, Mr Flowers, James Bart, Eugene Cox.

Homes badly damaged in Pleasant Hill included those of Mrs. Sefro Martinez, the shilley brick home, Joe Felosa, John Pillo, John Hacks, H. R. Andrich, Tony Storage, Emma Morgan, Andy Galayda, Rocco Romeo, Sam Scalis, Sam Were, Mary Somody, John Rease, Mrs. Ray Ashcraft, Joe Saporita, W.J. Stuck, Harvey Miller, Ned Zecco, Thomas Gregory.

At Solon homes of the following were destroyed: Mr. Lindsey, John Durante, Joe Allowatt, Okey Miller and Paul Palosak.

South Shinnston homes of Ben Mc Foy, the St. Clari home, Mrs. Irene Laughlin, Wm. Kendall, Peg Wilson, Ralph Mahana and the Halpenny home.

In Howard place homes of Clarence Anderson, James IcIe, Mrs. Robert Kann, Abe Hudins, B. N. Moor, Mrs. Rose Toth, Carson Stemple, Mrs. Mary Senchina, Harry Linville and Doyle Loudin were almost completely wrecked.

Among the homes destroyed in the Shinn's run area were those of Arthur Riley a house belonging to Mrs. Esther Hoffman and occupied by a Gillis family, Ezra Wright, Pete Cutlip, Harper's, Hubert Harrison and E.E. Righter.

## **Fury of Storm Unequaled In History of West Virginia**

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### **The Dead**

The dead in the Shinnston community include the following:

John Barnett  
Robert Dale Basford  
Doloris Carder  
Blaine Carder, Jr.  
Johnnie Cavalier  
Neil Eckhard  
Charles Terry Lindsey  
Mildred Yost Metz  
Mrs. Tony Oliverio  
Frank Rotunda  
Loretta Sharp

William Ray Stark  
William Ray Stark, Jr.  
Mrs. Calvin Yost  
Kenneth Yous  
Mrs. Edgar E. Righter, Saltwell  
Mary Shinn, 50, of Shinn's Run, a teacher in the Wyatt school, She is thought to have died of shock.  
Calvin Yost, Lucas Mill  
Carol Lindsey, 19, Ehlen  
Thomas West, 55, Robinson's Run  
Tony Oliverio, Pleasant Hill, died in Clarksburg hospital.  
Santo Rotunda, boy, Pleasant Hill  
Charles Warren Lindsey, 5, Ehlen  
Jerry robert Lindsey, 6, Ehlen  
Denzil Kincaid, 22, of Shinnston and Pine Grove.  
Mrs. Jason Craig, Ehlen  
roberta E. Moore, 7, Oakdale  
Baby of Roy Barnette, 6 days of age and unnamed.  
Mrs. Robert Carder  
Mrs. Amos Lindsey  
Mr. And Mrs. Carson Griffin of Oakdale.  
Mrs. Jessie Mahana, Ehlen  
Anna Lee Mahana, 10 months old daughter of Mrs. Jessie Mahana.  
Mrs. Carl Bean, Peora Hill, and rose Bean, 19 daughter, and Hillie Bean, 21, daughter  
Mrs. Harvery Lundell mother of 13 children, visiting at Lucas Mill, and one child  
Margaret Gutierrez, 12, daughter of Mr. Nd Mrs. Angel Gutierrez, of Erie, who was visiting in storm area.  
Charles William David Carlin 552 pit boss at Catherine Coal Company No. 4, of Peoria Hill and his wife, Mrs. Katherine Carlin.  
Mrs. Beatrice Hanlan, 25, daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Carlin.  
Kenneth Meredith Carlin, 16, son of Mr. And Mrs. Carlin.  
Mrs. Paul cox, Shinn's Run, and two children Allen Burl cox, 3 and Paul Cox Jr., 15 months old.  
Mrs. Leola King, Ehlen  
John Thomas Temple, 50.  
Delores Arnold, 15.  
Mrs. Pearl Sharp, 45, Ehlen  
Mrs. Ann Rutter, 50, Robinson's Run.  
Louis Marra died at Clarksburg hospital  
Jerry Basford, 70, died at Clarksburg hospital.  
Rose Oliverio, 22, daughter of Tony Oliverio.  
Mrs. George O'Connor, 50, died in Clarksburg hospital.  
Mrs. Okey (Bernice) Miller.  
Catherine Miller, 17, daughter of Okey Miller.  
Fred Roberts and Mrs Roberts.  
Sonora Roberts, 19, daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Fred Roberts.

William Ray Stark, died in Fairmont hospital.  
Jack Garrett, 85, of near Oakldale.  
Earl Milbourn, 60, a typewriter repairman from Winchester, Va., injured at Joetown.  
John Barrett, 59, Pine Grove.  
Barbara Lee Zarbaugh, 5 months old.  
Mrs. Frank Verdigan.

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## THE INJURED

The injured taken to St. Mary's hospital, included:

Austin Anderson, 6  
Gerald Bassart  
Ralph Blair, 15  
Nancy Ann Brown, 3 ½ years  
Mrs. Marie Baron, 63  
Mrs. Mark Cunningham  
Robert Carter, 35  
Cora Courtney, 60  
Mildred Fooks  
Clara Fooks, 13  
Mary Gillis, 16  
Donald Gregory, 3  
Peggy Gregory  
Infant Gregory  
Charles Hall  
Mrs. Lillian Hall  
Infant Hall, 3 months old.  
Shirley Hall  
Charles Jeffries  
Darrell Lindsey (?)  
Mrs. Angeline Loria  
Doyle Loudin  
Mrs. Virginia Loudin  
Mrs. Bradford N. Moore  
Mrs. Mabel McFay  
John Marra  
Mrs. Angeline Maroni  
Mrs. John Marra  
Infant Marra  
Infant Donald May  
Margaret Martinez  
Mary V. Hahaney, 7  
Scott Mackey Jr. 33

Edith Mackey, 37  
Scott Mackey, Jr. 2 ½  
Charles Darrel Mackey, nfant.  
Patty Mackey, 4  
George O'Connor, 14  
Antionette Oliverio  
Anna Oliverio, 21  
Rulanda Pillo, 12  
Alma Ridge, 9  
Mary Rotunda, 10  
Santo Rotunda, 65  
Lee Spring, 65  
Mrs. Helen Sutula  
Mary Stefhovich, 8  
Frank Verdigan, 49  
Elsie Ray Bowers  
Marie, 4 last name unknown  
Ercie Moore  
Angeline Nero

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At Union Protestant hospital:

Jean Gregory, 16  
James Richard Lindsey  
Rosa Lee Barnett  
Lawrence Barnett  
Mrs. Dean Zarbaugh  
Louis McEldowney

At Fairmont General hospital:

Eight Critically injured include:

Mrs. Lizzie (John) Barnett, 61.  
Raymond Ballard. I, probably of Shinnston  
Mrs. Frances (Frank) Rotunda.  
Gladys Lamp, 38  
Mary Garrett (Mrs. Jack), 69, Oakdale.  
Sarah Malone, 72  
Mary Lou Starky, 4  
Leslie Mills, 60, of Joetown.

Twenty-nine also at Fairmont General Hospital not listed as critical:

Clarence Barnett, 20

Ray Barnett, 27, serious after and operation  
William and Anna Barta, 53, and 49, both serious  
Wayonda Bragg, 14, only fair.  
Fay Bragg, 38, only fair  
Carolyn Sue Cunningham, 3, fair.  
Mart Cunningham, 54, fair  
Bessie Fetty, 42, fair.  
Bonnie Hall, 33, Mingo Junction, Ohio, who was visiting at Joetown, fair.  
Dale Hall, 9, son of above, fair.  
Larry Allen Heldreth, 43, fair.  
Lillian Malone, 45, fair  
Milton Malone, fair  
Martha Mills, 36, Indian Run, fair  
Pearl Mills, 36, Indian Run, fair.  
Tom Mills, 65, Indian Run, fair  
Mary Myers, 27, serious  
Mary Price, 26, fair  
Maxine Riley, 15, fair  
Rotunda baby boy, serious  
Frank Rotunda, serious  
Earl Stark, Jr., 9, fair  
Virginia Stark, 8, fair  
Lucille Stark, 2, fair  
Anna May Stark, 27, mother of the three, fair  
Luch Stark, 67, fair  
Lester Tetrick, 23, fair  
Virginia (Mrs. Lester) Tetrick, fair  
Their son, David 18 mo., fair

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At Fairmont Emergency:

Mrs Bessie Moore, R. 2, Mannington.  
Charles R. Moore, 5, son of the above.  
Mrs. Freda Collins, 29.  
Tommy Collins, 6, son of above.  
Dona Jane Farrell, 22.

## **Tornado Sidelights**

A well known colored man Alex Taylor, who lived in a small shack on the Harmer ground in South Shinnston, was walking toward his house with two bags of oats. He saw the approaching storm, and also saw his shanty begin to quiver. Quick thinking enabled him to drop to the ground between his bags of oats and grab a stake which he had driven in the ground to tie his donkey to. The house disappeared, but he was unhurt. Mr. Taylor kept his donkey, a dun colored little fellow staked near the highway in Pleasant Hill most of the time, and it was there when the tornado struck. Bot After everything had been swept from around him, the little donkey was unhurt.

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Herbert Moore was at work in the mines when the tornado hit. He had a feeling that something was wrong at his home above Oakdale, and told the superintendent he was going home. On the way he saw a truck load of men going in the direction of his home, and this added to his anxiety. When he reached his home it was not there. His little daughter Roberta had been killed. His little son told him that Roberta had been thrown against the corner of the house and that he had been thrown against the fence, but he had held fast and his life was saved, but he and his mother re both in the hospital. The children were playing in the yard at the time of the storm.

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Of the many heart-rending experiences, from the standpoint of one fortunate enough to be only an observer, was to see a young man hesitatingly enter Red Cross headquarters to inquire about his family, only to find that his father is dead and his mother and his little brother are missing. And to see that young man leave the room, sit down on the steps and cover his face as he sobs out his grief. And to think that he is only one of scores who are deprived of their loved ones.

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Mrs. Cena Mason age about 80, was found sitting in a chair in the wreckage of her home at Grangeville after the storm passed. She was unhurt, but her home, as well as those of her two daughters and sons in law were reduced to kindling wood. Leslie Mills a son in law critically injured and his daughter, Mrs Cecil Brown and small baby from parkersburg, who were visiting there, were taken to Fairmont General Hospital, after they had been dug out of the wreckage.

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As an indication of some of the bad news many soldier boys serving in foreign battlefields will learn when they hear the particulars of the tornado's destruction, one instance is noted. Cpl. Gail Robinson, who is in England will learn that his home is destroyed, his grandfather is dead, his grandmother is critically injured, his truck and his car are both wrecks, and all that is left is the land on which he was reared.

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A word reaches here from California that provides a sidelight also. Harlan Janes, who is in the Navy, was on a train going from San Pedro to Shumaker Calif. A passenger was reading a newspaper, when he abruptly turned to Janes and inquired "Where are you from?" Janes replied, Shinnston, West Virginia. The fellow passenger said, well, Shinnston has been completely wiped of the map by a tornado.

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When Mr. And Mrs. Clarence Anderson saw it coming they got under their dining room table. When Mrs. Anderson came to herself minutes later, her dog was lying between them. She called to Mr. Anderson and he did not answer. His head had been pushed through the wall. He soon recovered consciousness, however, and was not seriously hurt.

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A four year old girl, who was unable to tell her last name, kept the nurses at St. Mary's hospital all excited for two or three days until she was finally identified as Marie Barnett, daughter of Ray and Alice Barnett. The child is such a winsome little thing that many would have jumped at the chance of adopting her, in case her parents and family had not been found.

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Among the distinguished visitors who came to show their deep concern and express their sympathy to the community were Bishop James H. Straughn, of the Pittsburgh Area, Methodist Church, who resides in Pittsburgh; William K. Anderson, Educational Director of the Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. W.W. Ware, district superintendent of the Methodist Church, Fairmont; Dr. A. J. Walton, New York, of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, who was calling on his niece, Mrs. H.W. Andrick; and Rev. W.S. overstreet of Spencer. The gentlemen are conducting a school of ministerial training at Wesleyon College. They were accompanied over the stricken area by Rev. E. C. Zinn.

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Rufus Taylor, local manager of the C. & P. Telephone Company had a scare while making his rounds of the devastated district in search of broken telephone cables. It was pitch dark and he was using a flashlight. Fearing he would step on the body of some unfortunate victim, he was felling his way carefully when he stepped on what he thought was a small mound of debris only to find it was a large live hog. When the hog gave a loud grunt, Taylor rose in the air about four feet. In another section he came across an electric refrigerator, and opened it to find a dressed chicken. Some ice cubes were also in the box. He also found a large glass cake plate far out on the hill that wasn't broken.

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The News has been greatly distressed to learn that one of the little girls who has been selling this paper every Wednesday for many months, has lost her eyesight as a result of the tornado. She is Antoinette Oliverio, whose parents Mr. And Mrs. Tony Oliverio and her sister

Rose, aged 22, were all killed when the storm destroyed their home. Antoinette is a patient at a Clarksburg hospital. Another little News girl, Clara Fooks, who also sold the papers for us, was injured when her home was swept away in the storm, but she is not critically hurt.

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The Salvation Army has opened headquarters at the Christian Church for the purpose of giving out clothing to those who lost their belongings in the tornado.

The local canteen has been on duty since Friday night in the Legion Hall, and the motor corps has also been active. The jeeps of the Army have been racing here and there on missions of mercy following the tornado.

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Mrs Mary Bart Myers, wife of Sgt. Homer Bud Myers, is at a Fairmont hospital with slight hope for her recovery. She was badly cut and bruised about the head and throat. Her shoes and stockings were blown off by the terrifying force of the storm, and her parents. Mr. And Mrs. Wm. Bart are both hospital patients. Their home was destroyed.

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Mrs. Carl Bean and two daughters Rose and Hallie left their home on Peora Hill and went to the home of Charles Carlin nearby when they saw the storm coming. They were killed along, with the Carlin family, while the Bean home was left standing. The Carlin house was swept away.

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The only damage to Shinnston north of Pleasant Hill was in the yard of Mrs. Wm. J.S. Harmer on Main street where a large shade tree was uprooted. The tree fell away from the house, tearing up a part of the cement walk.

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Eulando Pillo, 12, was one of the more critically injured who survived the storm. She was blown through a window when her home was wrecked and she was found hanging by her head on a fence. Her recovery seemed doubtful Thusday. She is at a Clarksburg hospital.

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With sad hearts but stout determination to bear their burdens, many of those who lost members of their families and most everything in the way of property have begun the task of clearing the wreckage from their ground in preparation for repairs and rebuilding.

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Indicating the mad fury of the storm, a boy tells of his family rushing from their home as the storm nears, when a piece of timber comes flying through the air, strikes his father in the jaw and goes on through a fence. The father was terribly injured.

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Many local soldiers and sailors will learn even more distressing news from their homes, when it is revealed that their parents, their brothers and sisters and other near and dear ones are victims of the storm.

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One brave and willing little member of the Boy Scouts collapsed from the baking heat of Sunday and was in a serious condition for some time. The Boy Scouts aided the Red Cross very materially in running errands and the like.

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The Red Cross, with Mrs. Lola Heavener in charge, remained on the job day and night, collecting and giving out information to the hundreds who came seeking news of relatives. They also sent numerous messages to service men in different parts of the world.

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Volunteers from Clarksburg and Shinnston tied a row of boats together reaching across the river to drag the stream for missing bodies. Several were recovered.

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## **FUNERALS OF THE TORNADO DEAD**

Services began Monday for victims of the tornado.

The funeral of Mrs. Rose E. Righter, wife of Edgar E. Righter, who died Friday night when the tornado demolished their home at Saltwell, were held Monday afternoon at the First Baptist Church, followed by interment at Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Righter, one of the most beloved residents of the community was born in Boyd, Ky., the daughter of Henry and Margaret Deen Lowther. She is survived by her husband, and three children, Charles L. Righter, principal of Lumberport high school; George E. Righter at home, and Mrs. N. R. Craig of Huntington. Also a sister Mrs. John N. King, Madisonville, O.

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Margaret Lundell 39, wife of Harvey J. Lundell, was killed in the tornado. She was born August 31, 1905, a daughter of Thomas and Elvina Lindsey Ashcraft of Lumberport. Surviving besides the husband are the following children. Mrs. William Fletcher, Mrs. Mary Shreves, Phyllis Lundell, Harvey Jr., Marjorie Lee, Clark Edward, jPaul Jackson, Donald Lee, Robert Allen, Sandra Sue, all at home, and Betty, about 12, missing.

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Mrs. Annie Rutter, 57, killed in the tornado, was the widow of John William Rutter. She was born in Greenbrier county, Nov. 17, 1887 a daughter of Henry and R. M. Walker Watson. She has one brother, Frank Watson of Shinnston; and two sisters, Mrs. Caroline Ellen Rutter of Shinnston, and Mrs. Rhoda McCutcheon of Clarksburg. Also surviving are a son, Charles McCutcheon of Wyatt and a stepson Roy Rutter, Shinnston.

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Among the bodies recovered Sunday afternoon was that of Mrs. Ora Lorraine O'Connor, 53, who was taken from the river. She was the widow of Philip O'Connor, who was killed March 28, 1940, at the Bethlehem Fairmont mine. Survivors are 6 children, George, a patient in a Clarksburg hospital following the tornado; Harold with the Army in North Africa; Thomas with the Army in Florida; Mrs. Georgia Ashcraft, Peora; Madeline O'Connor; and Betty O'Connor of Peora. There are two brothers and one sister, Howard Martin, Ohio, William Martin, Pigott's Run, Enterprise.

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Mrs Pearl Carder Sharp, 45 widow of William Sharp, was killed in the tornado. Late Sunday afternoon the body of her only child, Loretta, 10, was recovered from the river near Worthington. Mrs. Sharp was born May 5, 1899 at Saltwell, a daughter of Joseph and Ingaby Martin Carder. She is survived by her mother, six brothers and a sister, namely Guy, Blaine, Russell, Robert, Howard, and Thomas Carder and Miss Martha Rosalie Carder. Mrs. Sharp's niece, Deloris Jean Carder, 11, daughter of Blaine and Helen Bolivar Carder, also was killed in the tornado. Her brother Blaine, Jr., was also a victim and his body was taken from the river Monday. A sister in law Mrs. Vada Carder, 30, wife of Robert Carder, also was a victim. She was born at Weston Jan. 10, 1914, the daughter of Mrs. Icie West, now of Shinnston. Surviving besides her mother and husband is a brother, Everett West.

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Mrs Frank Verdigone died of injuries received in the tornado. She is survived by her husband, a son Samuel, a Daughter, Virginia and a sister, Mrs. Albert Iconis of Clarksburg.

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Mrs Beulah Bean, 47, and her two daughters, rose Margaret, 21, and Hallie Loraine, 22, of Peora Hill, were killed in the tornado. Mrs. Bean is survived by her husband and parents William and margaret Sturm Basnett of Worthington, and a daughter, Mrs. Lillian Hayes of Owings.

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Tony Oliverio, 54, his wife, Mary Oliverio and his daughter, Rose, aged 22, all died in the tornado. Mr. Oliverio was an employee of the Bethlehem Fairmont Coal Co. He and Mrs. Oliverio were born in Italy. They are survived by four children, William, in the Army; Frank, Annie, and Antionette. Mr. Oliverio also leaves two brothers, Sam and Joe Oliverio.

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Luie Marra, 66, died as a result of the tornado. He was an employee of the coal company at Owings. He was born in Italy, a son of John and Angeline Parriot Marra. He is survived by three sons, John; Pfc. Wm. Marra, with the Army overseas; and Louie. A brother, William, of Clarksburg, and two sisters. Mrs Frank Secret of Meadowbrook and Mrs. James Aragona, Shinnston.

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Joint funeral services were held for Charles William Carlin and family of Peora Hill, Who died in the tornado. They are, Mr. Carlin, his wife Kathryn Cooker Carlin 48, their daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Hanlin, 25, and two sons, Robert Lee, 11, and Kenneth Meredith, 16. The only survivors are a daughter Mrs. Edna Sisler and a son Charles Jr.

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Mrs. Jessie Marie Mahana, 25, wife of Ralph J. Mahana, and her infant daughter, Anna Lee, ten months old, were killed in the tornado. Another daughter, Mary Virginia, 6, is in a Clarksburg hospital. She was born December 24, 1918, a daughter of Mrs. Mary Endres and the late Joseph Endres. Surviving besides her husband and mother are her daughter Mary Virginia, one son, Rlph, Jr.; two sisters, katherine and martha Endres and two brothers, Joseph, in the Army overseas and Billie.

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The funeral of Jack Garrett, 85, who died following the tornado when his home was destroyed, was held at the home of Charles Harvey at Oakdale Tuesday afternoon. Burial was at

Oakdale cemetery. Surviving besides his widow, who was critically injured at the time, are three children, Mrs. Inez Robinson, Nonnie Garrett and Buster Garrett.

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Fruneral services for Mr. And Mrs. Carson Griffin who died in the wreckage of their home at Oakdale during the tornado, were held Tuesday afternoon at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Merle Zirkle of Haywood. Burial at Masonic cemetery. Another daughter, Mrs. Maxine Shaffer survives.

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Thomas West, 62, of Lucas Mill, a victim of the tornado, was born April 7, 1882, at Jackson, Ohio. His wife, was also killed and her body is missing. The survivors include William and Cashus West, a daughter, Sylvia West, and four brothers and five sisters.

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Mrs. Norma Lenora cox 26, wife of Paul Cox, of Shinn's Run, and her two children, Allen Burl, aged 3 ½ years and Paul Raymond, 15 months old were killed in the tornado.

Mrs. Cox is survived by her husband, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Shanks and a sister, Alice Shanks.

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Mary Florence Lindsey, 40, wife of Amos Lindsey, was killed in the tornado, and her daughter, Carol Iolene, 19, and her son, Charles Warren 7, died later from injuries received in the disaster.

Mrs. Lindsey is survived by her husband and four children, Mrs. Ruby Clevenger, Miss Pauline Lindsey, Lawrence Lindsey, in the Navy and Darrell. She also leaves four sisters and three brothers.

She was born at St. Marys, Pa. April 11, 1904, a daughter of William and Nettie McMinn Wertz, who also survive.

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Mrs. Mrytle Craig, 49, wife of Jason Craig, is another victim. She was born April 15, 1894, at Elk Lick, a daughter of the late Martha Asher Ferrebee and Wesley Ferrebee of West Union. Survivors include her father, her husband, and four cildren, Jason, Jr., stationed in New Zealand; Okey, of here; Mrs. Mary White of New Brighton, Pa., and Andrew Craig.

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A seven year old child, Santo Rotundo, Jr., son of Frnak and Frances Allowatt Rotundo, died a victim of the tornado. He is survived by his parents, a sister Mary and brother, Frank, Jr.

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William Ray Stark, 5 year old son of Earl and Anna May Wable Stark, of Pigott's Run, died of injuries received in the tornado.

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Mary Alice Shinn, 46, a daughter of the late A.A. Shinn and Savilla Koon Shinn, was found dead at her home on Shinn's Run Saturday morning. She is believed to have succumbed to shock following the tornado. Her house was not damaged by the storm. She was a teacher in Wyatt schools.

Mrs. Shinn was born December 10, 1897. She is survived by a brother, Harry Shinn and two sisters, Mrs. J.R. (Susan) Wilkinson and Mrs. Tessie Martin.

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Roberta Edna Moore, 7, daughter of Herbert C. and Dessie Coontz Moore of Oakdale, was killed in the tornado. She was born October 12, 1936. The parents and one brother, Charles Ross Moore, survive.

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Jerry Robert Lindsey, 6, killed in the tornado, was born March 24, 1938 at Prospect Valley. He is a son of Geneva Carol Lindsey who is reported missing, and Charles Lindsey of Baltimore.

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Carnelius Eckhart, ^1, tornado victim, died at 11 p.m. Sunday in a Clarksburg hospital. He leaves his widow, Gay Eckhart; two daughters, Ida May and Carol Louise; a son, Raymond; two brothers Lloyd Eckhart, of Grafton, and Shannon Eckhart of Ohio, and a sister, Mrs. Minnie Tichnell.

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Mrs Lola King, 62, died Sunday night in a hospital of her injuries. She was born Mrch 11, 1882, at Little Bingamon, Marion county, the daughter of L.D. and Katherine Hess Smith.

She is survived by her daughters, Mrs. Marie Brown, Kansas City, Kan.; Mrs. Hazel Bradley, Little Bingamon; Mrs. Virginia Mello, Baltimore, Md., and a sister, Mrs. Lyda Pearl Conley, of Morgantown.

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Frank Rotunda, 38, died Monday night in the Fairmont General hospital, His son, Santo, 6, was an early victim of the catastrophe.

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## Town and Community

Mrs. Rose Meredith, editor of the Salem Herald, was here Saturday calling on Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Meredith and viewing the devastation wrought by the tornado. She said that while Salem was badly damaged and upset by the two flash floods last week, she felt that her city had little to complain of when their trouble was compared to the death and destruction of suffered by Shinnston.

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Lt. Kay Gillespie of England writes that we nurses here are busier now than before, and probably will be busier than ever before very soon, now that the latest news flashes and headlines are giving out what they are. With a hello to all home towners and another wish that we'll all be back before too long.

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Second-Hand stores about wonderful new ideas in cereals are reaching many ears. Get first hand information. Try magic combination – New Post's Raisin Bran.

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Mrs J.J. Orr of Fairmont and Mrs. W.I. McDonnell and daughter Mary Ellen of Charles street are spending the week in Keego Harbor, Mich. Visiting Mrs. William McDonnell and son Ronald William and Mrs. John Crim.

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Mrs Daniel Fortney has resigned her position as Home Ec teacher at the local high school and will go to Charleston July 15 where she will be Nutrition Consultant for the State Health Department.

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Technical Sergeant Howard Talkington, a prisoner for three months in a German concentration camp, has visited his aunt, Mrs. I. E. Jackson, near Wyatt. Sgt Talkington was wounded and will remain in the states until able to return to active duty.

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Mrs. Helen Laulis was one of the first to open her home to the sufferers from the tornado. With the assistance of her daughters and some neighbors, she administered to a large number of the injured after they had been treated at the clinic nearby.

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Harry Schenck, editor of the Philippi Republican, was in Shinnston Monday, viewing the wreckage and securing pictures for his paper.

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Judge Arlos J. Harbert of Clarksburg, was in the city Monday visiting the stricken area and attending the funeral of Mrs. E. E. Righter.

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Mr. And Mrs. Frank Spencer had forty visitors Sunday. Their daughter, Mrs. C.B. Ullon and son Bruce of Washington, D.C. are visiting here for a couple of weeks.

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WANTED: Husky policeman to hold back crowds during debut of Post's Raisin Bran. Golden wheat and brand flakes plus choice California raisins. It's new!

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Pvt. William C. Young has arrived somewhere in England, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Helen V. Young of West side.

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Miss Weltha Lease, who is employed in defense work at Akron, Ohio, visited her mother Mrs. Phebe Lease of Bridge street last week.

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Mrs Flora Payne of Elkton, Md., was here the first of the week in the interest of her property which was damaged in the tornado.

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Mrs. Clayborne R. Nelson R.N., of the Sydenham hospital Baltimore, Md. Visited her parents, Mr. And Mrs. L.T. Feaster here Monday and Tuesday.

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The Misses Beatrice and Lillian Wilson of Schuylerville, N.Y., are here for a two weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. James Feaster. Sidney J. Dutcher, Mo. M.M. 3/c of Brooklyn, N.Y., was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. Feaster.

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VACATION from worry about what to serve for breakfast. Magic combination of nut-brown flakes of wheat and bran plus raisins. It's NEW Post's Raisin Bran.

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Ansley Neptune of Honolulu, called his mother, Mrs. May Neptune Saturday morning saying they had got news of the tornado Friday night by radio. Neptune has been in the Hawaiian Islands for several years.

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Mr. and Mrs. H.S. McCarty of Pittsburgh, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Lynch. Mrs. McCarty is a niece of Mrs. Lynch and failing to contact her by phone after the tornado the couple decided to motor to Shinnston. Other guests Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. George Lamb and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pultz of Clarksburg.

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H.P. Boone of Buckhannon, a former leading Shinnston merchant, was among the thousands of visitors who came to view the wreckage left by the tornado. Mrs. Boone was spending a few days at their farm in Braxton County and did not accompany him here.

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Cpl. Hubert Start, West Virginia wing commander of the Civil Air Patrol, placed his plane in action and flew doctors and blood plasma from Charleston to the Benedum airport at Bridgeport, where both the physicians and plasma were picked up in waiting cars and rushed to the areas.

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Mr and Mrs. Robert McIntire have gone to Hartford, Connecticut to reside.

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Mrs. P.E. Allen of Wallace was a business visitor her Monday.

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### **HELP FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT**

One of the sparkling sequels to the tragedy which last Friday's tornado heaped on the Shinnston district has been the authority by which the agencies have come to the assistance of the storm victims.

The Federal Housing Administration lost no time in announcing that it is prepared to help those whose homes have been damaged or destroyed in repairing houses which can be salvaged or in finding new homes.

In addition the Federal Reserve bank quickly announced that wartime credit restrictions were being lifted to enable victims of the storm to obtain urgently needed funds.

The Red Cross established emergency offices in the stricken area and offered vital assistance in providing medical care, food and shelter.

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### **INVASION CASUALTY IS REPORTED HERE**

The first Shinnston casualty reported from France following the invasion was Pvt. Warren Janes paratrooper in the 82<sup>nd</sup> airborne division. His mother, Mrs. Ethel Janes of Rebecca street, received word from the War Department Saturday evening saying he had been wounded June 6<sup>th</sup> in France. The message said she would be advised as to his condition as soon as possible.

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### **TWO LICK**

The following were Sunday visitors at the Gifford home:

Mr. and Mrs. W.O. King of Clarksburg and their daughter Pattie who holds a secretarial position in Washington, and who is enjoying a 15 day vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lemley, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bell and grandson, Lary and Mrs. Bournee of Midway.

Maynard McDonald, a neighbor.

We were safely off the main path of Friday's tornado but close enough to be plenty scared, although we did not realize just what was happening.

Our little creek went on a rampage from Friday's rains to the extent that some of the dairymen could not get their cows across for milking until mid afternoon.

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## WANT ADS

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### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that, at a meeting of the stockholders of the Bingamon Run coal Company, a corporation created and organized under the laws of the State of West Virginia, held at Shinnston, West Virginia, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1944, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, first, That the Bingamon Run Coal Company, a corporation created and organized under the laws of the State of West Virginia, does hereby discontinue business as a corporation and surrenders to said State its charter and corporate franchises. The board of directors will proceed to convert the property, choses in action and all assets of this corporation into cash, and pay off and discharge all its debts, liabilities and obligations; and, after fully discharging all such debts and obligations, divide the remainder among the stockholders pro rata with their several holdings of stock, but no such payment shall be made to any stockholder until after the publication of the notice hereinafter provided.

Resolved, second, That the president of this corporation cause notice of the adoption of the foregoing resolution to be published in some newspaper of general circulation, published near the principal office or place of business of this corporation, once a week for two successive weeks; and that he certify these resolutions to the secretary of state of the State of West Virginia, and deliver to him a certificate showing the publication of such notice.

Given under my hand this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1944.

M.B. Vaught, President  
of said corporation.

Attest Ruth Vaught, Secretary. 6-22-2t

FOR RENT – 3 furnished rooms opposite State Police headquarters, Phone 280-r

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LOST – English Setter, white with black spots, missing since Sunday. Name, Mack.  
\$5 reward for return.–Frank Abruzzino.

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FOR RENT – 3 room cottage. – See W.D. Long, Up Laurel Run from Enterprise.

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WANTED – Good used electric fan, for sick room. – Augustine Hursey, Viropa Park.

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HELP yourself to rare new breakfast treat. Post's Raisin Bran, a sumptuous blend of wheat and bran flakes plus raisins, is delicious It's nourishing. It's new.