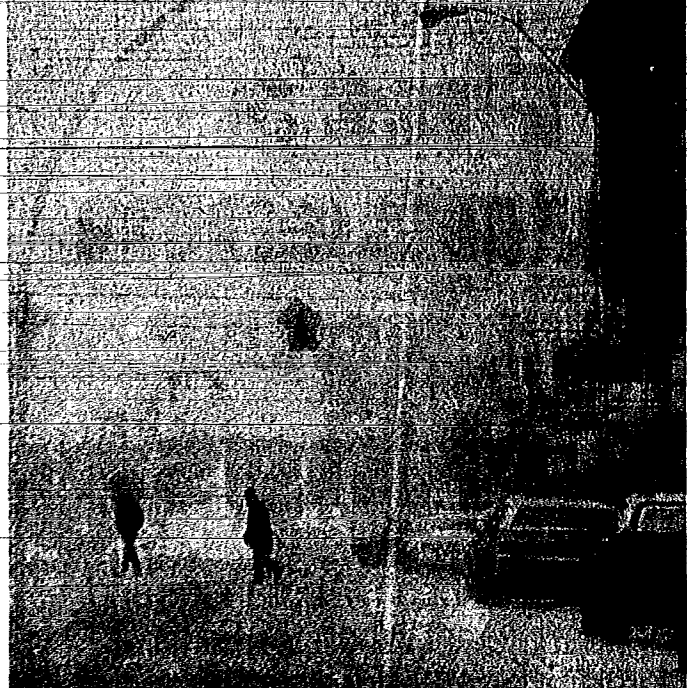




Blizzard shuts down county



WINDS REDUCE VISIBILITY IN DOWNTOWN NEW PHILADELPHIA
Two hardy souls cross N. Broadway in swirling snow.

Winds raising roofs, damage is widespread

A blizzard, with winds almost matching those of a hurricane, crippled Tuscarawas County and surrounding areas today, leaving in its wake power outages; downed trees and near impossible driving conditions.

Gov. James A. Rhodes this morning declared Ohio in a state of emergency, allowing committees to mobilize the Ohio National Guard.

The storm closed schools, businesses, government offices and factories. Roofs were damaged on several buildings. Snow removal was futile as winds gusted to 60 or 70 miles per hour.

Visibility was reported at zero to 10 feet on I-77. Many county and township roads were expected to drift closed by this afternoon.

The forecast called for up to 8 inches of snow by tonight with winds diminishing. Frank Hollingsworth, National Weather Service statistician in New Philadelphia, reported that the barometric pressure "was unusually low" this morning. Some meteorologists said the barometer was low enough to qualify for designation as a tropical storm.

Managers of mobile home developments were taking precautions.

The county chapter of the American Red Cross was contacted today by managers at Pinex Mobile Estates off Rt. 418 near New Philadelphia about evacuation of residents, according to Carol Cunningham, Red Cross executive secretary.

Although evacuation had not been started by mid-morning, a shelter was set up in the Broadway United Methodist Church in the event it was needed.

Mrs. Dale Schwartz, who owns Shel-Mar Estates off E. High av. with her husband, was calling residents of the mobile home park advising them to use their own judgment about possible evacuation.

VERNON STAUP, Ohio Power Co. area manager, said widespread outages began hitting as early as 3 this morning and that some areas may be affected for up to several hours.

As of 8 a.m., Staup said that between 2000 and 2500 customers were without electricity although that figure literally changes within minutes as more outages are reported. Ohio Power services 24,000 customers.

Some of the victims hit include portions of New Philadelphia, all or part of Sugar Creek, Bolivar, Tappan Lake, Gnadenhutten, Tuscarawas, Scio, Bowerston, Jewett, Zorville, Mineral City and Wilkshire Hills.

Staup said that not only are the high winds responsible for downed wires, but that tree limbs, spouting and pieces of roofing have hit wires, causing them to fall.

Staup said efforts will be made to obtain additional help from Ohio Power crews elsewhere throughout the state where the blizzard has not caused such extensive damage.

Local crews, he noted, have been out since early this morning. Staup said—that his 80 workers were hampered in getting to various areas because of road and blizzard conditions which made driving and visibility hazardous.

"We're doing the best we can," Staup said. He also noted that he can recall worse outages, adding that December 1974 was a "bad one."

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Rhodes declares Ohio in state of emergency

By The Associated Press

Gov. James A. Rhodes declared a state emergency today during what he termed "the worst blizzard in the history of Ohio."

Rhodes said the Ohio National Guard was called out in Licking, Brown, Miami, Knox and Crawford counties and in the communities of Covington, Winchester, Marysville, Bellefontaine and Newark.

As the governor announced a 10 a.m. news briefing on his plans for the emergency, movement in the capital and elsewhere in the state was at a standstill.

A state of emergency gives the governor the authority to deploy Ohio's 18,000 guardsmen anywhere in the state.

Bob Devoe, assistant information officer, said the guard was instructed by Rhodes to help stranded motorists.

He said no road clearing operations will be conducted by guard this morning. Four-wheel drive vehicles with heaters will be utilized to assist motorists. Six to 10 men will be called to each army in the state to use guard equipment, involving about 600 to 700 guardsmen statewide.

"Winds gusting in excess of 60 mph caused numerous power outages throughout the state as some communities were pitched into blackness and cold."

The Dayton Power and Light Co. reported the city of Piqua had been without power since early today. Don Speyer, DP&L spokesman, said bad roads prevented crews from entering the Miami County community of 20,000 to restore electricity.

"Piqua" community of Circleville in Pickaway County was also without power this morning, according to Robert L. Boyd, a spokesman for Columbus and Southern Ohio.

"Piqua" have their own power generating system but have an interconnector with us," Speyer said.

"The interconnector tripped and for several reasons the city went dark," Speyer said. There were other scattered outages throughout

DP&L's service area affecting some 5,000 customers.

Gov. James A. Rhodes ordered all state offices closed today, except for state employees who normally report in such instances and people who are involved in direct care in state medical or mental facilities and prison guards.

Thousands of Columbus residents who depend on public transportation to get to their jobs were stranded today when the Central Ohio Transit Authority canceled service.

Power outages knocked all but one of Columbus' radio stations off the air.

Ohio State University and many businesses in the capital closed for the day.

The Highway Patrol reported all highways and interstates, especially in western Ohio, were mostly closed. "Those that aren't closed are so bad they're nearly impassable and will close shortly," said Patrolman Joe Blotzer.

Cleveland police said the entire shoreway has been closed, east and west as well as Interstate 70 and Interstate 71 between Columbus and Cincinnati.

The National Weather Service issued a blizzard warning for today and tonight, but most of Ohio met qualifications for a full scale blizzard by early morning. Winds of at least 35 mph, dense snow and temperatures below 10 degrees Fahrenheit are required before the weather service declares a blizzard. A severe blizzard, it is called, if in excess of 35 mph will continue across Ohio throughout the day and night causing considerable blowing and drifting snow. The weather service forecasts accumulations of 4 to 6 inches across the state by evening.

Temperatures dropped drastically during the night causing roads to freeze quickly. In one hour, the temperature at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport dropped 20 degrees. The mercury continues to drop and



HIGH WINDS KNOCKED APART STORAGE SHED At David Millard's home in New Philadelphia

should reach zero to 10 above by tonight.

The rain which covered most of the state early Wednesday, along with the runoff of melting snow, caused some minor urban flooding when the water gathered around snow-clogged storm drains. The weather service reported no serious river or stream flooding, however.

The cooler air pushing across the state improved air dispersion in the Steubenville area and the National Weather Service discontinued an air stagnation advisory Wednesday for Columbiana, Jefferson, Belmont and Monroe counties.

Joy union meeting resumes

Les Johnson, president of the union, said late this morning that today's meeting was canceled because of the storm and that the union members will have a special meeting Friday at 10 a.m. at the New Philadelphia Eagles hall.

A union source said that a vote on the company's latest offer to settle the nearly five-month strike could come if enough members make it to the meeting.

The special meeting was called Wednesday afternoon following another round of negotiations with Joy management. The two sides also bargained all day Tuesday.

Milleson helps to override veto of public strike bill

By JAY WUEBBOLD
T-R Bureau Writer

COLUMBUS — Majority Democratic in the Senate did the easy part Wednesday in overriding Gov. James A. Rhodes' veto of the public employees collective bargaining bill.

Sen. R. Kinsey Milleson (D-Preceptor), joined his colleagues in the 20-12 vote, the bare three-fifths majority to bypass Rhodes and grant 600,000 state, county and municipal workers a limited right to strike.

Milleson's vote also is important in terms of his political future.

As vice chairman of the powerful finance committee, Milleson could be given control next session if the present chairman, Rep. Myrl Shoemaker (D-Bourneville), leaves his seat to run for lieutenant governor.

He said he has not received any pressure from House leaders but in the past he has conceded that a "no vote would have enhanced his position in the party caucus."

Milleson, who shares an apartment in Columbus with Hing, said he respects Hing's stand and has not discussed the matter with him.

"It's time we get a collective bargaining bill in Ohio because the public sector needs it and it is long overdue," Milleson said in favoring the bill.

Without Hing's backing it appears unlikely the legislation will be enacted into law.

Hing originally voted for the bill when it was adopted by the House last summer. But he changed his position in November when he voted against a conference committee compromise.

His opposition stems from the belief that Ohio voters are presently in a conservative mood and want no part of the labor-backed legislation.

"The hard part of the override attempt comes next in the House where Rep. William Hing (D-New Philadelphia) is considered to have a key vote in deciding the final outcome."

Hing said Wednesday that his position has not changed and he remains as one of four Democrats opposed to the measure.

AT LAST count, House Democrats, who supposedly hold a veto-proof majority, were two votes short of the required 60.

No timetable has been set for the House vote.

State employees are to begin a strike Wednesday.

State Conference off

Sen. Oliver Ocasak canceled a news conference today at which he had planned to announce he will not seek the Democratic nomination for governor. An earlier story appears on Page A-2.

Nation Changes coming?

The Carter administration may be willing to go along with some changes in the Panama Canal treaty. Page A-6.

New jails proposed

The House sent to the Senate Wednesday a measure approving a \$75 million bond issue for new state and local prisons. Page A-2.

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