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1,000 persons in eight counties in the central and southern portions of the state were forced to evacuate by rising waters in rivers and streams. A number of families were evacuated along the Tug Fork and the Guyandotte River, both hit by severe floods last spring. Col. Arthur Goldman, operations officer for the Indiana National Guard, said that 26 armories had been opened around the state. The big problem he said "is getting

will be operating today," said Tom Little, director of support services for the Kentucky Division of Disaster and Emergency Services. "The roads are in the worst condition they have been in all winter," said Johnnie Roberts, dispatcher at the state police post in Frankfort. "The traffic has blocked roads so bad in some areas that road crews can't get through to work on the highways. Hundreds of motorists were

high. In Detroit, a steady rain yielded to snow early today as temperatures fell below freezing and winds picked up. Storm warnings were posted for lakes Michigan and Superior. At least three deaths, one each in South Dakota, Iowa and Alabama, were attributed to the storm Wednesday. Pensacola, Fla., recorded a near record 10.37 inches of rain in a 30-hour period.

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Damage widespread

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PORCTIONS OF roofs throughout the area were reported damaged. Included were those at the Greer Steel Co. office building on the Boulevard and Wilmar Furniture Co. on N. Wooster av. in Dover, and at The Times-Reporter and the Tuscarawas Central Catholic High cafeteria in New Philadelphia.

A spokesman for Dover's electric field division said crews were encountering no major problems, although lines were reported down near Greer Steel.

A window in the Scott's store in Miracle Lane Plaza in Dover was among those blown out and trees were reported down in several areas in the city.

In New Philadelphia, police said aluminum siding was being ripped off homes and that the wind was lifting metal utility sheds.

Windows were reported blown out at Krebs, service station at 925 Tuscarawas av. NW. Trees and limbs were down in all areas.

AS OF 9 THIS morning, Tom Souter, service department supervisor at General Telephone Co., said that of the 27,000 customers, 65 were without telephone service and that a priority list had been established. Outages were scattered, hitting primarily individual customers.

"The crews are going to restore service only to those connected with the health and welfare of the community such as doctors, policemen and firemen," Souter said, adding that of those affected, it is believed none were in that category.

"We can't take the chance of putting our crews on the road," he explained. "They drive vans and putting those lightweight vehicles on the highway would cause havoc.

"The situation could be a lot worse. If the heavy snow forecasted materializes and the lines become weighted down and the winds continue, that's when we get into trouble."

Souter also said that beginning at 8:30 this morning, GenTel officials were advising customers to make local and long distance calls only on

an emergency basis. Mail delivery was curtailed in Dover, New Philadelphia, Uhrichsville and other areas.

Attempts were to be made to deliver today's edition of The Times-Reporter. The severe conditions, however, were expected to sharply curtail deliveries.

ELSEWHERE Dennison's east side was without power for nearly five hours with scattered outages reported in other areas of the village.

In Harrison County, trees were blocking county and state roads.

A pontoon boat owned by Dutch Meek of Newcomerstown was lifted from a trailer and blown about 75 feet before stopping in the middle of Beech st. Moderate damage was reported.

A mobile home on County Rd. 75 near Sugarcreek was destroyed by wind at 6 a.m. The trailer recently had been moved to a site on the Enas Miller property and no one was living there.

Al Kopec, operations supervisor for Department of Transportation's Division 11, said snow removal this morning was futile.

"We're starting to gear up for when the winds stop," Kopec said. "It's useless to do anything until then."

A spokesman for the Tuscarawas County Road and Bridge Department said many county roads were expected to drift closed later today. Hindering snow removal efforts is a shortage of salt.

IN COSHOCTON COUNTY, lightning and 45-mile-per-hour winds knocked down trees and shattered windows at various businesses in the downtown area. Ohio and Frontier Power companies' electric lines are reported down in various parts of the city and county. William Stanton, Ohio Bell Co. manager, has requested that customers make emergency calls only.

Coshocton Mayor Ken Grier has ordered all businesses closed while city and county law officials have requested all motorists and pedestrians to stay off the streets.

Police also have requested funeral directors to assist should their emergency vehicles be needed. The REACT, auxiliary and extra policemen, sheriff deputies, and firemen have been notified to report to work in case they are needed.

Coshocton Memorial Hospital has been using emergency power since early this morning. Many residents whose homes have been without heat for an extended period are staying with relatives or friends or at the Salvation Army until power is restored. SanCast and the Sacred Heart Church and School also are open to those needing shelter.

Sheriff deputies reported that a barn owned by Mack Thomas in White Eyes Township, near Fresno, was toppled by the high winds and killed 26 head of livestock, believed to be cattle, sheep and pigs.

Deputies said the mishap occurred around 9:45 this morning, at a time when winds were gauged at 70 miles per hour.

High winds caused a house trailer in Fairview Manor to overturn early this morning. The only information available from sheriff deputies was that the owner was talking with them at the time of the mishap and was not hurt.

Many doctors' offices closed. Those needing care are advised to go to the hospital. Hospital personnel were being transported to work by REACT, which also has been asked to deliver medicine to homes of those who are ill.

Many roads also are closed because of the drifting snow. No schools were in session today.

Bible Thoughts

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. — Romans 13:10.

Love is a caring and sharing relationship. If we truly love, then we build rather than tear down.



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