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**TWISTED SIGN TELLS THE STORY**  
Wind on Dover's Boulevard twisted it

(Photo by Bob Lauriha)

# Gasp! What a storm!

## T-R Staff Report

Treacherous conditions remained in Tuscarawas County and surrounding areas today as residents continued to battle Ohio's worst winter storm of the century.

For the second straight day, normal workday activities were disrupted. Schools, industries, government offices and many businesses again were closed.

Winds, gusting to 70 miles per hour Thursday, diminished somewhat today, although drifting snow still made traveling nearly impossible. Wind damage is expected to be in the thousands of dollars, with roofs damaged on many buildings.

The county commissioners Thursday declared a state of emergency as hundreds of countians were left without heat and electricity. The 1484th Truck Company Light-Medium Division of the Ohio Na-

tional Guard remained on call at its armory off County Rd. 21 near New Philadelphia.

Sgt. 1st Class Joe Incarnato of Dover said this morning that 10 guardsmen worked through the night, delivering food, water, wood and fuel oil to stranded residents in New Cumberland, Stone Creek, Roswell, Sugar Creek and Zoar in addition to York and Dover townships.

Incarnato said the unit, which has at its disposal 92 vehicles, has been ordered to remain on standby until the emergency ends.

ACCORDING TO County Commissioner Joanne Limbach, many residents of mobile homes were evacuated after the National Weather Service advised that the wind was strong enough to cause severe damage to the metal structures. Most residents returned to their homes after the winds diminished Thursday night.

Limbach said there were numerous persons who volunteered their four-wheel vehicles. "At times we had more volunteers than calls for aid," she said.

Countians who are in need of emergency aid should contact their local police department or the Tuscarawas County sheriff's department.

The forecast calls for diminishing winds tonight and Saturday with occasional snow flurries. Highs will be in the teens today and Saturday with lows tonight from zero to 5 above.

About an inch and a half of snow had fallen in the 24-hour period ending at 7:30 a.m. today, according to Frank Hollingsworth, statistician for the National Weather Service. The

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## Newscape

### Area Paper delivery

Thursday's blizzard played havoc with The Times-Reporter delivery system, which resulted in many subscribers not getting a newspaper. Another attempt is being made today to get as many papers delivered as possible. Some in-town carriers did not get their papers delivered Thursday. They will try to deliver two issues today. Some motor route drivers made partial deliveries, but many communities and single copy stops were skipped because of closed roads. Four-wheel drive vehicle drivers were recruited to help out with today's delivery.

### Union meets Saturday

Members of United Steelworkers locals 2748 and 7732 will meet Saturday at 10 a.m. in the New Philadelphia Eagles hall to consider terms of a new contract to end the five-month strike at Jay Mfg. Co.'s New Philadelphia plant. Les Johnston, union president, said the 310 production and technical workers also can pick up their strike benefit checks at the meeting. The union leadership had scheduled a special meeting Thursday, but it was postponed until Saturday because of the blizzard.

Newsday

## 2500 Guardsmen called out

# 'Killer blizzard' stalls Ohio

By ALVIN ORTON JR.  
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A savage storm described by Gov. James A. Rhodes as "a killer blizzard looking for victims" had Ohio virtually immobilized today as the state and federal governments joined forces to aid helpless victims.

Some 2,500 Ohio National Guardsmen and 500 pieces of equipment were working throughout the state to help rescue Ohioans stranded without fuel or food and assisting in road-clearing operations.

President Carter declared Ohio to be in a state of emergency Thursday night and ordered the 5th Army into the state.

Ohio National Guard Captain Dennis Jankowski said nine helicopters from the 101st Airborne Division of the 5th Army at Fort Campbell, Ky., would begin rescue operation in Ohio this afternoon. Jankowski said the units were waiting for a break in the weather before leaving. He said he did not know where they would be sent in the state.

Winds gusting as high as 65 mph caused snowdrifts of up to 15 feet deep in some areas. Driving was extremely hazardous everywhere and impossible on some roads.

The National Weather Service said travelers advisories will remain in

effect for Ohio today. The intense low pressure center, which resulted in blizzard conditions across the state on Thursday, was centered today near Ottawa, Canada.

Very strong and gusty winds extend westward from the low center to eastern Iowa. This low center will move northeastward during the day, not fast enough to relax its grip on Ohio.

Wind speeds today are expected to be 20 to 40 mph and gusty. Strong winds will continue to cause blowing and drifting of snow. New snow accumulations of 1 to 3 inches are expected by Saturday morning across the northern two-thirds of the state.

State offices remained closed today, as were most schools and city and county governments around Ohio. Airports in Cleveland, Toledo, Columbus and Cincinnati were closed, the latter for the first time in a decade.

At least four deaths were attributed to the weather.

An estimated 160,000 homes and businesses still were without electricity throughout the state by late Thursday night, according to state officials, who said they were helpless to evacuate everyone in unheated dwellings.

Highway Safety Director Robert

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## Many were mobile home residents

# Shelters helped some

By JIMEATON

Arlo Archinal of Starlite Mobile Home Park in New Philadelphia took medicine for a heart condition and Joe Dombroski of Superior Mobile Homes in Dover suffered up with "myself and two packs of cigarettes."

They were among 33 who sought shelter at Broadway United Methodist Church in New Philadelphia and the Doyer Salvation Army Citadel Thursday morning after the National Weather Service advised mobile home residents to evacuate as winds gusted to 60 or 70 miles per hour.

All but one were mobile home residents. Roger Swinderman, county disaster services coordinator, said this morning that most would be able to return home today as winds had subsided. He noted that all fire stations in the county had been designated evacuation centers along with the Gourmet Chateau and Antreas Furnitures in Sugar Creek.

The UMC provided a place to stay for 17 by early afternoon and served 24 hot supper. Ten stayed overnight.

"We thought surely we'd have a lot more than this," said Mrs. Beverly Edmiston of the Tuscarawas County 2nd Cong. St. church. "What went on outside is unbelievable."

"Last night I saw the case for Raymond Penrod. His wife, Joanne, left on Jan. 1 and 2nd Cong. Church. They planned to go to Mineral City in southern Ohio but waiting for the bus was a terrible ordeal. A 60 mph

was tied down, a practice strongly recommended by manufacturers and park operators. They also did not question the order to evacuate.

"I woke up my son and we got out," said Mrs. Francis Zagorec of 71 Shel Mar Dr., New Philadelphia, who was cleaning her refrigerator when she received a telephone call instructing her to evacuate. "It was so bad we could hardly get to our car," she added.

The Penrods received the message by radio and packed clothes and bedding before leaving. Mrs. Hoopfinger recalled waking up at 3:30 a.m. to the sound of a tree limb falling on top of her mobile home.

Dombroski said his propane supply went off at 6 a.m. and was not restored until about 8:30.

The evacuation stations were equipped for their tenants. Broadway UMC was set for a county dairy banquet, which had been canceled, and a kitchen worker reported that Ponderosa Steak House had offered food.

With lunch out of the way, Mrs. James Sayer, wife of the SA commander, began to prepare potatoes for stew. As she ate her lunch, Mrs. Penrod recalled that she left behind a cake when she evacuated. She would like to have made it her contribution to the hospitality received.



**BEN PENROD, 3, of Dover eats soup in the Dover Salvation Army shelter.**

