



Donora Fire Company
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Pgh. 11/1/48. Donora, Pa. Photo shows members of the Donora Vol. fire Dept. checking over some of the oxygen tents and inhalators. In the back ground are six of the many tanks that were used. SEE WIRES..Credit (ACME TELEPHOTO





Fire Station and Truck
Donora, Penna.

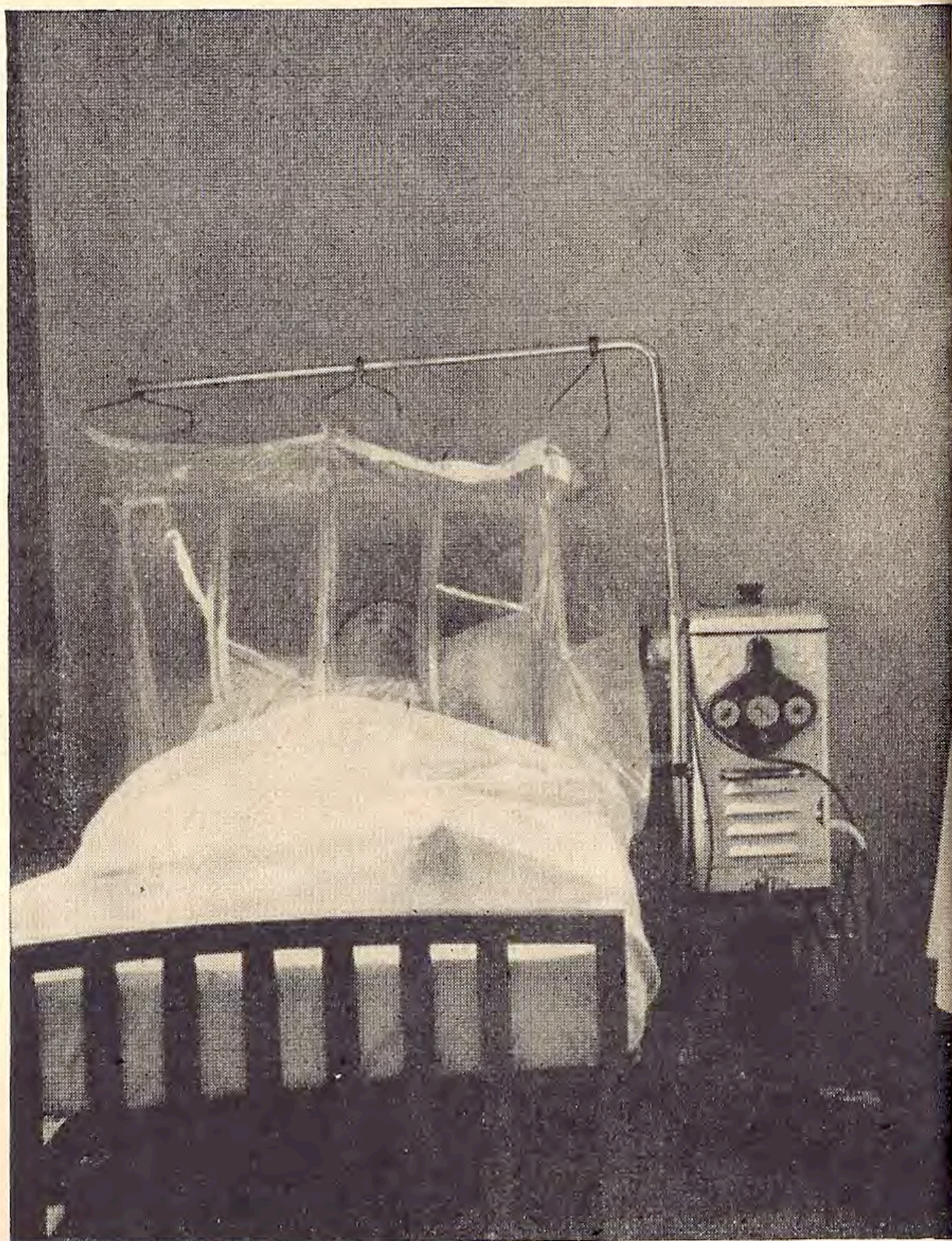
Pgh. 11/1/48-Donora, Pa., Photo shows how emergency crews gave oxygen
to many of the smog victims in their own home when hospitals got
crowded. 20 people died from the ~~apocalyptic~~ smog and fumes.
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TWO VICTIMS, ONE A ZINC WORKER (RIGHT) AND ONE A TRUCK DRIVER,

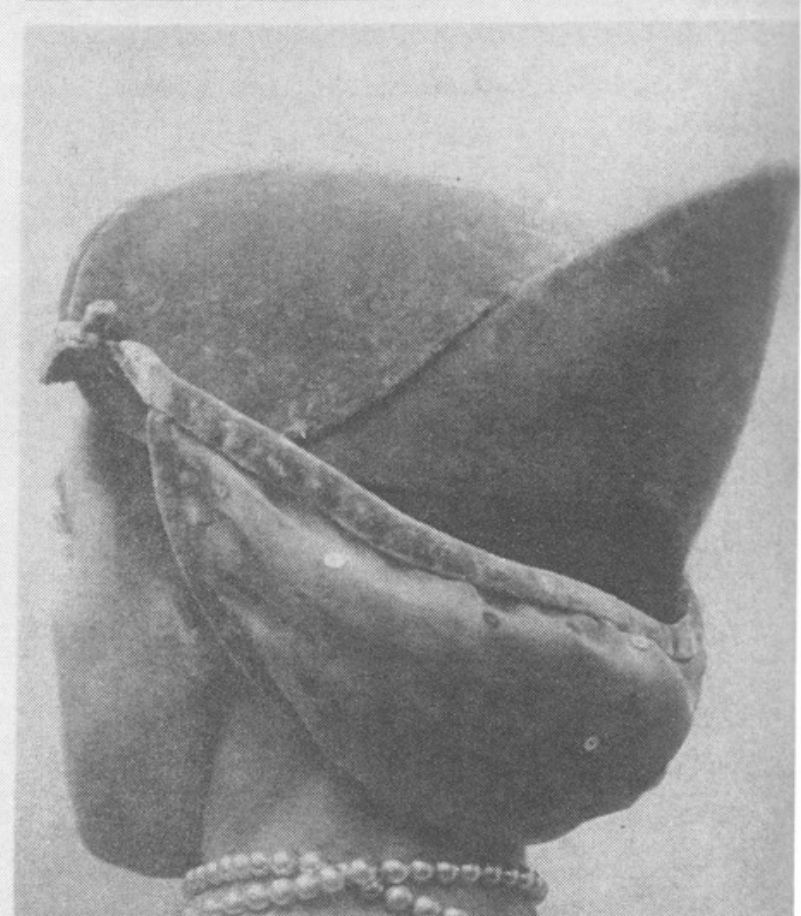


REST IN OXYGEN TENTS AFTER A CLOSE CALL WITH THE POISONOUS SMOG

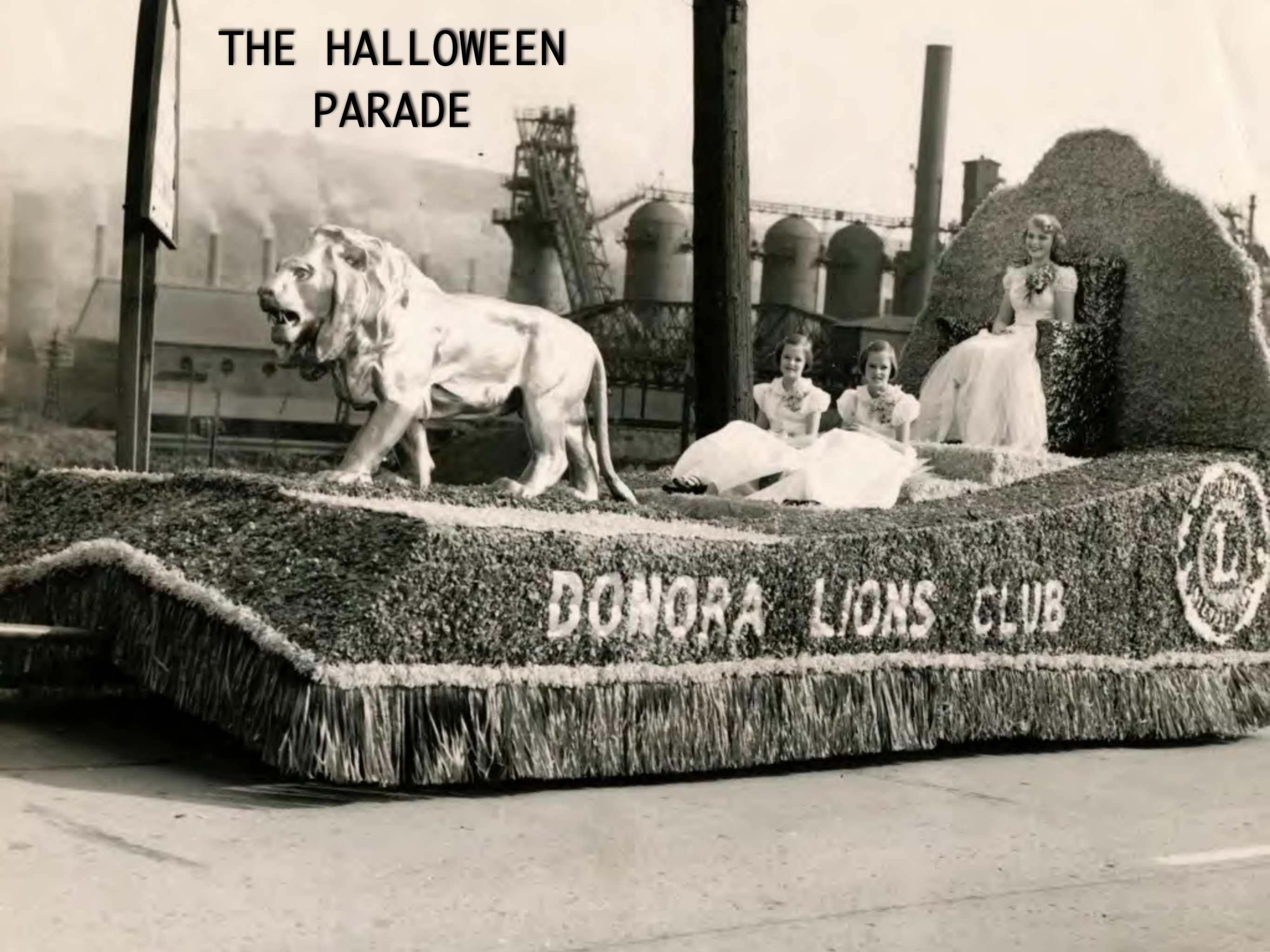








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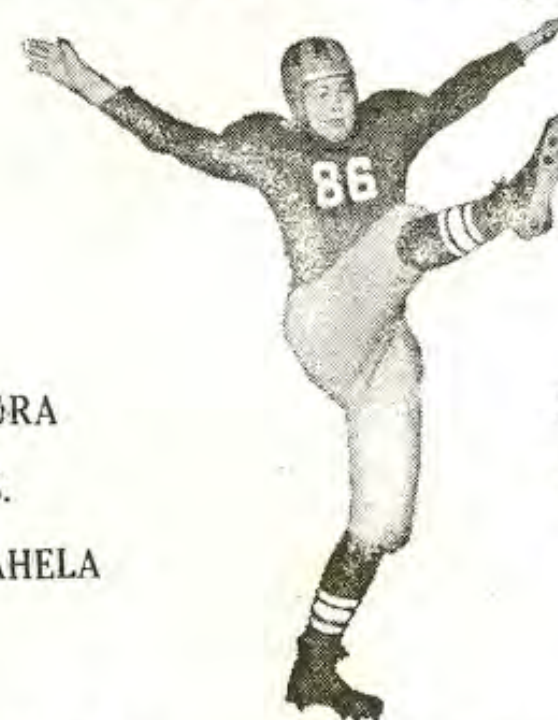
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RH	BERT TOGNI	158	68
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- 📌 The Donora Police Department.
- 📌 Doctors and Nurses.
- 📌 Bell Telephone Switchboard Operators.

The Weather

Cloudy with showers Mon-
day; moderately warm.
(Weather based on Nov. 30)

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DONORA SMOG DEATHS RISE TO 20

It Won't Be Long Now

—By Hungerford



Mist Gripping Town Beginning To Lift Slightly

Hospitals Jammed, Medicine Supply Virtually Exhausted as Emergency Is Declared to Fight Strange Malady

Pictures on Page 4.
By James W. Ross
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Staff Writer

DONORA, Pa., Oct. 31.—A mysterious death-dealing smog which has gripped this Washington county community for the past four days lifted slightly Sunday but not before exacting a toll of 20 lives among elderly residents.

A state of emergency was declared late Saturday by Burgess August Chambon after the terrifying air-borne plague had caused the deaths of 17 persons and affected an estimated 400 others. Three more deaths occurred Saturday night and Sunday raising the toll to 20.

Donora has been enveloped since Wednesday in one of the densest smogs residents can remember, but until early Saturday, it had caused no noticeable ill effects.

Shortly after 7 a. m., however, the town's eight doctors were besieged with calls from asthma sufferers and frantic relatives, who reported attacks of unprecedented violence.

Hospitals Filled

Within a short time hospitals in the area were filled to capacity, and in the Charlestown Memorial Hospital at least a dozen patients stricken by the unknown malady were being cared for in the corridors.

Doctors and emergency crews pressed into service reported that generally the patients showed the same symptoms. They were gasping for air, and straining their faces away in an effort to get an adequate supply of oxygen.

In addition to a tightening of the smog Sunday there was prospect of further relief in a light rain which began falling late in the afternoon. Weather forecasters

List of Dead In Smog At Donora

- Taylor G. Cline, 82, 705 Haskop avenue.
- Jessie Kirkwood, 70, 121 1st avenue.
- William Gardner, 82, 440 McKean avenue.
- Nelson Hill, 70, no address.
- Ivan Oak, 70, 444, near Fifth street.
- Peter Starkovich, 67, Wilson Hill.
- Andrew Odiga, 68, 424 Eighth street.
- Emma Hallworth, 84, 55 Allen place.
- Mrs. Susan Green, 67, Donora Place place.
- Marcel Kraska, 67, 715 Fourth street.
- Michael Doran, 70, 828 Ohio street.
- Bernard Di Sant, 67, 157 Third street.
- Mrs. Barbara Chisler, 85, Low-

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Smoke Control Spurred by Donora Deaths

Proof of Need

THE PITTSBURGH PRESS

"Council won't get the reports the people of this town want that way. We want facts and we're going to get them."

Complaints Listed

Mr. Burke charged that "skimmings" were being used in the zinc manufacturing process and said "complaints had already been filed with management about it."

"Skimming" it was explained by one of the zinc workers, involves sulphuric acid. "Skimmings" are composed of drippings from various zinc manufacturing processes which are mixed with ice and remelted.

than a thousand dead. This should awaken the people!"

Burgess August Chambon concluded:

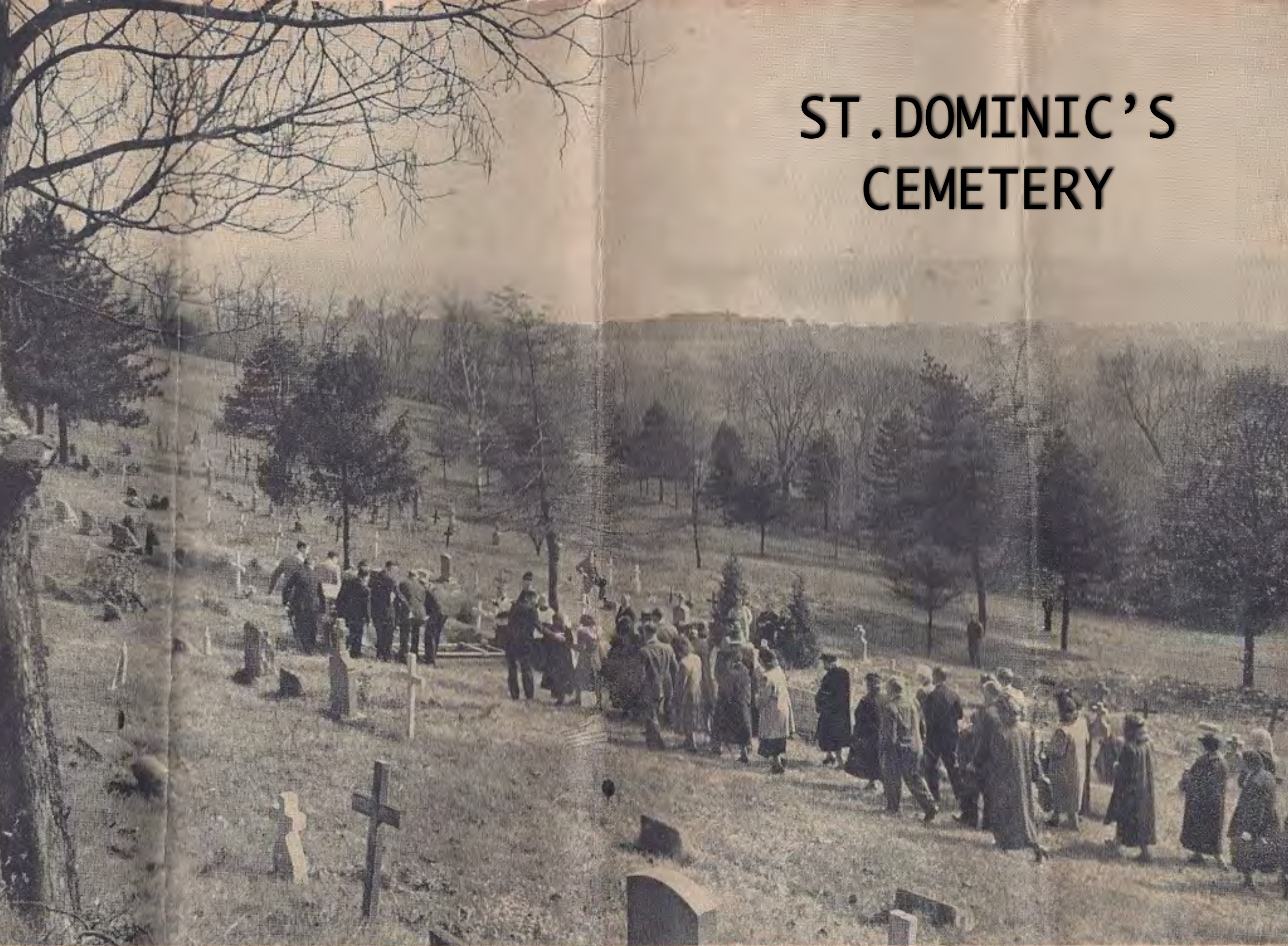
"It's awful to say this, but these deaths were a blessing in disguise. They brought this matter to a head. Let's all pull together and eliminate this trouble."

Calls to Donora Held to Emergency

Because of a tremendous over-



ST. DOMINIC'S CEMETERY



Y AND FRIENDS BURY PETER STARCOVICH. ONE OF THE FIRST TO DIE IN SMOG. WHILE THE MILLS OF DONORA, PA. SEND UP SMOKE IN THE BACKGROUND



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Local—Increasing cloudiness, rain
and misty drizzle, scattered clouds
on tonight. Warmer tonight.
Cloudy, windy and showers Satur-
day.

PRICE: FOUR CENTS

Donora Zinc Works To Resume Operations Monday

Senior High School Students Elect Officials To Take Over Boro. Nov. 18

General Election
Conducted In School
All Day Thursday

'THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, BOYS'



BACK AT THE executive mansion in Albany, N. Y., after his defeat for president, Gov. Dewey says "Thanks for everything, boys." Mrs. Dewey at left, Dewey's mother at right. (International Soundphoto)

Vestaburg Boy Dies In Fire

Richard Rafferty, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allison Rafferty of Vesta-

Route 19 To Open Tomorrow P. M.

Maintenance Superintendent Louis C. Forsythe was notified ver-

School District Awards Contract For Coal Supply

Routine Business
Before Directors
During Session

Meeting in regular session last night, the Board of School Directors awarded the school coal contract to Steve Morgan on his bid of \$6.95 per ton for Victoria Coal delivered to the buildings.

Morgan was the lowest of four bidders. The others were Miller Lee and Coal Co., Jack Hornbeck and William C. Jones.

Business during the four-hour session was purely routine. Maternity leave was granted to Mrs. Noreen D'Alton, a member of the teaching staff of the elementary schools. Mrs. Katherine McDunn was elected to teach evening citizenship classes, replacing Mrs. Gertrude Sample who recently resigned, and Mrs. Emma Sommer-

ville was designated to teach a 10 year old house-bound student, Joseph Rosantino, who is unable to attend school because of his affliction.

The Board authorized the redistribution of pupils in the two kindergarten classes, to bring the number to about 60 children in each class. The largest enrollment is at the Allen school and twelve of these children are to be transferred to Castner school.

The basketball schedule for the coming season was approved along with senior high school athletic bills. A committee was appointed to try and arrange ten football games for next year's schedule instead of eleven played this year. Another committee will secure quotations on equipment for basketball and wrestling. Junior high school athletic bills were ordered paid out of Junior High School funds. The board also took action authorizing not more than twelve persons connected with the schools to attend the Junior High School WPIAL banquet.

A wrestling clinic slated for December 11 in the local schools was approved as was a request for the use of the Sixth street school gymnasium for a Boy Scout meeting on November 22.

A committee was also appointed

Truman And Aides Ready To Map Drive On Anti-Inflation

Businessmen Will
Be Persuaded To
Lower Prices

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—(UP)—President Truman will try once more to get businessmen to reduce prices voluntarily before he asks the new Democratic Congress to pass his anti-inflation program, administration sources said today.

If the persuasion campaign fails, they said, the President will appeal to Congress for an excess profits tax, standby rationing and price control powers and the other anti-inflation measures which the 80th Congress rejected.

The President and his aides will map their new anti-inflation drive during the two-week Florida vacation which Mr. Truman will start Sunday.

Shortly after Mr. Truman returns to Washington the persuasion campaign will get under way. Producers of basic commodities like steel will be asked quietly to cut

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Zinc Workers To File Claims For Compensation Here

Employees of the Donora Zinc Works, who are temporarily unemployed, will file their compensation claims at the borough building here, according to an announcement today by William C. Sampson, manager of the Charleroi office of the Pennsylvania State Employment Service.

Veterans and non-veterans are asked to look at the last number of their Social Security number as this last number determines when they must appear to file claims. Veterans are also asked to disregard service serial number.

Office hours will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No claims will be taken on Thursday, November 11, Armistice Day, Sampson said.

Employees having Social Security

Federal, State Health Authorities To Continue Investigations Here

Investigation So Far Shows Local Plant Was
Not Responsible For Air Contamination
During Past Weekend, Health Authorities Say

Indicating that their investigations so far showed that the Donora Zinc Works was not responsible for the air contamination that hastened the deaths of more than a score of district and local persons last weekend, Federal and State officials yesterday recommended that the plant resume operations.

During a press conference at the Community Center yesterday afternoon, Dr. Duncan W. Holaday, representing the Industrial Hygiene Division of the United States Public Health Service stated "there was no evidence found that will incriminate any one particular plant as being the source of the atmospheric contaminant over the weekend."

The apertures department of the Zinc Works went down last Sunday morning and its resumption will be no hazard to the people of this community, Dr. Holaday declared.

He pointed out that there was no one here at the time to take air samples when the smog was at its worst. The next thing to do is to start from the bottom and study the air in the entire valley to prevent a repetition, he said.

Dr. Joseph Shellen, head of the Bureau of Industrial Hygiene of the State Department of Health, who has been here with his staff since last Sunday afternoon, and with whom Dr. Holaday is working, said air samples are being taken only here but in the Webster area across the river as well. These tests are being run at certain hours and in varying weather conditions.

Both he and Dr. Holaday noted that an investigation will be made of various industries in this district to find out what raw materials are being used and how much contamination plants are throwing off into the atmosphere.

Earlier in the afternoon, Dr. Shellen declared a special meeting of Council that the investigation may extend as far as Charleston and will include Monacaugh and Monacaugh.

M. M. Neale, superintendent of the Donora Zinc Works told news men that the management will attempt to get the plant started next Monday if possible but it will require several days to bring it up to full operation.

Answering a question regarding the curtailment of apertures operations last Sunday, Mr. Neale said the department was shut down voluntarily as soon as the local situation became acute and that it was done to lessen air contamination as much as possible.

Naturally as a member of the Donora community," Mr. Neale said, "we were deeply grieved by the tragedy."

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Burgess Chambon On Quiz Program Saturday Night

The story of Donora's plight during last weekend's emergency will be told Saturday night on the Quiz program at 10 o'clock.

The program will originate from station WSAI in Cincinnati, O., and will be carried over the ABC network through station WCAE, Pittsburgh.

Burgess Chambon who authored and is presenting the commentary on the program by the Board of Health at a special meeting Wednesday evening after Mr. Chambon informed the board that he had been contacted by the program sponsors. Burgess Chambon stated that the program was scheduled for Sunday night, but he expressed his regret and announced that it is scheduled for Saturday night. He expects to fly to Cincinnati early Saturday morning.



FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE SQUADS FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES TURNED OUT TO AID DONORA OFFICIALS

NURSE MRS. WILLIAM BURK GIVING OXYGEN TO DONORA PATIENT...

'Death Smog' Lifts Siege of Donora

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provided oxygen tents by using sheets and newspapers.

HEART FAILURE—

The town's three funeral homes—Schwertha's, Lawson's and Di-Rienzo's—soon were filled, and four of the dead were taken as far as Clairton.

Doctors said that all of the deaths were caused by heart failure brought on by overworked hearts which, in turn, were caused by lack of oxygen and difficult breathing.

Donora's firemen, with only two inhalators on hand, were credited with saving many lives. The firemen, as well as the doctors worked without rest, rushing to private homes to provide what emergency first aid they could in the crisis.

By Saturday night, the Red Cross and the local American Legion post had set up an emergency first aid center in the Donora Community Center. Legionnaires, using their own automobiles, hauled patients to the center.

SET UP COTS—

The first to be admitted there was Mrs. Elnora Van Kirk, 66, who later was removed to a hospital. The hospitals, meanwhile, had set up cots in their corridors.

Saturday evening, Burgess August Chamberlain proclaimed a state of emergency in Donora. And yesterday, the town's Board of Health was summoned into session.

Board members pointed out that the neighboring town of Monaca had not suffered from the smog, although it too is an

of the Donora Board of Health, after yesterday's meeting, said:

"There was something in the air over Donora and Webster (the town across the river) which affected people with weak lungs or heart conditions. We have not located the cause."

Stacey said there would be another meeting of the Board of Health today and that there would be a special session of the Borough Council at 7:30 tonight. He added:

"I am going to ask (council) for \$1000 in emergency funds for doctors, equipment and other aids."

HEALTHY—

Dr. Rongaus, after the meeting of the Board of Health, of which he is a member, reported:

"I treated people who never were sick before. They were healthy people until the fumes got them. It hit them like a deadly drug. Their hearts just couldn't take it."

"If the fog had lasted another day, we would have had more than a hundred dead."

Dr. Rongaus said that all of his patients, however, were more than 40 years old.

Dr. I. Hope Alexander, Pittsburgh's health director, visited Donora yesterday. He said he feared a pneumonia epidemic might follow the smothering smog into Donora, adding:

"I know from long experience in Pittsburgh that whenever we have a continuous dense fog we always had a number of acute respiratory infections."

Dr. Alexander, commenting on



FIGHTING 'PLAGUE'... An emergency squad administers oxygen to a woman victim of the

Donora disaster. At the left, Sun-Telegraph Reporter Matty Rumin talks with the woman's daughter.

friend, Elaz Kulich, 73, and found him sprawled on the floor, gasping for air. Evans probably saved Kulich's life by getting him to a hospital.

Mrs. Josephine Nogaen of 438 Sixth St. phoned frantically for a doctor when her father, Sowka Trubalis, 66, collapsed, gasping for breath. When one of the town's busy practitioners finally arrived, he sent Trubalis to a hospital. Trubalis died there.

Belgians Recall



List of Deaths Laid To Smog in Donora

Following is the list of those whose deaths have been attributed to the Donora smog:

STARCOVICH, PETER, 67, of Wilko Hill.	DI SANZA, BERNARDO, 67, of 337 Third St.
KRASKA, MARCEL, 67, of 715 Fourth St.	ODELGA, ANDREW, 69, of 450 Eighth St.
HOLLOWITH, IGNACE, 64, of 83 Allen Plan, Carroll Township.	CHINCHAR, BARBARA, 55, of 50 Watkins Ave.
GNORA, MRS. SUSAN, 62, of Donora Plan, Carroll Township.	CEH, IVAN, 70, of 464 Fifth St., (rear).
DORCE, MIKE, 85, of 539 Ohio	TRUBALIS, SOWKA, 66, of 438 Sixth St.
	GARDINER, WILLIAM, 60, of 440 McKean Ave.
	KIRKWOOD, MRS. JEANIE, 70, of 121 Ida Ave.
	CIRCLE, TAYLOR, 82, of 725 Heslop Ave.
	HILL, NELSON, 52, no address.
	ORR, MRS. IDA, 55, of Fellsburg.
	CUNNINGHAM, JOHN, 63, of 322 Tenth St.
	STEVENS, PERRY, 55, of 88 Bank St.
	ROBBS, EMMA, 55, of Webster.
	WEST, JOHN, 56, of River Rd., Sunnyside.

Rain Dissipates Donora Smog Fatal to 19

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As the meeting was held, James Law, superintendent of the Charleroi-Monaca Hospital, reported 21 persons still being treated.

According to Mr. Lau, one patient was brought to the hospital early Monday morning, the second Monday afternoon. "We got word that two more were on the way."

State Urged Smoke Filters
As recently as last March the Donora council sought the aid of the State Department of Forests

to the zinc works. Vegetation just will not grow, they say.

Time after time, one borough employe said, residents have made attempts to grow grass or shrubbery in parks and front yards, but each time the vegetation died a-borning.

Several theories have been advanced since but so far, none of them has been proven scientifically.

Tests being conducted by Dr. Shellen are expected to be completed by Tuesday noon. Those conducted by the Mellon Institute's Industrial Hygiene Foundation will not be ended before Wednesday.

Deaths in Zinc Ore Cited
The death-dealing smog is mixed in the air, but in such a way as not to disturb the regular proportion of nitrogen and oxygen. Normally, wind will disperse air pockets and make the amount of sulphur contained in any one given sample infinitely small.

Sulphur dioxide, with remains constant with its proportions rather rigid, Mr. Hochman, explained, unless sunlight is permitted to reach it. Then, the heat of the sun acts as a catalyst and causes another part of oxygen to be added to the

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'Death Smog' At Donora Investigated

Authorities Seek Cause of Disaster

In their memory that the disaster was not a tragedy, but a preventable one.

Investigation is under way at the Donora plant, the largest of its kind in the world, to determine the cause of the disaster.

At 10:30 a. m. yesterday, the Donora plant was closed for a week.

"We have not had a disaster in 100 years, but we are going through a process of 'death smog' during which we are smothering ourselves as well as our people," Mr. Nease said.

It was pointed out that if the plant is the cause, the town would collapse.

Highlighting the disaster-prevention movement was a special meeting of the Donora Board of Health yesterday morning in the Municipal Building.

The group heard Dr. William J. Spence, physician for the Board, describe the symptoms he estimated were to start to treat patients late Friday night.

"The deaths started late Friday and early Saturday," he said. "Some people who never have been sick in their lives experienced illness, although none were fatal cases," he added.

On one street he went "from house to house giving injections." People on the other side of the street ran out and called for assistance, he recalled.

"These people were desperate," he charged. "They couldn't breathe." It was pointed out that of the 11 physicians available in the community, three were ill.

Chemical Victims Suffer

"Not all those who died were industrial," Dr. Spence said. "But a majority of deaths were of people who had previous chest illnesses."

Present at the meeting were: Charles Stacey, chairman of the Board; Burgess Chamber, Rudolph Scherba, Chester Glicks and John Glicks, members of the Board; Elizabeth Osterander, secretary; Mr. Nease, William O'Neil, public relations representative for American Steel & Wire Co.; and L. P. McGilton, manager for American Steel & Wire, Pittsburgh district.

C. S. Plant, Fire Department captain, told the Board that the people first fell ill Friday night when doctors started to get numerous calls for assistance.

Gagging, Coughing Noised

He said the symptoms noticed among the patients were "gagging and coughing" but generally the patients responded to oxygen treatments within 15 minutes.

Mr. Nease told the Board that the gas plant had been ordered to "remove objectionable smoke" suspected of contributing to the disaster.



A FAMILIAR SCENE was this one in the Charleroi-Monessen and the Monongahela Hospitals over the week end as nurses pumped life-saving oxygen into fog-distressed patients. At left is Betty Tropak administering to Sam Holker; at the right is Nurse Eleanor Novak giving aid to Steve Kosciak.

an investigation underway because most of the victims were of "shock descent."

Most Widespread

Joe Radziak, president, and Matt Givier, treasurer, said they had been asked to conduct an investigation by their local A&C committee.

The deadly fog struck equally in all sections of the borough. Among the victims were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Muzal, parents of the St. Louis Cardinals' baseball player.

Mr. Muzal later was taken to the hospital.

Others stricken included Mrs. Fannie Chamber, 71, mother of the burgess, who collapsed in her home from the fumes.

Police Lt. Charles Tims, 64, was stricken while at work late Friday. He was taken to West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh, where reportedly he is recovering.

Red Cross Alerted

Yesterday afternoon, the Charleroi Chapter of the American Red Cross met and laid plans to carry through a disaster program in the event the mysterious fumes struck their borough late night.

Mrs. A. D. Spencer and E. W. Patton headed the committee. Full arrangements were completed with Charleroi-Monessen Hospital.

James Latt, hospital superintendent, said he was working yesterday. He had been on duty since Friday night.

When oxygen supplies ran out, Mr. Latt drove through the fog to get more.



Donora Mill Sued over Fumes

Former Received \$6086 Verdict

An Allegheny county jury 14 years ago awarded damages against the American Steel & Wire Co. because of fumes from its Donora steel mill.

A nearby farmer, John Pecht, of Forward Twp., claimed that fumes, fine dust, sediment vapor and poisonous gases from the mill had ruined his farm.

The Common Pleas court jury awarded him \$6,086 and relatives \$1,000. They had asked \$15,000.

1 1/2 Miles Away

The Pecht farm of 138 acres was located one and one-quarter miles northeast of the company's plant. The Pecht family said it had produced \$2100 a year in farm produce before construction of the mill.

After April, 1921, they said, vegetation on the farm was killed and the land made unfit for growing. The company appealed.

Another Suit Filed

Still another suit was filed against the company.

Death Smog Eyed Closely By Washington

All Public Disasters Carefully Checked

By FRED SMITH
Press Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1—Military intelligence officials are watching closely the progress of investigations into causes of the disaster that at Donora, Pa., where 140 died and 18,000 were hospitalized.

Their interest is in the way the central intelligence agency's staff of double checking all public disasters where the slightest element of mystery exists.

It does not mean they have any specific suspicion of sabotage.

So far as could be learned, the Federal Government has not ordered a separate investigation.

May Order Out Later

However, a source intimate with the operations of central intelligence said that agency will order one of its own later if the results of Pennsylvania's efforts aren't considered satisfactory.

All Federal investigative agencies are actually sensitive to so-called "sabotage" conditions which result in community wide disruption or deaths. They have been alerted on a "cold war" basis to pay particular attention to vital industrial areas such as western Pennsylvania since shortly before the Italian elections last April.

Would Be Severe

The matter of how industrial and other fumes may affect areas, particularly under unusual conditions, is a subject of widespread study.

The government, for example, has given much attention to possible air contamination around atomic energy projects, and has taken ever precaution to guard against it.

Other types of industries, particularly war industries, may also cause air pollution. Therefore a specific case such as the Donora one is of unusual interest right now.

There have been no indications that anybody fears sabotage in the Donora case. But the findings might reveal possible methods of sabotage through air pollution.

Would central intelligence investigate the Donora case, it would undoubtedly be an unannounced and secret operation.



NIGHT AND DAY, along with many other doctors and volunteers, Dr. B. E. Brown, fire department surgeon, helped administer to the fog-stricken residents of Donora.

Musmanno Blasts Drunken Driver

'Potential Killers,' Grand Jurors Told

The drunken driver was described as "a potential killer" by Judge Michael A. Musmanno in his charge today in the November County grand jury.

"The driver with a drunk alcohol in his veins that can refuse to stop required in human impulses," is a grave menace, the judge said, the police.

No Law Break

"He does not intend to kill. But his victim is an innocent and he is a potential killer."

"I urge you not to ignore any bill where you have a case involving operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor."

Witnesses Enough

"It is not necessary to each to prove that you have a doctor's certificate in establishing the testimony of the driver. If for any reason a physician is unavailable and you have witnesses to testify that in the driver appeared under the influence of liquor, that will be sufficient to return an indictment."

"Although our nation is at peace, our streets in many ways resemble battlefields."

The judge's warning followed several recent district deaths in which drunken driving has been charged.

Fog-Bound City Champ in Disguise

Smoke Control Proves Its Worth

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Donora, Smog Death Site, Scene of Desolation



—This Donora Photo by George ...
Residents of Donora, where a score of persons were killed in a smoke-filled fog, blame industrial fumes — chiefly from the zinc works of the American Steel and Wire Company — for these bare hillsides, rusted by erosion gullies.



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WEATHER
Forecast—Cloudy with occasional drizzle.
Tuesday, mostly cloudy and calm.
Wednesday, occasional rain with
the day or night.

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Borough Council Ready To Launch Smog Investigation

Webster Resident, Victim Of Smog, Dies In Hospital

Services To Be Held Wednesday For Thomas Short

An asthmatic condition believed to have been induced by the smog conditions of a week ago, today was blamed for the death of Thomas Aron Short, 81, well known resident of this vicinity, in the Charleroi-Monongahela hospital this morning at 3:05 o'clock.

Mr. Short made his home with a daughter, Mrs. Hubert Blanker at Webster. According to Mrs. Blanker, he became ill Friday a week ago and was bedfast until Monday, November 1 when he was removed to the hospital. Mrs. Blanker said her father had shown no previous symptoms of asthma and it is thought that irritation of the respiratory organs as the result of the weather condition placed undue strain upon the heart.

Mr. Short was born in Gloucestershire, England on February 26, 1867. He came to the United States in 1882 and worked as a coal miner for 21 years. He lived in this locality since 1901.

He was a 60-year member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, transferring his membership to Donora lodge from Monongahela. He was also a member of St. John's Episcopal church.

Surviving with Mrs. Blanker is another daughter, Mrs. James E. Leshart, of Sherdens; a son, Joseph E. Short, Eldora contractor, and a brother, Newton Short of Coal Valley. He also leaves six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. His wife, Mrs. Mary Esther Howe Short preceded him in death nine years ago.

Friends are being received at the Lawson Funeral Home.

Careless Hunter Blamed For Fire At Lumber Yard

UNIONTOWN, Nov. 8.—(UP)—A brush fire apparently started by a careless hunter destroyed a 1,000,000 board feet of lumber at nearby Hopwood, Pa., Friday.

21 Donora And Webster Residents Ready To Leave For North Carolina

Reservations were being completed today with Capital and National Airlines for the transportation of 21 local and Webster residents who will go to Wrightsville Beach, N. C. for a week's stay at the expense of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington and the Chambers of Commerce of Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach. An invitation for up to 50 of those affected by the smog to spend a week in the south with all expenses paid was extended by J. H. Benson, City Manager, of Wilmington, N. C., several days after it became known that 19 persons died here as the result of the smothering smog a week ago.

Only 10 persons accepted the offer immediately. Others said they did not want to leave home or hesitate to fly. However, 11 names were added to the list over the weekend after local physicians screened the 50 from a possible 600 persons.

There will be a second group who will go to North Carolina when the first group returns. Mrs. Elizabeth Osterander, secretary to the Board

of Health said today. All are being selected by local doctors as the ones who need the rest most will be benefited by the trip.

In a conversation with Mr. Benson yesterday, Miss Osterander said those leaving from here will be housed in private homes at Wrightsville and that every provision will be made for their entertainment during their stay. At the same time, daily checkups will be given by Wrightsville physicians.

Upon Mr. Benson's suggestion, local Chapter of the American Red Cross through its executive secretary, Mrs. Cora Z. Vernon, will arrange for a Red Cross nurse to accompany the group to and from North Carolina.

Among those who are leaving this week, several had been hospitalized but had been released over the weekend.

Members of the first group will leave the Pittsburgh Airport this week are:

Mrs. Elizabeth Chiodo, 353 McKean avenue.
Mrs. Margaret Walsh, 233 Mel-

J. L. Stacey, 81 Allen avenue.
Mrs. Mary Maudeck, Brinkaw avenue.

Mike Morgan, Webster.

Cesare Valeri, 232 Castner avenue.

Mrs. Smichak, 1246 Marelda avenue.

Samuel Haller, 225 McKean avenue.

Alfred Florvante, 512 Second street.

Sam Savarino, 558 Thompson avenue.

Edward Zimmerman, 454 Fifth street.

Steve Kosciak, 21 Allen Place, Carroll Township.

Steve Svercek, 1227 Meldon avenue.

Conrad Devore, 207 First street, Webster.

William Roberts, Webster.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Payne, Stanley Wazny, 834 McKean avenue.

Best Dusi, 522 Waddell avenue.

Tony Solomon, 438 Sixth street.

Patrolman Sam Cassenman, 363 McKean avenue.

\$60,000 Damage Suit Filed By Monongahelans

A suit to recover \$60,000 for the death of two high school girls and the injury of one other when the trio was struck by an automobile has been filed against Mike Stepanovich, 227 Michigan street, Mt. Oliver, Pittsburgh, by Fred F. Dias, administrator of the estate of Dorothy Louise Caster, 16, deceased; William Bryner, 16, deceased; William and Bertha Caster, parents of Dorothy Louise Caster, 16, deceased; and Mildred Smith, by her parents, Brice W. and Rose Smith, all of Monongahela.

The alleged accident occurred November 4, 1947, on the ramp leading to the Monongahela High school on Chess street, that city. The defendant drove his machine across Chess street and over the sidewalk on the left hand side of the street in the direction in which he was going and on to the ramp leading to the Monongahela High school. The three girls were on the way

Bridegroom Of 60 Hours Goes To Chair

BELLEFONTE, Nov. 8.—(UP)—Daniel P. Taranow, 23, of New York, a bridegroom of 60 hours, died smiling and joking in the electric chair at Rockview Penitentiary today for the hitch-hike slaying of a motorist.

"Make this strap tighter, will you?" was Taranow's last comment as he sat in the electric chair flexing his right arm and winking for the charge. It came at 12:33 a.m. He was pronounced dead two minutes later.

Taranow was executed for the confessed slaying of Francis Devon, 23, a motorist who gave him a ride. The slaying occurred near Media, Pa., July 9, 1947.

Taranow was permitted to marry auburn-haired Stella Noto of Brooklyn last Friday in order to give a name to their nine-month-old daughter. The ceremony—brief and joyless—was performed in the office of Warden Earl H. Allen at Broadmeadow Prison Farm. The two were allowed to

Heart Attack A Month Ago Fatal To Enoch P. Smith

A heart attack suffered during the Steel & Wire Company's open house on September 29, caused the death Sunday of Enoch P. Smith, blossoming mill employee. Mr. Smith, who was 64, died at his home at 728 Thompson avenue at 7:45 a.m.

A life-long resident of Washington County, Mr. Smith was born at Coal Bluff on December 24, 1883 and had resided in Donora since 1901. He had a 35-years service record with American Steel & Wire Company and at the time of his death was a bottom maker at the blooming mill.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Annie; two daughters, Mrs. Ellen Lillio, of Haverstraw, N. Y., and Mrs. Martha Gay, of New Matamoras, Ohio; a brother, Henry Smith of Coal Bluff; three sisters, Mrs. Lottie Eaton, of New Eagle; Mrs. Nellie Phillips, New

Monongahela To Be Host City On Armistice Day

Final Plans For Valley's Observance Nearly Complete

Final plans were made yesterday at the 25th District American Legion meeting in Marianna for the Armistice Day parade to be staged in Monongahela.

It was also decided that post commanders of the 25th District will hold a banquet at Donora on Wednesday, the night before the Armistice Day celebration. A stag party will follow at Monongahela. The meeting yesterday was called by Deputy Commander James Stull and presided over by John T. Schwartz.

A roll call of posts represented revealed that the District now has a membership of 1,742. Abe Ruben, of Donora, a past district commander, reported on the recent crisis at Donora due to deaths by the smog and the part the Donora post played in meeting the situation.

District Commander Schwartz and Bernard Wysocki, commander of Charleroi post, reported on the Department Executive committee meeting at Harrisburg. Reports of the National convention at Miami, Fla., were given by James Nagy, Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Ruben.

James Reardon reported 726 men and women of the organization were killed or died during World War II. A motion was passed that the district commander be given the power to appoint a committee to revise the by-laws of the District.

Man Dies In Auto Crash After Slaying Former Wife's Suitor

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 8.—(UP)—Rudolph Scavinsky, 32, of North Bradock, shot his former wife's suitor in a jealous rage yesterday and then drove to his own death in an apparent deliberate automobile smashup.

Pam Stano, 34, also of North Bradock, who had been dating Scavinsky's wife, the former Helen Grabowski, for a year, was reported in "good" condition at Bradock hospital with two bul-

Special Session Held To Accept Financial Grant From Steelworkers

Cornerstone For New Dormitory At W. & J. Is Laid

Laying of a cornerstone for a new \$300,000 dormitory highlighted a series of alumni events which marked the observance of Founder's Day at Washington and Jefferson College Saturday.

The four story dormitory, which is expected to be completed by next fall, will be called the James R. Mellon Memorial Dormitory in honor of the donor. Mrs. John F. Walton, trustee of the W. & J. and Mary T. Mellon Foundation spoke for the donor during the ceremony, with Park J. Alexander, president of the Board of Trustees of Washington and Jefferson College accepting on behalf of the college. Dr. William Harvey Allen, Pittsburgh, author of "Ambrose Adverse" and a series of historical romances on early Western Pennsylvania was the speaker at the annual Founders Day convocation. The following were awarded honorary degrees:

Lloyd Stephenson Hindman, D. D., William Bailey McFall, L.L.D., William Harvey Allen, Lit. D., Rufus Henry Fitzgould, H.E.D., and Thomas Parran, Sc. D.

The evening program was featured by an address by Dr. Thomas Parran, Dean of the Graduate School of Public Health of the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Parran discussed "Some World Health Problems."

New Rector For Monongahela Church

MONONGAHELA, Nov. 8.—The Rev. Ward R. Smith, former rector of the Church of Our Saviour at Camden, N. J., yesterday began his pastorate as rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church of Monongahela.

Dewey In Arizona For Two-Week Rest

Council Reserves Decision On Hiring Any Technical Expert Until Its Regular Meeting Tomorrow Evening At 7:30 o'clock

Borough Council stood ready today to launch its investigation into the smothering smog that settled over the community a week ago to claim the lives of 19 persons, and at the same time accept a financial grant of \$10,000 from the CIO-United Steelworkers of America.

In a letter to Eugene Mayrion, District 15 Director, Philip Mayrion, president of the United Steelworkers CIO Unit, "It is the intent of the Union that a separate and thorough study should be made first to determine the cause, and secondly to place responsibility. We cannot have a duty to the membership of the Union in Donora, as well as the townsmen, to find whatever help we can to find out what caused these deaths and sickness. It would be nothing short of criminal not to take steps now to see that this tragedy does not ever recur again."

Predict Shortage Of Gas For Area Again This Year

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 8.—(UP)—The Peoples Natural Gas Co., warned today that industrial employment and production may be curtailed again this year because of a shortage.

E. M. Burger, company president, said the Federal Power Commission threatens to set aside the Peoples' contract with the Texas Eastern Transmission Corp. and send the added fuel gas to other utility firms, possibly in Missouri or New Jersey.

"This would be the first time that the Commission has set aside a contract which already has been entered into between a natural gas utility and a wholesale supplier," Burger said.

Terms of the contract with Texas Eastern provided that Peoples would receive a "necessary" portion of 11,000,000 cubic feet a day beginning either this month or early in December.

Burger said that if the gas is diverted, Peoples will not be able to meet industrial demands and serve thousands of customers and equipment.

Burger said the companies in other districts need the gas to augment present supplies of manufactured gas, to use in industry, generating plants and as a substitute for oil.

The Union's offer is entirely without any strings attached, the letter stated.

"We will furnish this amount of money to be put completely and solely at the disposal of the town officials to conduct the investigation. They may employ any technical experts they care to. The Union's concern is to find the cause, and in finding the cause to prevent a repetition, no matter what this might entail," the letter continued.

The borough fathers, however, reserved their final decision on who will conduct the investigation until the regular meeting tomorrow night.

Meanwhile four of the eight water turbines at the Donora City Works went into production last night after a week's shutdown, resulting part of the 800,000 feet of water the past week. Four more turbines will be fired tomorrow morning, the management announced.

The department carried out operations last Sunday morning to lessen air contamination by the weekend's weather.

Saturday night's meeting will without the most interested party.

Charles Stacey, president of the Board of Health asked if the City and United States Public Health Service would be willing to accept "our investigation" if they find we are right, and added that thought the State Department, Health's investigation on the "smog" was "absolutely."

Dr. Clarence A. Mills, professor of experimental medicine at University of Cincinnati, who made extensive studies of air pollution in several major cities in the United States, including Chicago,

A Message to Our Employees and Neighbors in DONORA

*T*WO WEEKS have passed since the smog which enveloped the Monongahela River Valley brought death and illness to residents of Donora.

It is with deep sincerity that we, as a member of the Donora community, extend our sympathy to those who have lost their loved ones.

During the period immediately following the tragedy, we made no effort to enter public debate about the causes of the tragedy. We then made no attempt to refute charges against the Zinc Works which we operate here, because we believed—and still believe—that accusations or recriminations are out of place during a period of crisis.

Our conviction from the start has been that the Zinc Works was not the cause of the disaster. That is our honest belief, and nothing has yet

no evidence at all to point to this particular plant (the Zinc Works) as having been the source of harmful concentrations which killed people."

Despite these assurances, we do not propose to be complacent—to sit by and assume that nothing more need be done. On the contrary, we are doing all we can to encourage and support to the utmost all officially authorized investigations. This we will continue to do. We offer our full co-operation in furnishing whatever information will shed light on the subject.

We have enlisted the services of the Industrial Hygiene Foundation with headquarters at the Mellon Institute—an outside agency of recognized standing—in an effort to track down any factors which may have contributed to the tragedy. The representatives of the Foundation are now



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America Should Spend More Money To Lead Reds In Atomic Race

Chairman Of A-Bomb Group Says Dollars Needed To Top Reds

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28—(UP)—Chairman Helen McMahon of the Congressional Atomic Energy committee said today that countries must spend "more bucks" on its A-bomb program if it hopes to prevent its lead over Russia in the atomic weapons race.

McMahon's committee has agreed to make "every effort" to boost A-bomb production as part of a three-way plan for holding America's present edge in the atomically field.

The Congressional Democrat refused to specify just how he thinks the additional funds should be used.

However, other sources have suggested that Congress put up more money to push work on extraction of atomic bomb metal from Donora, Pa. This material would be used to supplement present U. S. supplies from the Belgian Congo and from Canada.

While McMahon was telling newsmen many money is needed on the atomic program, Sen. Hiram B. Hickenlooper, Ia., ranking Republican member of the atomic committee, said:

"There are ample funds for the program as it was previously laid down."

And he emphasized that the atomic project was "surprised" with the expectation that Russia would some day discover how to make a successful A-bomb.

In addition to increasing facilities for A-bomb production, the atomic committee's three-way plan calls for efforts to find reliable new sources of uranium, and a campaign to bring qualified atomic physicists back into government service.

The committee scheduled another closed-door meeting today with members of the Atomic Energy Commission to continue its "re-organization" of the A-bomb program. Elsewhere on Capitol Hill.

Soviets Break Off Yugoslavia Treaty

LONDON, Sept. 28—(UP)—The Soviet Government today broke off its 1945 Treaty of Friendship with Yugoslavia on grounds Marshal Tito had become a puppet of foreign imperialist and aggressive powers.

The latest move in the Tito-Stalin cold war, was announced by Moscow radio. It broadcast the text of a note handed to the Yugoslav Charge D'Affaires in Moscow yesterday by Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

The Soviet action followed by one day Tito's charge that Soviet troops were digging trenches in Hungary and Rumania and "trailing their arms around our border."

It also came less than a week after the United States and Britain announced that Russia had an atomic bomb.

Renunciation of the treaty made a break in diplomatic relations the next possible step in the cold war between the two former close political friends. The increased intensity of the new cold war might be believed such a step might be forthcoming soon.

Dispatches from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, said diplomatic quarters there expected Russia's eastern European satellites would quickly follow Russia's lead and renounce their friendship treaties with Yugoslavia.

New Trustees For Area Moose Brewery

Two district men have been appointed trustees of the Moose Brewing Company, of Lancaster, by a Federal Court order. It was revealed today.

John P. Biedy of Brentwood and James Colizza, Catonsburg, were appointed to the posts by Federal Judge Wallace S. Goren.

Monks Must Move



DISPLAY of affection for his mother by one of the five workboys John M. Crawford kept in his third street apartment didn't impress New York Municipal court judge, who ordered Crawford to have them out, and not of the city, by Sept. 30. Neighbors had complained, and besides, keeping workboys in an apartment is violation of law. (International)

Donora Daybook

By BILL GOOGIN

How do you like your mushrooms? Creamed on toast, on steak, or just raw with salt and pepper? Friends say this is the time of the year to pick them. Burgess Angle Chamber simply divides the minute you mention mushrooms. Police Chief Pykosh chases all over the district for the delicious buttons and stems. Pick me a basket, will ya, Chief?

People who wait for the Hill-top bus at Sixth and McKean are hoping the Inmate hotel gets its clock repaired and back up on the building soon.

Borough workers are doing a job of repair on the Fifth street stretch below McKean. There are many streets in town needing good patch jobs.

Death Smog 'Act Of God' Says Steel Co.

Denies Responsibility For October Deaths In Donora's Tragedy

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 28—(UP)—American Steel & Wire Co., filed an answer to Federal court yesterday, denying responsibility for deaths which occurred during a poisonous smog in the Donora area last October.

The disclaimer was filed in all of 11 suits brought against the company by survivors of smog victims. Company attorney Charles E. Kenworthy said the smog was an "act of God" resulting from weather conditions, rather than negligence of the firm in the operation of a zinc plant.

The answer also contended that if the company had created a hazardous condition, the victims "voluntarily assumed that risk." The 11 suits already on file seek \$630,000 damages and attorneys for the victims' families said they expected to file at least 120 more, in next week.

Stuart Re-Elected Democrat Chairman

Harvey Stuart, of Washington, Pa., last night was re-elected party chairman of the Washington County Democratic organization.

Stuart, the only candidate in the regular Democratic state to lose in the recent primary election was unanimously re-elected to the county's 24-committee members, according to party officials.

Stuart's election was held under a revised procedure which took the election out of the popular ballot vote. Only duly elected committee members were entitled to vote.

Stuart has served for eight years as county chairman. His new term will run until 1952.

Immediately following the election, Stuart said that the county group will support the entire Democratic ticket in November. Included on that ticket will be Grant Ferguson of Donora, who defeated Stuart in a heated race for the

Merchants' Division Will Meet Tuesday

Members of the Donora Merchants' Division of the local Chamber of Commerce have been requested to attend an important meeting in the Community Center at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Among other business to be discussed there are the bridge remodeling and Fall Festival plans.

Warning Issued On Wasting of Fuels

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 28—(UP)—George A. Lamb, economist for the Pittsburgh Consolidated Coal Co., told the Coal Technology Division of the American Chemical Society last night that the "waste" of unlimited supply in fuels would lead the United States in trouble.

Speaking at the Mellon Institute Auditorium, Lamb said that a 10 per cent expansion of the fuel market within the last decade had forced coal to stretch its facilities to serve the customers.

He accused the general public and the fuel "planners" of believing that petroleum and natural gas should supply the market with as much as they can and let coal make up the difference.

Lamb declared that much oil and gas is being used today to heat homes and do other jobs that coal could do economically. He accused the "planners" of depleting oil reserves to compete with coal.

Natural gas, said Lamb, suffers a problem of fixed capacity pipelines. During the winter months, customers get less gas than they need while during the summer vast quantities of gas have to be dumped, he said.

Coal, he declared, with reserves having centuries of life, cannot always be the standby fuel on a temporary basis.

Waynesburg Calf Sale October 14

WAYNESBURG, Sept. 28—(UP)—The annual feeder calf sale of

Indians Stricken



A STOIC Indian mother, Mary Cyprian, weeps in Cleveland, Pa., as she holds her daughter Lydia, 2, one of many homeless Indian children stricken with a strange streptococcal infection. Latest reports say 21 young Indians from the Seneca Indian Big Cyprian reservation have been stricken with the rare infection, with one dying in the tiny Sugarloaf hospital. (International)

Washington Council Names Sewer Group

Four members of an authority to supervise construction of a \$1,000,000 sewage disposal system for Washington, Pa., were appointed by City Council last night.

The fifth member of the five-man authority board will be appointed to East Washington, a neighboring borough which will join Washington in construction of the plant.

Selected to be authority were: George W. Beckwith, president of

Ford, Auto Union Point Way To Settlement Of Nation Labor Disputes

New Violence Hits Soft Coal Section

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 28—(UP)—Removal of violence in the Western soft coal fields of West Virginia and Pennsylvania was promised today by State Police.

They said a part of the fight at the Chevrolet Mine of the Jones Day Coal Co., in Chesterfield township, was extensively damaged by a dynamite charge as some labor violence.

The incident occurred last night about two hours after a MINING miner was arrested at the mine property where a state police posse found leaders called upon a state highway from a nearby mine.

State Police Lt. Frank L. Garner, in charge of a five-man "bat squad" crew in the Western Pennsylvania section, said no arrests had been made in the explosion but that authorities had "several good leads."

The little blast occurred in one of the centers of Pennsylvania's business mine workings, where state police ordered heavier patrols to prevent further incidents between quarrelsome workers and mining hands of UMW pickets.

In addition to the typical shoveling and power generating plant were damaged beyond repairing to R. H. Smith, president of the company. Smith also reported that his trucks were damaged and several men hurt at the shoveling plant yesterday.

Philadelphia Vets To Picket Robeson

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 28—(UP)—The Veterans of Foreign Wars today planned to picket the old Metropolitan Opera House where Negro singer Paul Robeson will appear on Oct. 11.

Called by VFW Council 448 in

Auto Strike Stopped At Ford Co.; Steel Status Is Uncertain

By Bernard J. White

United Press Staff Correspondent PITTSBURGH, Sept. 28—(UP)—The government plan to stop the labor peace-making may be one of the most important steps in a long effort to settle off an auto striking steel strike.

William McGowan, assistant director to U. S. Maritime Police, said he was going to lead an all-out government effort to end the deadlock which would have produced a strike which would have ended the steel strike.

"We're going to have to give a lot of money to get them to stop," McGowan said. "They're going to have to give us a lot of money to get them to stop."

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At least two companies had to be off production with the steel workers. Capable steel workers employ 10,000 workers in Pennsylvania and other states. Harrison, N. J., and Detroit, N. Y., said it was possible to get the steel production resumed by the end of the month. It was whether workers participated or not.

BY UNITED PRESS

The conditions of the steel strike have been met. The steel workers have agreed to a new contract with the U. S. Steel Corp. and the steel strike has ended.

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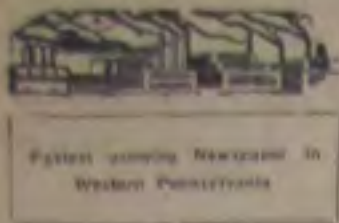
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Federal Health Survey Scheduled To Start Here Today

Truman Asks Congress To Boost Tax Budget Four Billion Dollars

Budget Message Sent To Congress; Defense Highest Cost Item

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(UP)—President Truman sent out his first peace-time budget to Congress today with a request for new taxes on corporations and individuals totaling \$5,980,000,000 a year.

He wants more tax money largely to reduce the National debt, expand social welfare and conduct the cold war.

The request was made in his annual budget message for the fiscal year 1950, which begins July 1 this year. The message outlined his spending for fiscal 1950, and warned that costs would go even higher for sometime thereafter.

In round figures, Truman estimated that 1950 spending at \$41,900,000,000 and revenue at \$41,000,000,000. He predicted a treasury deficit of just about \$1,000,000,000 unless taxes are raised.

Congress will reject some of Mr. Truman's spending proposals and the president will later propose some new ones which are not covered in today's budget. So the budget is open for change at both ends.

Mr. Truman reported to Congress that the treasury expected to get more money from the tax payers in fiscal 1950 than in previous years in spite of Republican tax cuts which Congress passed over his veto. His lists of new legislation keyed largely to campaigning promises, however, is a long one costing \$6,175,000,000.

Congress is not expected to go all the way with Mr. Truman either on taxes or costly legislation.

Mr. Truman will follow this budget message with a barrage of messages to Congress each dealing with a single subject such as pre-paid medical insurance, national defense, military aid to other nations, and housing.

GREAT BRITAIN'S FLEET ASSEMBLES

Great Britain made a show of force in the Mediterranean today, three days after Israeli forces shot down five British planes in the border area of Egypt and Palestine.

Units of the British Mediterranean fleet wheeled into position along the flanks of Israel. Warships were assembling at Malta and others were expected at Cyprus at any time. Cairo reported that a "comparatively imposing array" of warships already was anchored off the Trans-Jordanian port of Akyab, near where the borders of Egypt, Palestine and Trans-Jordan converge.

The British cabinet met to consider the turn of events which drew Britain into the Palestine trouble. It was reported considering the possibility of sending land and air reinforcements and still more warships to the eastern Mediterranean.

Informed sources in London said the Mediterranean fleet was in a "state of readiness" and prepared "going about its lawful business."

Informants reported that Britain had a well balanced strategic force in the Mediterranean. It included a cruiser squadron, two flotillas of destroyers, frigates, submarines and several aircraft carriers.

Pitt Given Grant For Polio Study

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 10.—(UP)—The University of Pittsburgh has announced receipt of a \$148,075 grant from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for the furtherance of research into the

NATIONAL RADAR WARNING SYSTEM NEEDED FOR U. S.

Prompt Congressional Action On Air Force Request Is Expected

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(UP)—Rep. Carl Vinson, D., Ga., predicted prompt Congressional action today on an air force plan to set up a countrywide radar warning system.

Vinson, who will head the House Armed Services committee, said he will call for early consideration of his bill to authorize building of the radar network. He made it plain that he considers the measure of prime importance and that he intends to press for favorable action.

Absence of a radar warning system was cited by Air Secretary W. Stuart Symington in his first annual report yesterday as a major gap in U. S. defenses.

The bill which Vinson introduced last week would establish enough radar stations to spot a plane as soon as it crossed any part of the nation's borders. The aircraft's presence would then be relayed to central points for a check against known flights. In this way it would be possible to pick out any unidentified plane quickly.

Experts estimate that an adequate system, to be built over a five-year period, would cost about \$100,000,000.

Other Congressional developments:

RENT CONTROL—Chairman Brent Spencer, D., Ky., of the House Banking committee said his group will give "full consideration" to a new bill to extend rent control for 17 months. Drafted with the aid of rent control officials, the bill also would subject "gouging" landlords to heavy fines and possible jail terms. The present rent control law runs out March 31.

HEALTH INSURANCE—Two Congressmen jumped into the battle over President Truman's compulsory health insurance program. Rep. Clarence Brown, R., O., said he would be willing to consider a government sponsored health in-

FATHER HURLS TOTS, SELF FROM SPAN



OVERCOME with grief, Mrs. Agnes Nicoletti sobs hysterically as she learns from her sister, Mrs. Patricia Adams, that her husband, Gabriel Nicoletti, 37, had just hurled himself and their two children from New York's Brooklyn-Queens Kosciuszko Bridge. Broken line in photo (right) shows where the 125-foot fatal plunge occurred. One of the youngsters, four-year-old Gabrielle, was found alive but is not expected to survive. (International)



State To Be Spanned From East-West By "World's Greatest Road," Says Duff

Pictures of Atom Blasts Shown Here

Proof that atomic energy is not too technical to understand or too dangerous to talk about will be presented at a free showing of "God of the Atom," natural-color scientific film, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, in the First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Thompson Avenue, according to the Rev. William J. Larkin, pastor.

"God of the Atom" has been shown to church and school audiences averaging more than 85,000 a month since its release a year ago. The film is one of a series including "Voice of the Deep" and "God of Creation," produced by Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

It will be shown by a special

HARRISBURG, Jan. 10.—(UP)—

Gov. James H. Duff predicted Friday that Pennsylvania will be spanned from east to west by the "world's greatest road" a \$225,000,000 toll-free financed tollway, before his gubernatorial term ends in two years.

The Governor's pronouncement followed his disclosure of the probable route of the western extension of the famed Pennsylvania turnpike to the Ohio line.

The route mapped extends northwesterly from Irwin, present western terminus, to the Allegheny river at Oakmont, the Beaver River at Homewood and on to the state boundary opposite Petersburg, O., about 10 miles southeast of Youngstown, O.

The route would pass about 10 miles northeast of downtown Pittsburgh.

Full-Scale Probe Started Into Deadly October Smog

Video Networks Linked Tuesday

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—(UP)—Eastern and Midwestern television networks will be linked tomorrow when Philadelphia and Cleveland are connected by "booster" stations and coaxial cables.

The new connection marks a major step in the development of a cross-country television chain which will include the separate West Coast network. The East-Midwest link will permit exchange of programs originating in cities as far apart as Boston and St. Louis.

The inauguration of the new service tomorrow will be marked by a program shared by NBC, CBS, ABC and Dumont Television stations. After tomorrow the four companies will use the network commercially by dividing up the time between them because only one program can be transmitted at a time at present.

The connection will link more than 20 television stations in New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Washington, Richmond, Boston, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Buffalo, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Louis.

Township Directors Meet On January 17

Directors of the Nottingham, Carroll, Falksfield and Union Independent school districts will meet at the Valley Inn school, Carroll township, Monday, January 17, at 8 p.m.

The meeting of the boards has been called by County Superintendent W. H. Donaldson to continue consideration of the joint operation of the Ginger Hill school.

The directors recently met with Superintendent Donaldson and Lawrence Sutherland, assistant county superintendent, at the school to obtain a tentative estimate of the amount necessary to

SOUTH CALIFORNIA GETS HEAVY SNOW

By United Press

Many southern Californians saw the first snowfall of their lifetime today as a broad belt of flurries or spread sheet snow and freezing rain across almost the entire northern half of the nation.

A blizzard that dumped snow on Montana, Wyoming and Colorado this week-end blasted out in the Dakotas yesterday.

But the snow sent forth a cold wave that was expected to lower temperatures as far west as the Atlantic coastline.

The cold air moderated as it moved eastward, however, and the mercury, which had been expected to hit near zero at Chicago, came to rest near the freezing mark of 32 above.

The Chicago Weather Bureau said that by tonight, the bad weather would stretch in a rough triangle from New England west over the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley and spreading southward through Oklahoma and New Mexico to the Pacific coast.

Southern California had one of its worst frost storms in history. Led farmers feared they were in for another disastrous freeze such as the one that cut them \$60,000,000 in fruit and vegetable crops last week.

Repairs Needed In Monessen's Schools

Monessen's recently appointed superintendent of schools, Samuel E. McDonald, said today that major repairs are necessary for most of the city's school buildings. As a result of long neglect, many of the buildings have reached a point where repairs and renovation on a large scale are necessary to restore their usefulness, Mr. McDonald said.

McDonald, who succeeded Dr. A. John Goetz as head of Monessen schools, added that he found many

Crew Of Fifteen For Investigation Last Several Months

One of the most recent studies of air pollution in the United States dated to get under way. Quanta, some of a long series of 25 persons recently

The investigation is a big job. Leonard A. Schuler, general at the Pacific Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

Since a full scale study of the country's air pollution is being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it is necessary to send a team of experts to make preliminary studies and provide information. The task there has been completed.

The larger study, which would start today, is the entire Bureau of Investigation's air pollution study group of about 15 persons. It will include two or more other agencies, a doctor, a scientist, an economist, a historian. All are needed to study the problem.

The investigation will be made at the request of cooperation with the U. S. State (both Dept. of State and State Dept. of the United States) will select appropriate personnel and provide them with the necessary information.

Public health is a major concern of the U. S. State Dept. and health is a major concern of the U. S. State Dept. The U. S. State Dept. will select appropriate personnel and provide them with the necessary information.

The group will make studies of air pollution in the United States.

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WEATHER

Fair--Warm with rain today.
Cloudy and colder tonight. Friday
much colder with snow.

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Attempts To 'Hush' Trade Talks With Hitler Seen In Famous "Spy" Papers

U.S. State Department
Tried To Save Demo
Party Embarrassment

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 — (UP)

—The famous "Spy Papers" disclosed today that State Department officials sought to hush up 1938 trade talks with Hitler to spare the Democratic Administration political "embarrassment."

The second installment of 26 State Department documents, released by the House Un-American Activities Committee, also included one paper said to have been copied in Alger Hiss' handwriting.

The documents, allegedly stolen from State Department files 10 years ago by a red espionage ring, showed that:

1. The ring's interest centered on two main fields of American Foreign Policy — Europe and the Far East.

2. The State Department got a tipoff on Hitler's plans for conquest of Czechoslovakia six months before the Nazis moved into that country.

3. French officials as early as 1938 thought that war between the United States and Japan was likely.

The papers were surrendered to the Un-American Activities Committee by Whittaker Chambers, confessed ex-Communist spy, courier. Chambers claims they were among some 200 confidential documents given him by Hiss, a former State Department official who was indicted in New York yesterday for perjury in connection with the spy case.

Highlight of the documents was a disclosure that high State Department officials had urged that talks of a trade agreement with Nazi Germany be kept secret until after the 1938 Congressional elections.

This recommendation was contained in two memoranda to the then Assistant Secretary of State, Francis B. Sayre, from officials of the Department's Trade Agreement Division. One of the officials suggested that the long-range benefits of a trade pact with Hitler might help the Democratic party in the 1940 presidential race.

POLICE HUNTING SAFE CRACKERS

State Police had joined Monaca police today in search of safe crackers who broke open a safe at a Monaca garage Tuesday night and made off with over \$250.

The theft occurred at the office of the Kerr Motor Service, East Donora avenue sometime between 6 and 10 p.m., police said. It was the second safe cracking within three weeks in the city, the Bus Terminal having been robbed of over \$100 on Nov. 28.

Police said the thieves gained entrance into the garage through a window with a loose frame. Once in the building the burglars moved the safe behind a station wagon where they pried it open with a crowbar.

E. W. Kerr, owner of the auto firm discovered the theft at about 10 p.m. when he returned to the garage for some night work. He said some tools were stolen in addition to the money.

Police said attempts were made to secure fingerprints of the burglars, but declined to comment on the success of officers in finding legible ones.

ANOTHER LEAD IN SLAYING CASE DUD

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16 — (UP)

— Another lead in the brutal murder of 12-year-old Carole Lee Kensingler faded today after a Philadelphia woman sought for information in the case balked on a promise to visit Pittsburgh police.

Mrs. Millicent Northover, whose arrival here has been awaited since last Monday, reportedly has refused to discuss her plans to confer with Pittsburgh police. She said she was willing to help police, but added that "I'll do it in my own way."

Investigators here said they had no idea of what Mrs. Northover had in mind, but one detective

WELL, WELL, JUST THE THING FOR CHRISTMAS



PRESIDENT TRUMAN shows his well-known smile as he receives two turkeys from National Poultry and Egg board. Making presentation are C. F. Smith (hidden) and Phil Alampi. (International)

Good Old Days!

An acute housing shortage today is the reason new homes are being built in record time, but 31 years ago excessive heat drove a man to have his home built and furnished with water, gas and sewer connections in four hours and fifteen minutes.

From a local paper, published in 1917, comes the story of Supt. Clarence Spencer, in charge of the finishing carpenter work on the Steel Company's houses, who decided it was too hot living in a hotel room and wanted his own home — right away.

His bungalow type home was constructed of frame materials and erected on the lawn of Weaver home, abode of a well known pioneer resident of Donora. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon, 32 carpenters in charge of Supt. Spencer, began work with materials purchased from the Donora Lumber Company. After four hours of labor, Spencer moved in Weaver, who did

Gas Leak Is Cause Of Another Blaze

Fire Chief John Volk said today that gas seeped from an improperly installed connection and caused a fire at the home of Mrs. Ciro, 135 Donora Place East, last night at 7:15 o'clock.

Chief Volk said a new stove was installed in an upstairs room yesterday with the gas piped from the basement. A defective valve connection in the basement allowed gas to escape and become ignited by flames of a water heater. There was no explosion but the fire did slight damage in the basement.

UNUSUAL WEATHER CONDITIONS OVER MOST OF COUNTRY

"Crazy" Weather Includes Everything From Rain To Snow

Letters From Santa

The North Pole
Dear Youngsters:

As the wind cut capers around Santa Claus Lodge here at the North Pole last night, Mother Claus and I made plans for the elves' Christmas. Every year we give them presents early Christmas morning after I have put all the reindeer back in the barn for a good long rest. The elves and Mother Claus are always waiting for me to find out about my Christmas Eve visits to all of you children. Then they look around and sure enough, there along the mantel piece is a row of tiny colored stockings. And they are just bulging with Christmas surprises. That is Mother Claus' job. Each year she fills the elves' stockings while they are fast asleep. Then, when I get home, we are ready for the elves' Christmas party.

Last year we gave each elf

Many Fail To Cooperate In Health Investigation Here To Locate Smog Victims

MECHANICAL COAL DIGGER SEEN AS INDUSTRIAL AID

New Machine Roots
Up Two Tons Per
Minute, Is Claim

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16 — (UP) — The builders of a new mechanical miner, which can dig up to two tons of coal a minute, claimed today that their machine will revolutionize the coal industry.

The 25-foot long machine, which slightly resembles an Army tank, is the only one now used successfully by commercial mining companies. The first public demonstration of the machine was given yesterday at the modernized Mathies mine of Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Co., Finleyville, Pa.

Developed and produced by Joy Manufacturing Co., world's largest maker of mining equipment, the mechanical miner steps up the speed of mining by replacing with one continuous operation the conventional separate steps of cutting, drilling, blasting, and loading.

The device has proven successful so far in bituminous mines, but the company said it promises to be just as effective in hard coal mining. The machine is in use in the Colorado Laramie lignite seam, the Pittsburgh seam, the Freeport seams of Central Pennsylvania, and the Illinois No. 5 seam.

The "business end" of the 25-foot long machine is a ripper bar which tears the coal from the face and discharges it into a conveyor belt to be carried to hopper or shuttle cars.

The Joy continuous miner is the only one now in production. Its flexibility of operation, enabling it to mine at any angle from the direction of coal haulage, is regarded as one of its biggest advantages over similar equipment in

"CLEAN" VERDICT FOR BROWNSVILLE

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 16 — (UP) — A three-man vote investigating committee reported today that Brownsville now is "a pretty clean town."

Council President M. B. Patterson, who headed the committee, requested permission, however, to continue the investigation for another month to "make sure the situation stays good."

He told council members that a horse race room had been closed, that no slot machines were operating in the borough and that the numbers racket has been driven off the streets. He said five disorderly houses have been raided on numerous occasions and the operators warned to close up.

The investigation was touched off recently by charges that vice and rackets were permitted to run "wide open" in the borough.

"Busy" Man Drops Hit Run Charges

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16 — (UP) — Charles Hilliard has dropped hit-and-run and assault charges against John J. Exler, the Allegheny County Recorder of Deeds, because he is "too busy" to press them.

Hilliard had charged that Exler tried to drive away after his car bumped Hilliard's on Nov. 28. Hilliard said he caught up with Exler after a short chase and Exler became abusive and refused to pay for the damage.

A hearing was held last night before J. Shaler Township square, and Hilliard dropped the charges. Neither Exler nor his attorney showed up.

Last week, charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest filed against Exler in the same case were dismissed.

CHILE PROTESTS

CAIRO, Dec. 16 — (UP) — The

Survey Incomplete As Some Are "Reluctant To Speak" For Probe

Greater cooperation of local residents is needed if the illness investigation for the smog period here from October 20-31, is to be a success, John Polach, in charge of the probe, said today.

The investigation to determine how many persons in the borough were ill due to the heavy smog, is being conducted by the borough and statistics will be available locally and for the state and federal health authorities when the illness survey is completed sometime next week.

There are six persons working a hour to locate canvass of the town seeking information which is considered vital to health officials. However, while some persons cooperate, there are a large number who refuse to answer the few simple questions asked by the investigators.

Donors are asked to disclose whether they were in Donora during the smog and whether or not any illness resulted from the heavy air. They are also asked what treatment if any, they received at the time.

Mr. Polach said a great many people were "reluctant to speak" when questioned and that the cooperation is essential for completing the investigation.

Almost 8,000 persons have been interviewed to date, Polach explained, and of that number only one has admitted to having received Red Cross assistance and three admitted they were sick. He said that 18 persons said they were ill during the smog and 18 admitted deaths in their families during the smog which actually is said to have contributed to the deaths of 24 persons.

Of those already contacted 2,411 persons said they were affected or made ill by the heavy smog. More and 3,268 reported they were not bothered. Thirty-three persons left the town for cleaner weather as the worst weather conditions in history blanketed the district.



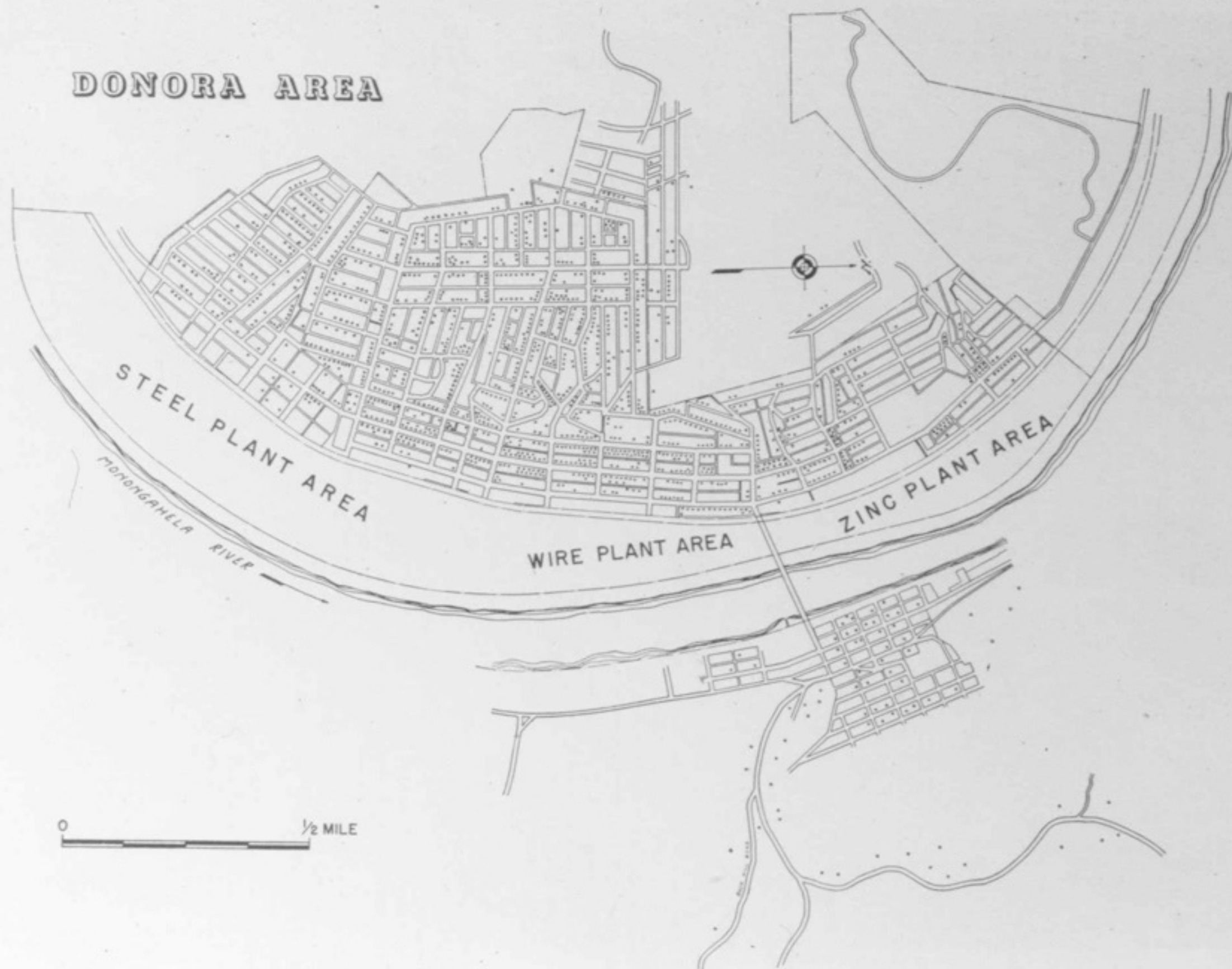
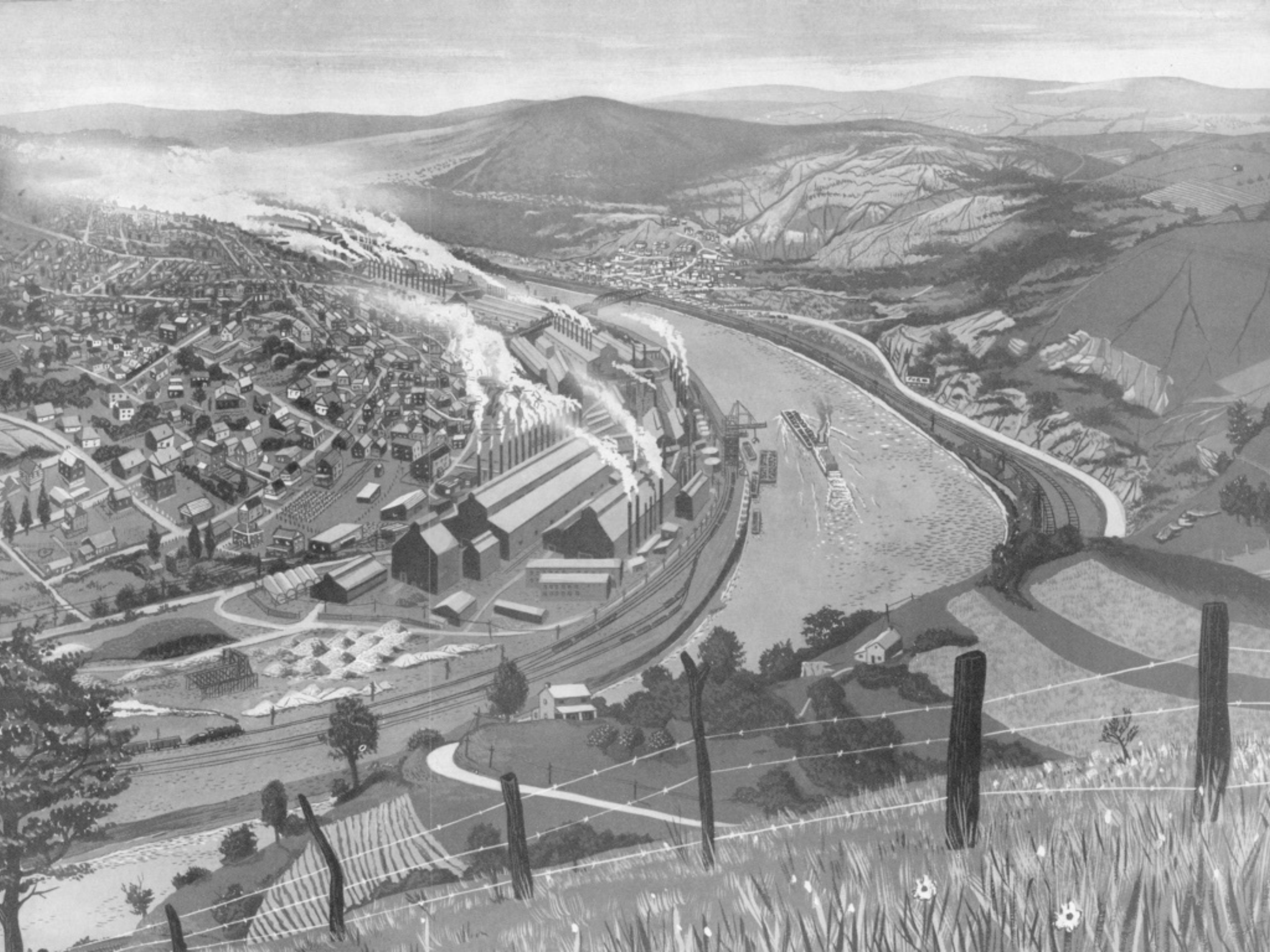


FIGURE 2.—Map showing households visited by nurses in community survey. Each dot represents one household.





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WEATHER
Cloudy and cold with occasional light snow today and to night. Tuesday: cloudy and milder.

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Nation's Death Toll Over Holiday Mounts

Old Fashioned White Christmas Fatal For Over 439 Citizens

The snow and cold weather that gave much of the Nation a real old-fashioned White Christmas also caused one of the highest accidental death tolls in history as countrywide surveys showed today.

Slippery highways increased the number of fatal traffic accidents and the sudden cold snap resulted in hundreds of home fires in which many small children burned to death.

The total of dead soared to 439 with 176 killed in traffic accidents, in fires and 87 in miscellaneous accidents.

The National Safety Council had predicted that 350 persons would be killed in traffic. It warned that subsequent deaths from fatal injuries would raise the total even higher.

Temperatures were rising rapidly today and skies were cleared over most states as warmer air came down from Canada.

The frigid air mass which caused the cold wave had poured down from Hudson's bay and sent the mercury tumbling as far south as the deep Dixie States.

At least 33 children were among those killed in fires resulting from overheated stoves and unsafe Christmas decorations.

Relief from the cold was moving southeastward rapidly. Thermometers at Pembina, N.D., read one above zero early today. Yesterday they read 26 below.

Forecasters said the warmer air would sweep over the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley into the Appalachians by this afternoon and warm the Middle Atlantic states by tonight.

But this morning, the east and south were still locked in the cold wave's grip. Atlanta reported a seasonal low of 26. It was five below at Ighamton, N. Y., three above at Elkins, W. Va., 13 at Columbia, S. C., 16 at Louisville and 18 at Richmond, Va. But the nation's coldest spot was still in the Rocky mountains. It was 26 below at Big Piney, Wyo.

Records shows were reported in some parts of the west. Downtown Reno, Nev., had six to eight inches of new snow and blizzard conditions resulted in cancellations.

HARRY D. TEETER, PROMINENT LOCAL CITIZEN, IS DEAD

Well Known Donora Man Dies Christmas Night In His Home

Harry D. Teeter, prominent Donora mill official, Boy Scout executive and civic leader, died suddenly Christmas night at 9:20 o'clock in his home, 971 Thompson. A heart condition caused the death of the 61-year-old Donora man.

A resident of this community for approximately 30 years, Mr. Teeter was superintendent of the mill mill department, Donora Wire Works.

Mr. Teeter saw service as a first lieutenant of the U. S. Air Force in World War I. He was prominent in veterans activities and was past chief of care of Washington County Veterans No. 678 Forty and Eight, and a past commander of the American Legion Post of Donora.

As one of the most active of the district's Boy Scout workers, Mr. Teeter was vice president of the Washington-Greene Counties Council and was chairman of the Mon Valley district of the Boy Scout Council.

Mr. Teeter was active in church and civic affairs of Donora. He was a member of the First Methodist church here, a past president of the Donora Lions club and a member of the Donora Lodge BPO Elks.

Active in Masonic circles, he was a member of F. & A. M. lodge No. 686, the consistory and Lulu Temple of the Shrine of Philadelphia.

Mr. Teeter was born in Philadelphia January 24, 1887. He came to Donora as a young man and had resided here continuously since.

His widow, Amelia Smith Teeter, survives with three daughters, Martha Rose, at home; Mrs. Harry Baxter and Mary, of Philadelphia; his mother, Mrs. Rosa H. Teeter, and a sister, Mrs. Harry Erdbrink, both of Sewell, N. J.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the late home with the Rev. E. H. Miller in charge. Interment will be in the

DUTCH FORCES IN STEADY ADVANCE IN INDONESIA

Only Guerilla War Opposition Slows Up Steady Advance

By United Press

The Dutch Army was mopping up scattered resistance on Java today after a one-week campaign which appeared to have broken the back of the Indonesian Republic.

Even Republican reports admitted that only isolated guerrilla resistance now was opposing the vigorous "police action" which the Dutch launched in defiance of United Nations efforts to keep the peace in Indonesia.

As anticipated, the Dutch had not responded to a cease-fire order issued by the UN Security Council in Paris last Friday. Obviously Dutch authorities expected to complete their campaign against the Republicans before replying, and thus present the UN with an accomplished fact which would make impossible a return to the position existing before the renewal of fighting.

It appeared, however, that not even complete Dutch control of Java, the most important and populous island of Indonesia, would end Republican resistance. The Republicans still controlled most of Sumatra, and the Republican radio said an emergency government would continue to function.

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One Killed, Three Injured In Fire

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 27.—(UP)—A three-alarm fire in Pittsburgh's southside yesterday killed one person, injured three others and made a dozen persons homeless.

William J. Wilkinson, Jr., 36, lost his life when he was trapped on the second floor of his mother's five-room frame house. His brother Earl H. Wilkinson, was in critical condition at Southside hospital.

The mother, Mrs. Anna Wilkinson, was recovering from extreme shock, and Mrs. Mildred Patterson, 39, a spectator at the fire, was recovering from a head injury received when she was hit by a fire hose.

The fire broke out on the first

CLASSMATES BURY ATTACK VICTIM



SOLEMN-FACED CLASSMATES of 10-year-old Roberta Hincerson at St. Barbara's school in Brookfield, Ill., serve as pallbearers at her funeral. Authorities are seeking the killer who criminally attacked her and left her body along a road. (International Newsphoto)

WELLES REPORTED SERIOUSLY ILL FROM EXPOSURE

Ex-Undersecretary Of State Suffers A Heart Attack

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(UP)—Former Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles was reported in "serious but not critical" condition today after collapsing in an open field and lying unconscious for hours in below-freezing temperatures.

His physician said the 56-year-old former diplomat, who apparently suffered a heart attack while on a midnight stroll, had improved somewhat since he was found around 8 a.m. yesterday beside a frozen brook.

The doctor said that while Welles remained in serious condition, he had "reacted well" from shock and his hands and feet were

Time Limited For Europe Enlistees

Only a few days remain for young men to enlist for Army service in the European Command, it was announced today by Master Sergeant Paul F. Glasser, Commanding Officer of the local U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting Station. The recruiting station will continue in service here indefinitely.

The Sergeant stated that enlistments for the U. S. Army's First Infantry Division and the U. S. Constabulary Forces, both located in Western Germany's occupied zone, will be terminated on December 31st. He emphasized the fact that men who are interested in enlisting in either of these veteran organizations should not defer their enlistments because of natural desire to remain at home for New Year's Day, and went on to explain that current Army policy permits the enlistee to spend his first ten days at home before proceeding to his basic station.

Other officers elected were: Ignatius Prietko, vice-president; Frank Varvek, financial secretary; Sylvester V. Ensteyl, treasurer; Stephen Radtke, recording secretary; George Bodnar, house committee man for two years; John Bodnar, house committee man for one year; John Mayorka, John J. Badrik and Albert Greco, finance committee; Stephen Svrtsek, George Lashell and John Triseck, investigating committee; John Back, Sr., inside guard.

Lunch and refreshments were served after the meeting by the

Health Survey Shows 4,458 Made Ill In October Smog

Scout Calendar Party Postponed

A. G. Faller, of the Faller Furniture Company, announced this morning that the Boy Scout Calendar party scheduled for this evening at 7:30 o'clock has been postponed until Monday, January 3.

To be held in St. Mary's Hall, the party will include singing and stunts by the Scouts and Cubs of the Donora Boy Scout Troop. An action-packed movie, "The Sky Patrol" is also on the evening's entertainment agenda.

Sponsor of the sixth annual Boy Scout calendar party and of the 1949 official Boy Scout Calendar in the Donora area, Mr. Faller said today that each Boy Scout and Cub present at Monday's event will receive a calendar for his home, as well as an individual log.

An official publication of the BSA, the calendar will be distributed to churches, schools, business establishments and other public places here, "giving excellent publicity to this great youth movement that is so active in our community," Faller added.

Local Club Names New Year Officers

At the annual meeting of the Slovak Political and Beneficial Association held in the Slovak Hall yesterday, officers for the new year were elected.

John P. Jaso was named president of the organization.

Other officers elected were: Ignatius Prietko, vice-president; Frank Varvek, financial secretary; Sylvester V. Ensteyl, treasurer; Stephen Radtke, recording secretary; George Bodnar, house committee man for two years; John Bodnar, house committee man for one year; John Mayorka, John J. Badrik and Albert Greco, finance committee; Stephen Svrtsek, George Lashell and John Triseck, investigating committee; John Back, Sr., inside guard.

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DISTRICT DRIVER INJURED AS AUTO HITS IRON POLE

Monongahela Resident Suffers Fractured Skull In Crash

Injured when the automobile he was driving struck an iron pole in East Main street, Monongahela, Sunday, at 2:37 a.m., John A. Duvall, of 818 Howard street, is a patient in the Memorial Hospital suffering from a possible fracture of the skull.

City Patrolman Dana Fala said Duvall traveling west, failed to negotiate a curve 75 yards east of Factory street. The automobile, a 1938 coupe owned by Agnes Duvall, of the same address, struck the iron pole on the south side of the street and spun around, coming to rest heading east against a wooden pole of the West Penn Power company. Its left side was demolished.

Duvall was taken to the hospital in the L. M. Frye ambulance, and was still unconscious when admitted. However, he has since regained consciousness, hospital officials said. He was treated upon admission for the lacerations at the face and head requiring several sutures.

Duvall was the lone occupant of the car at the time of the accident. Monongahela City police also reported a side-sweep collision between an automobile and a street car over the holiday period.

It occurred at 11:08 last night at Third and Main streets, Monongahela, involving a sedan operated by Sigmund Lenart of Monongahela R.D.1 and Donora line street car in charge of Automobile Edward Smagala of 127 Downer avenue, Monaca.

The automobile, owned by Donat Lenart of the same address as the driver, sustained \$200 damage to the left door and body and front and rear fenders. The street car, City Patrolman William Urban said, was undamaged.

Incomplete Returns On Health Survey Announced Today

The "death smog" which swept upon Donora and environs in late October and hastened the deaths of at least 21 district residents also affected more than 4,400 other Donorans. It was revealed today by Borough Assessor James Paldach who is in charge of a house-to-house survey being made here to determine how many persons were made ill during the smog.

Figures made known by Assessor Paldach were compiled by city workers who went from house-to-house and collected data which should prove of great importance to health authorities conducting an investigation into the local atmospheric conditions.

The survey, which has not yet been completed, was authorized by Borough Council and financed by some of the \$10,000 which the CIO United Steel Workers gave the borough to make a study of the smog's effect and possible cause.

Assessor Paldach said there were a great many Donorans who declined to answer questions put to the health investigators.

The survey, as of reports turned in Friday, showed that 4,458 of the 10,821 persons interviewed in Donora were affected by the smog. Most said they suffered spells of coughing and choking and felt burning sensations in the nose, throat and mouth. Many, including those in the lower age groups, said they had difficulty in breathing.

Some of the interesting figures collected by the health investigators include: 6,397 not affected by the smog; 885 persons who were cared for by physicians; 232 persons who were ill but could not get medical assistance because the local physicians were so busy; 34 persons who were hospitalized; 48 who left Donora to avoid being ill during the heavy smog.

No official cause for the death smog has been offered but an investigation still is being conducted by several agencies including the State Department of Health and the U. S. Public Health Service.

Dr. Clarence A. Mills, head of the Department of Environmental

DEATH OVER DONORA

Smoky, lethal fog kills 19 people
in a little Pennsylvania mill town

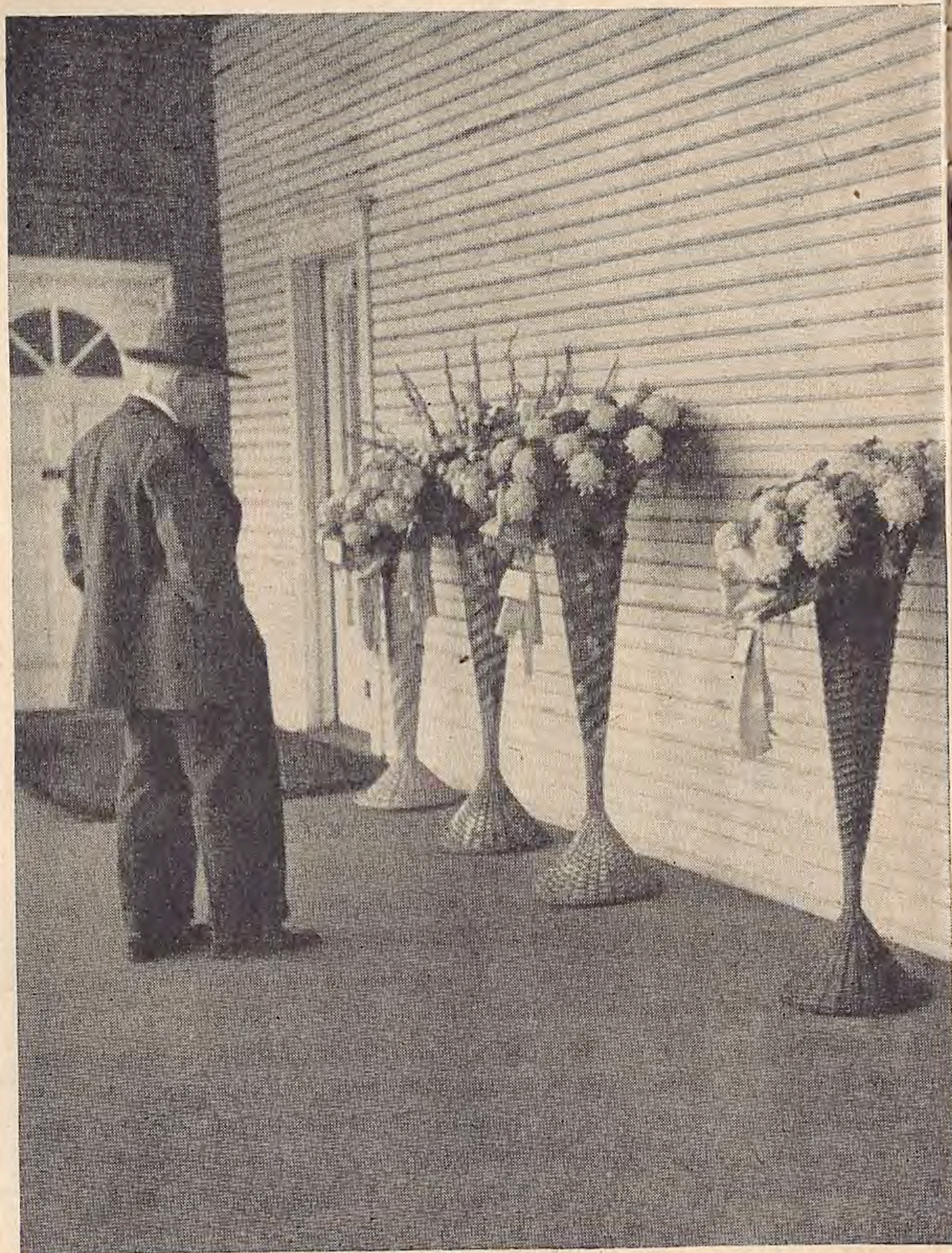
The 13,000 people of Donora, Pa., perched on a hillside over a bend in the Monongahela River, are used to living under a black cloud of smoke and soot from the steel plants, the railroad yards and the Donora Zinc Works. Around the zinc works no grass grows. Even up on the hill, where a few farmers try to make a living, vegetables are covered with soot and all the sheep are black. At bedtime, when Donorans put out their lights, they can still see smoke swirling across the ceilings.

From Oct. 27 to Nov. 2 a fog bank lay over the valley and the smoke and fumes mixed with the fog. Then, on Friday night, people started waking, gasping for air. Doctors went into action, one of them rushing down a street giving adrenalin injections to choking citizens who came out of their houses through the smog, pleading to be next. Within 48 hours 19 people were dead, more than 400 sick.

When rain finally came and washed the fumes away, Donora buried its dead (*above*) and the panic subsided. All of the dead had had respiratory illnesses, and the people of Donora were accustomed to the town's high incidence of respiratory deaths. Although four groups were investigating the deadly source, Donorans were cautious about getting tough with the industry that provided their living. For a few days the zinc works shut down, even then sending smoke over the town. But Donorans looked at the thinly drifting smog and said cheerily, "This is the clearest day we've had in years."



THE SMOG, smoke and fumes from the mills mixing with fog bank, still drifts through Donora on Sunday morning while sun tries to break through at upper right. That night rain finally washed most of it away.



FLOWERS ARE LINED UP ALONG THE WALL FOR FOUR FUNERALS TO BE



HELD BY ONE UNDERTAKER. BURIALS WENT ON ALL DAY FOR TWO DAYS

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GARDEN NEAR THE ZINC WORKS (background) never grows although Mrs. M. Chesney keeps trying every year. She has tried to sell house but cannot.



DOCTOR who worked during the smog calls it "murder from the mills."



FARMER near town shows how black his hands get from soot on his crops.



WORKERS sit around in center of town after being laid off while the zinc works was closed down for a week. The plant is a subsidiary of U.S. Steel Corp.