

Delaware River Flood Disaster in August Produced Trenton Area's Outstanding News Story During Past Year

(Continued from Page 1, Part 2) son was turned down by Governor Meyner. 25 - The Rev. William M. Benson, pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, was severely injured in the collapse of framework for a new church he was building on Hamilton Avenue. 27 - Dr. G. Douglas Davies becomes pastor of Prospect Street Presbyterian Church. 28 - The Black Team raised the flag of victory at Trenton Central High School - emblematic of its 37 to 32 win in the 21st girls' Sports Nite competition. 30 - Henry L. (Hen) Tattler, retired chief umpire of the International League, died at his home on Greenwood Avenue. April 1 - McGuire Air Force Base became an official port of air debarkation and embarkation. 5 - Trenton formally dedicated its new \$3,500,000 water filtration plant. 10 - The weatherman outdid himself in turning out a perfect Easter weatherwise. 13 - The Rev. Louis M. Case, 60, pastor of the Groveville Methodist Church and New Jersey State Prison chaplain, died. John W. Tramborg of Madison, Wis., was announced as the new State Commissioner of Institutions and Agencies, an \$18,000 a year post. 14 - Parents of 1,400 children gave approval for their youngsters to receive Salk shots in the city schools. Thomas Dignan of Princeton was announced as the new state director of civil defense and disaster control. 15 - Trenton's proposal to boost water rates in the townships was turned down by the State Board of Public Utility Commissioners. 18 - Dr. Albert Einstein, father of the Atomic Age, died in Princeton Hospital. 21 - Flats flew in City Hall as Public Affairs Director Warren W. Orpen rained blows on his opponent in the City Commission race, Arthur J. Holland. Holland said he went to the commissioner's office to get information about purchase orders, got abusive language and a barrage of blows instead. Scheduled mass inoculation against polio of children in Mercer County schools was called off; the vaccine was not available. 22 - James Aversano, 36, of Washington Street was killed and Anthony Genovay, 33, of Fenwood

Avenue, wounded as they thwarted a two-gun bandit's attempt to hold up the White Horse Bowling Alley. 28 - T. Arthur Karno, industrial real estate agent, announced a 14-story apartment building would be built on Carteret Club property at 333 West State Street. Cost was estimated at \$4,000,000. May 1 - Rider College announced it had received full Academic accreditation as a member of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. 2 - Superior Court Judge Ralph J. Smalley told the May grand jury that the ever-increasing number of violent crimes here is the greatest challenge to law enforcement in Mercer County. 4 - The 171st annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey called on all churches within the diocese to eliminate racial segregation wherever it exists. 5 - Freeholder William H. Falcey and John Fue, county and city civil defense directors, were among 500 observers at the atomic test explosion which leveled "Survival Town, U. S." in Nevada. 8 - Dr. Elias called off the Salk inoculation program on the recommendation of the U. S. Public Health Service and Dr. Daniel Bergsma, state health commissioner. 9 - J. Howard Nevius, 68, president of Nevius-Voorhees stored died at home in Flemington. 10 - Arthur Holland unseated his rival Warren Orpen as he came in third in the City Commission election. Mayor Connolly received most votes, 24,928. Other winners were George W. Rieker, 22,690; Holland, 21,699; Sido L. Ridolfi, 21,288 and Andrew J. Duch, 10,388. 13 - Colonel Frank G. Hartieroad named warden of Mercer County Workhouse pending civil service examination. 15 - Thousands saw the Cadwalader Park Pageant "Unto This Day" commemorating the arrival of the First Jews in America more than 300 years ago. 17 - The new City Commission was sworn in before a standing room only audience in City Hall. 18 - The Salk anti-polio inoculation program in Mercer County was called off for the third time. A break in a 36-inch feeder line at the city's new filtration plant flooded the plant, and caused a dangerous drop in water pressure. 23 - Fall, Trenton's first polio case was reported. 24 - Police struck at dawn to

nab 19 men and 3 women in the biggest narcotics raid ever staged in Trenton. 25 - Dr. Elias recommended postponement of the Salk vaccination program until Fall. A fire that started on the first floor and quickly swept to the roof caused \$25,000 damage to St. Francis School on West Front Street. 27 - A 10-year-old William Street boy drowned when he tumbled off the old Ferry Street pier, Jan. 11, also of William Street, almost lost his life in a futile effort to save him. June 1 - Big plane passenger service for Greater Trenton area began as an Allegheny Airlines plane touched at Mercer Field. 2 - General Motors Corporation presented the largest single donation to the Mercer Hospital Building Fund, \$90,000. 6 - Freeholder Edward A. Thorne, prominent Princeton pharmacist, died of a heart attack at his home on Elm Road. He was 58. 9 - Sears Roebuck announced plans for a \$250,000 two-level parking ramp. 13 - A survey showed two out of three parents in the Trenton area had changed their minds, didn't want their children to have Salk shots. 14 - An imaginary atomic bomb fell on Trenton at 2 p.m. An imaginary 40,000 persons were killed and 49,000 injured. Traffic was halted for 10 minutes. 22 - The Terndstedt Division was reported in line for a million of the 500 million dollars General Motors earmarked for an expansion program. 23 - Two armed bandits held up the Stacy-Trent, herded four employees in an elevator and took \$250. Construction work on the East West Highway, moved onto West State Street as a section of Parkside Avenue was ripped up. 30 - Sixteen men and women charged with possession of narcotics were given prison terms up to 12 years by Judge Ralph Smalley in Mercer County. July 1 - The CIO and U. S. Steel ended a nationwide steel strike with a wage agreement averaging more than 15 cents an hour. Advocates of the Deeper Delaware plan hailed Senate appropriations committee approval of \$6,000,000 to start work on the \$95,000,000 project. 5 - New Jersey added 25 violent deaths to the national total of 772 for the Fourth of July holidays. 6 - Union carpenters working for Trenton contractors went on strike for higher pay. Two youngsters were drowned while wading in the Delaware as the temperature hit 95. 7 - Mayor Connolly announced the Coalport Redevelopment project had won complete Federal approval. The federal government agreed to underwrite two-thirds of the cost of leveling the 26-acre area of blighted housing. 10 - The chimney at Trenton Catholic Boys High School was a victim of a severe electrical storm that damaged the area. 11 - Kramer Trenton Company employees voted 400-to-4 to end their 10-week strike. 13 - Prosecutor Mario H. Volpe was nominated for Mercer County judge by Governor Meyner. 14 - The Department of Public Affairs canceled a \$2,000 contract with Ryan's Dairy in a dispute over butterfat content of milk at Donnelly Hospital. 16 - Gene Puzio, 14, won Trenton's Soap Box Derby championship. John Mellodge, 12, was runner-up. 17 - Dr. Richard H. Seely, 84-year-old Trenton eye doctor, died in St. Francis Hospital. 18 - Dr. Louis A. Stein, chief of McKinley Hospital's eye, ear, nose and throat section, died in his 83d year. 20 - The Rev. John A. Matthiesen, retired Trinity Lutheran minister, died at his home near Yardley. He was spiritual adviser to Bruno Hauptmann, Lindbergh baby kidnaper. 21 - New City Commissioner Holland lost on both his proposal to have the city readvertise for milk bids for the Donnelly Hospital and his rejection of bids on half-a-dozen paving projects. 21 - Arizona police arrested two men and a woman who admitted a dozen hotel robberies including the Stacy-Trent stick up in Trenton. 23 - A Trenton man, his 11-year-

old son and the boy's uncle drowned in the Delaware & Raritan Canal when their canoe upset near Princeton. Records for the date were shattered as the mercury boiled up to 99. Trenton was in the midst of a long drought and heat wave. 27 - Former Judge William Clark of Princeton received his passport in the mail after a two-year flight. Trenton carpenters tentatively ended their strike after a compromise wage increase. Ryan's Dairy had its milk contract restored. 28 - Stroukoff Aircraft Corporation of West Trenton demonstrated its new combat transport at Philadelphia. Election of Ohio industrialist Warren E. Hill as president of the Thermoid Company was announced by Fred E. Schluter. Mayor Connolly announced burial of the city's plans for a ramp-type garage. 31 - State officials predicted Jersey might be facing its worst drought. August 2 - Movie star Gary Grant visited the city. 4 - Police shot and killed a speeding driver, Robert Johnson Jr., 21, Korean campaign veteran, on North Olden Avenue after a chase starting in the city. 5 - The third tropical storm of the year, but the first to reach hurricane proportions, was spotted north of Antigua. 7 - Many sections of the city were flooded by a four-inch plus rain, normal rainfall for the month. That ended the 28th day of 90-degree heat as news reports said Puerto Rico had been side-swiped by a hurricane. The name was "Connie." 8 - Fire destroyed the J. Leo Cooke warehouse on Whitehead Road. 11 - The city's first lady cops were selected - 13 of 15 to guard school crossings. 12 - A new hurricane "Diane" was 1,100 miles east of Miami. 13 - Hurricane Connie passed to the west but five inches of gale-whipped rain left four dead in local accidents. The rain was credited with saving the major portion of the state's crops. Major roads, farms and cellars were flooded. 14 - The Rev. Dr. Minot Morgan, 78, father of a former Princeton mayor, drowned near Pocono Lake, Pa. 16 - The Schrotts baseball team lost the regional title to Stamford, Conn. 17 - The Rev. Columbian Sather, Trenton Catholic Boys High faculty member, disappeared and was believed drowned at Orley Beach. 18 - Prosecutor Mario Volpe and Miss Claire Curral were married. Hurricane Diane puffed itself out over Virginia but brought heavy rains to this area. 19 - Residents started evacuating "the Island" as the rising Delaware threatened thousands of dollars of damage here. Two Princeton Township teen-agers and a township patrolman drowned in Lake Carnegie. 20 - The greatest flood in Delaware Valley history caused 300 families to be evacuated here caused damage in the millions and took its toll of lives. Half of the Yardley bridge was washed away. It was one of 50 knocked out or damaged above and below Trenton. 22 - Army Secretary Brucker headed a party of dignitaries who flew over the Delaware Valley to inspect the flood damage. 24 - Two thousand Trenton residents took typhoid shots because of exposure to the flood. 30 - Mayor Connolly declared the flood emergency here at an end. September 1 - Calhoun Street Bridge, closed August 8, was reopened. 2 - Ninety percent of wells

1955 Left It's Mark On Park



Marker for record 1955 flood goes up, and about three feet above, the old 1903 marker familiar to thousands of visitors to Washington Crossing State Park. Robert Tomlinson of Tusculum recently nailed up the new sign with assistance from his wife, Doris, and James Abbott, right. Abbott notched the new high water mark from his motor boat as the flood crested about 8 a. m. August 20.

which placed the Route 69 crossing destroyed October 12. 11 - Military reserve and veterans units paraded in observance of Veterans Day. 12 - Governor Meyner and Miss Margaret Truman dined in Trenton, adding fuel to talk of romance. 17 - Flood-damaged Washington Crossing bridge was reopened. Burglars stole a safe containing \$6,200 from the A. J. Cunningham & Sons Construction Company. 19 - The first snow of the season snarled traffic. 24 - Dial-a-prayer service offered telephone subscribers by the Rev. Monroe Drew Jr. of Fourth Presbyterian Church, brought amazing response. 28 - The six-week downtown hotel strike ended. December 1 - The Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission announced a new bridge would be built at Yardley. The Rev. Odysse W. Kneese was named pastor of Grace Baptist Church. 6 - The State Street, St. Paul and Cadwalader Heights Methodist Churches voted to merge. 12 - Howard L. Hughes announced he would retire after 44 years as the city's chief librarian. 13 - Princeton University and Trenton area hospitals received \$4,000,000 as the Ford Foundation handed out a half-billion dollars. 15 - Police arrested 14 IUE pickets in a scuffle at the Westinghouse plant. 16 - Trenton and the townships agreed on a 35 percent increase in township water rates in return for Trenton's starting a \$2,500,000 improvement program for its water system. 18 - John P. Callahan Jr., advertising director of the Trenton Times Newspapers, died of a heart attack. He was 56. 20 - Five persons were saved as fire badly damaged Arbeiter Hall on East Franklin Street. 21 - The coldest December day in four years dropped the mercury to a bitter 8 degrees. 23 - Yardley bridge was reopened to traffic. 24 - Smoke from a three-alarm fire at Yards department store felled four firemen. 26 - Statistics revealed Christmas shoppers in the Trenton area topped the state per capita record. Trenton Post Office set new record. 27 - Walter A. Schepfer announced he would resign as county treasurer. 28 - The Netherlands announced gift of 1,500 trees for the Capitol area of Stacy Park. Dr. Donald H. Gard installed as pastor of historic First Presbyterian Church. 29 - Police Safety Director Duch announces controversial one-way traffic plan for Warren and Willow Streets will start January 9. 30 - Freeholder Charles Kovacs resigns from Trenton Board of Education. 15 - Police arrested 14 IUE

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