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LAFAYETTE COUNTY PEOPLE ARE KNOWN DEAD

Platteville, Wis. — (P)—A tornado struck southwestern Wisconsin and northwestern Illinois Thursday night killing or fatally injuring at least nine persons, destroyed more than 30 homes and hundreds of farm buildings, uprooted trees and smashed communication lines.

23 Seriously Injured

Twenty-three persons were injured so seriously they had to be taken to hospitals at Platteville and Monroe, Wis. Property damage was estimated at thousands of dollars.

Three of those killed lived in the vicinity of Belmont in western Lafayette county where the damage was greatest. They were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Long and John Albaum. Two persons were killed at Truman, also in Lafayette county. They were Mr. and Mrs. John Fink. The Fink's daughter, Mary, 20, a junior at the University of Wisconsin, died in a Platteville hospital today of injuries received when their home was blown down. Mrs. Gerald Mckeana, who lived near Gratiot, also was killed when her home was wrecked.

Two other persons were reported killed when the tornado struck Stephenson county, Ill.

Sweeps Everything

Residents of Belmont said that the twister came in with a roar likened to the sound of hundreds of bombers, swept everything before it and passed on.

The Lafayette county seat of Darlington escaped damage but the community was isolated for several hours due to broken communication lines all around it. Many tobacco sheds were wrecked and extensive damage done to hundreds of farm buildings in the county.

A Wisconsin State Guard unit from Platteville was dispatched during the night to Belmont and the Darlington area. Another unit from Monroe, Wis., went there today.

Red Cross Helps

St. Louis (Mo.) headquarters of the American Red Cross assigned four national staff members to the See—WINDSTORM—Page 7

Another Label Finds Its Way Back Home

Employees of the Sampson Canning company here have received a letter from Cornelius Manning, now stationed in Italy. It was written on the back of a label which had been affixed to a large can of "Heart Of Wisconsin" cut green beans, product of the Sampson company.

In his letter, Cornelius told of walking past the mess hall and no-



LIEUT. GEORGE W. SCHUMANN

Lt. Schumann Dies in Raid Over Germany

Previously reported as missing in action, First Lieut. George W. Schumann, 27, was killed while piloting a B-24 Liberator bomber in a daylight raid over Germany on April 18, according to word received by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schumann of Nekoosa.

Hope had been held out for his safety and was strengthened by a report on May 16 that Lieutenant Schumann's co-pilot and navigator were prisoners of war in Germany. On June 16, the war department informed his wife who resides in Stockton, Calif., of a report received through the International Red Cross that her husband had been killed in the April 18 raid and that a letter would follow.

On Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Schumann talked with their daughter-in-law long distance but she had no further details.

Lieutenant Schumann was born at Merrill, Wis., on October 28, 1916, attended school there and at Wausau and graduated from the Merrill high school in 1935. He entered the service on October 15, 1940, was commissioned a second lieutenant at Stockton field, Calif., on May 20, 1943 and left for overseas on January 14 this year.

Besides his parents and his wife, the former Barbara Bertram, of Stockton, Calif., whom he married on December 12, 1943, he leaves a brother, Bernard Schumann, gunners' mate second class, now somewhere in England—with the U. S. navy, and two sisters, Dolores and Bernice of Chicago.

Mussolini Suffers Release Report

WOMAN, GIRL IN NARROW ESCAPE AS BARN FALLS

Scarcely resting after her tantrum of Sunday, which despoiled much of the countryside in Wood and Portage counties, Mother Nature Thursday night switched up her skirts and danced a pagan dance through Nekoosa and Port Edwards, toppling mammoth shade trees onto lawns and houses, flattening barns and other farm buildings.

Accompanied by the vivid, constant but intermittent flashing of lightning, a pelting, driving rain-fall occurred in this entire community between 10 and 11 o'clock Thursday night, the rainfall in slightly more than an hour totaling 1.62 inches.

Worst wind damage was on the Arnold Fraedrich farm, just south

"IF AT FIRST..."

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Tomfohrde of Arpin took their family with them, went for a visit. At night they returned to find all the windows in their house and barn smashed by wind and hail. Last night the Tomfohrdes went visiting again to the home of their parents, the Ed Brehms at Eight Corners. When they returned the Tomfohrdes found all their buildings flattened by the storm.

of the town of Port Edwards and near Fraedrich's Hillside dance pavilion. The Fraedrich barn was flattened while Mrs. Fraedrich and a daughter, LaVene, 16, were in the barn preparing to let the cows out.

The mother and daughter wriggled on their stomachs through a small opening in the foundation of the barn, then ran through the yard to the house, where the smell of smoke greeted them. Lightning had

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Car Is Damaged In Plunge Into Washout

Thursday night's storm not only did damage in the surrounding area, but played a trick or two around Wisconsin Rapids.

Roger Yetter, city, driving on Plover street late in the evening suddenly felt the road give way, as his car plunged into a washout caused by the heavy rain.

The car hung on the edge of the hole, caught by the bumper and front fender, and it was necessary to call a wrecking crew to pull it out. The washout was about 12 feet deep beneath the black top which gave way. Damage to the car was estimated at \$100.

CHINA Struggles

Supreme Headquarters Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's troops have stormed on Chongking, announced today, and describing Cherboung's announcement said:

Attacking with a storm of heavy fire, and a huge amount of destruction, the Chinese captured a height of 1,000 feet, one mile from the east of Cherboung. The height had been reduced to small arms and light defending their pillbox

Americans and German troops closely interlocked in the battle that allied air forces to give the close battle report that marked the all-out attack yesterday.

Caen Evacuated?

A Canadian Press report that the German evacuated Caen, at the of the allied line in Normandy dispersed their forces city because of the territory to which the long-con had been subjected.

There was no confirmation See—INVASION—

JAPS 33 MILES FROM HENG

By the Associated Press The Japanese army, under tremendous pressure to defend before the British navy pushes the Asiatic mainland, today the Hankow-Canton railway in 33 miles of Hengyang central China.

The darkness of the Chungking, in striking the telling victory of Task Force 58 off Saipan, Chinese authorities. See—CHINA—Page 7

Better News Elsewhere

Better news came from Pacific war fronts. Southeast Asia allies, announcing today air raid on Port Blair man islands. Worst "considerable damage" installations.

The Tokyo radio said a combined formation and fighters had raided See—WAR IN PACIFIC—Page 7

