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Nixon Re-Elected by Landslide



Ship Hits Open Span; 8 Killed Cars Plunge Into Water

BRUNSWICK, Ga. (AP) — A loaded freighter hit an open drawbridge here Tuesday night, sending an unknown number of automobiles into the water. Authorities said eight persons were killed.

Eight other persons were rescued from the water and taken to Brunswick Memorial Hospital, police said.

The freighter African Neptune was leaving the docks on a high tide as it struck the mile-long Sidney Lanier Bridge on U.S. 17.

Rescuee Tanner, operator of the drawspan, said he saw the ship hit about 9:50 p.m. and four to five cars plunged into the water. Estimates of the number of fallen cars range up to 15.

Tanner said he had raised the drawspan to the full extension, but he said the ship operating under its own steam with one tug, pulled it, missed the span by 300 to 400 ft.

The freighter "went plumb through it," Tanner said. "I heard that eight cars went over," said Bob Snapp, vice chairman of the Brunswick Port Authority. "Four sections of the bridge were knocked down."

Tanner said the ship's crew saw the collision coming and dropped anchor, but the anchor didn't hold.

Rescuees and weathered rescue efforts, hindered by misting, cloudy and overcast. The bridge, located one and a half miles south of downtown Brunswick, was reported up right. The four-lane bridge was built in 1956.

The ship, estimated at about 350 feet long, was apparently in no immediate danger of sinking, but heavy damage to the bow was reported.

Five miles away the fire department on Jekyll Island dispatched an ambulance, and the driver radioed that "12 cars have sunk and a pickup truck is floating."



President and Mrs. Nixon join Vice President Agnew at victory celebration. (AP)

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Rep. and Mrs. Fred B. Rooney are elated by victory. L.V. Election Roundup

Every incumbent congressman and state legislator in the Lehigh Valley — except one — appears to have won reelection yesterday.

The exception was three-term Democratic Rep. William C. Rybak of Bethlehem. He lost to Republican Atty. Thomas J. Maloney by about 700 votes.

Democratic Congressman Fred B. Rooney gained a sixth term in the Lehigh-Northampton 15th District. State House victors in Lehigh County were incumbent Democrats James P. Ritter, Samuel W. Frank, William H. Eckensberger Jr. and Joseph R. Zeller.

Republican William K. Klingaman Sr. won in a new Lehigh-Schuylkill State House district.

Elsewhere, incumbent congressmen re-elected were Democrats Gus Yatron in the 6th and Daniel J. Flood in the 11th and Republicans John Ware in the 5th, Edward G. Biester Jr. in the 8th, Joseph M. McDade in the 10th and Lawrence Coughlin in the 13th.

In two State Senate races in the area, Republican incumbent Fred Hobbs of Pottsville gained a third term in the 29th District and Democrat Michael A. O'Pake win in the 11th District of Berks.

Other State House incumbents who got another term were Democrats James F. Prendergast, Russell Kowalshyn and Philip Ruggiero in Northampton County; Republican William G. Piper and Democrat Lester K. Fryer in Berks; Republican Marvin D. Weidner in Upper Bucks; Republicans G. Sieber Pancaost and William H. Yohn Jr. in Upper Montgomery; Republican William W. Foster in a district that includes part of Monroe; Democrat Ray Minto in another district that includes part of Monroe, and Republican Joseph Semanoff in Carbon.

Republican Roosevelt I. Polite won in a new State House district in the North Penn.

Voters in Lower Saucon, Catasauqua and Whitehall approved charter study commissions. Partial returns also indicated a "yes" vote in Quakertown and Bucks County.

State's Electoral Bloc Easily Taken by Nixon

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — President Nixon won Pennsylvania's crucial bloc of 27 electoral votes Tuesday.

He cut deeply into Democratic strongholds and got an even bigger chunk of the normally Republican rural counties and white suburbs on the way to what appeared to be a landslide victory.

It was the first time since 1956 that a GOP presidential nominee won the nation's largest state. The vote was the vice president under Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Flood-Aid Referendum Approved

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Pennsylvania's Tuesday night easily approved a flood relief referendum designed to help the small business, farmer and senior citizen recover from Tropical Storm Agnes.

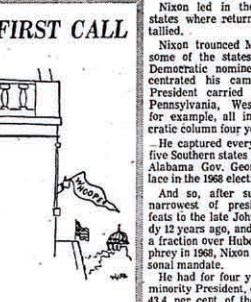
With 45 per cent of the state's precincts reported, the vote was 615,775; no, 235,520.

The vote amends the State Constitution to permit direct state aid for victims of Agnes and the 1971 flood at Chester. It was the only statewide referendum on the ballot.

Worth Repeating

The citizen who supposes that he does not his duty when he votes, places a premium upon political inactivity.

—George William Curtis



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A badly defeated McGovern tells supporters he has conceded. (AP)