



—Daily Oklahoman Staff Photo by A. Y. Owen
 Pigs roamed Amarillo's disaster area after the tornado overturned two blocks of cattle cars. The twister also demolished to the left of the tracks and damaged about 40 planes on an airport off to the right. More pictures, Page 7.

State Is Swept By Heavy Rain; Damage Light

Showers Forecast; Some Crops Hurt In Vicinity of Enid

Heavy rains, accompanied by thunder and lightning, swept over Oklahoma Monday in the wake of tornadoes that struck Amarillo and isolated another large rural area in the Texas Panhandle.

Only property damage from high winds in Oklahoma was reported at Hennessey, where roofing was ripped off the high school building. No one in the building was injured.

Aude Thomas, school principal, who described the winds as of "tornadic" proportions, said a strip of roofing about 20 feet square was ripped from the school auditorium.

Some Wheat Is Damaged

Elsewhere in the state, heavy rains were reported, apparently spreading across the state from the west to the east.

Some damage to wheat was reported in the Enid area, but was not believed extensive enough to cause any concern. Wheat farmers, however, were beginning to worry about the possibility of wheat rust from excessive moisture.

In some sections of the southwest cotton may be damaged by the heavy rains. It is the third successive day of rains in some sections.

Oklahoma may expect partly cloudy and warm weather Tuesday except for scattered showers in the eastern portion of the state, the weatherman promised. Locally the forecast calls for cloudy and mild weather with afternoon thundershowers. A high of 78 is predicted, as compared with Monday's high of 75. Low temperature Monday was 62 at 1 p. m.

North of Borger Isolated

At Altus, cotton which has just been replanted from a previous rain damage, may be drowned out again, observers there said.

The tornadoes, heavy rains and electrical storms that hit the plains area north of Borger, Texas, Sunday night, did extensive damage, and practically isolated the section.

Telephone communications throughout the area was out most of Monday. Towns isolated in the area included Gruver, Spearman, Ferryton, Morse and Nature Park.

Greatest destruction was in the area of Nature Park, a small community in the middle of the wheat belt. The storms struck there shortly after 6 p. m. Sunday and continued at intervals throughout the night.

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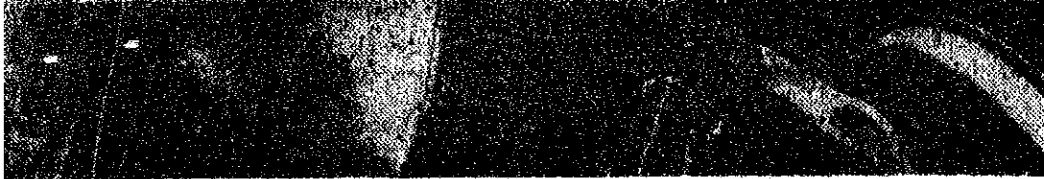
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TWO cars were reported stolen from the stricken area shortly after the storm struck. Rangers and state troopers were dispatched to stand guard over the demolished homes and businesses.

All sightseers were banned from the area. But streams of cars, using the two highways running through the storm section, were causing a perpetual traffic jam.

A relief fund for the homeless was begun by the Amarillo News-Globe shortly after the storm hit and it had passed the \$14,000 mark Monday night. The money will be used to aid all those who suffered loss in the storm.

The Tradeswind airport was closed to all persons except plane owners. A large quantity of high octane aviation gasoline soaked the ground from the wrecked planes. Even a highway patrol car was refused admittance at the entrance gates.

Troopers were stationed at every intersection. Police and rangers kept a constant patrol of the entire area.

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ENGLISH field was without telephone service Monday and only emergency telephone calls were being accepted out of here. Calls to Oklahoma City were being routed through Denver.

The News-Globe estimated in its late editions the loss might run as high as \$3 millions with 172 homes damaged.

Santa Fe railroad workers worked all day Monday clearing tracks of 35 boxcars derailed in the tornado. One car of hogs were liberated. Several hogs were destroyed because of injuries.

But the still most surprising thing was that so few persons were injured or killed. The damaged area

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Reds Are Losing In Berlin Vote

BERLIN, May 17 (Tuesday)—

(AP)—First scattered returns Tuesday from Eastern Berlin in the soviet zone elections showed the communists were taking a licking.

This was in contrast with the confident predictions of communist politicians in the soviet zone of occupation that an overwhelming majority of the voters would support them.

The voting took place Sunday and Monday for a "people's congress" of 2,000 members, all hand-picked by communist-controlled organizations and put on a single ticket.

The main election committee of the "people's congress" for Berlin announced that of 7,000 votes counted only 2,820 indorsed the list of candidates on the ballot. A total of 3,809 votes said no. Some wrote on their ballots "we won't vote for a police state and we reject communism." About 350 votes were declared invalid.

The early returns from Berlin showed a majority of "no" votes—the only way the congress could be rejected since only one list of candidates was submitted.

Russian-controlled propaganda radio gave no returns. They gave out reports only of a heavy vote being cast, ranging from 97.8 to 83.3 percent.

The "people's congress" would be the soviet answer to the western state being set up in the western occupation zone by the British, French and Americans. It would back Russia in the four-power conference on Germany scheduled to open in Paris May 23.

Earlier, eastern zone communists had claimed they would roll up 10,000,000 votes in support of the people's congress for the entire eastern occupation zone.

Survival Chances Good for Twins Joined at Head

LOS ANGELES, May 16—(AP)—Twin girls born with the tops of their heads joined together were given a strong chance for survival Monday by physicians at General hospital. Dr. Phoebus Berman, medical director of the hospital, said the case may be the first of its kind in medical history. "We believe they will live," Dr. Berman commented. "Any surgery

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Weather reports from over the state Monday included:

Okahoma Panhandle: Heavy rains overnight and Monday morning. Guymon said the weather had settled down after overnight and early morning rains totaling 1.51 inches.

Enid: Rains heavy early, with considerable damage to wheat near Medford, north of Garber and near Cherokee. The extent of the damage to the grain, which was "beaten down," was not known.

Buffalo: Heavy rain in the morning, clearing in the afternoon. Some damage to wheat from a light hail northwest of Buffalo. Total rainfall 1.73.

Woodward: Heavy rain before noon. Very little afternoon although heavy clouds in the sky at 6 p. m.

Alva: No rain since 6 a. m. Still cloudy.

Altus: Heavy rain, totaling 1.10 inches Monday morning, accompanied by some thunder and lightning. Some cotton damaged. Third successive day of rain.

Hobart: Heavy rains and moderate thunder and lightning. Overcast at 6 p. m. Not threatening. Total rainfall .78 inches. No damage reported.

Lawton: Heavy rain during the day, but clearing late in afternoon. Weekend total rainfall more than two inches. No damage.

Ardmore: Heavy rain but no storm, although a little thunder and lightning early. No damage. Total rainfall 1.05 inches.

Sulphur: About an inch of rain, accompanied by some thunder and lightning, but no damage reported.

Davis: Heavy rains, totaling .75 inches, but no wind. Helped wheat and other crops. No damage.

Ada: Rains totaling about 1.25 inches, but no wind. Some thunder and lightning. No damage.

Hugo: Light rain during the day, still cloudy at 6:30 p. m and "looks like" more rain.

McAlester: Light showers still falling at 7 p. m.

Tulsa: Thunderstorm accompanied by heavy rain started falling about 7 p. m.

Railway Seeks Trust Issue

WASHINGTON, May 16—(AP)—The interstate commerce commission Mon-