

[Not  
Kidding]

By WALLACE KIDD

Will "common sense" be reason enough to purchase U. S. Savings Bonds? We'll know at the conclusion of the national Opportunity Drive which opened this week.

This will be the first time in recent generations for the federal government to go "all out" encouraging citizens to invest in government bonds as a means of practical savings. This generation remembers Savings Bonds as War Bonds—bought under the impelling influence of patriotic fervor.

Enthusiasm was built through relation of investment to family members and friends in service. Publicity writers excelled in pulling both tears and purse strings. And there are instances of outright sacrifice on the part of individuals to bear their share of bond purchases so long as enemy gunfire was within hearing distance.

But now the noise of strife has lessened. The flags have been stuck back in the closet corner. And the money we had for bonds during World War II finds greater invitation in new cars, new clothes, new radios, new home appliances—those things on the scarce list until recent months.

Yet there is need for personal saving—investment for the future—investment in opportunities that lie ahead. Bond selling in this Opportunity Drive offers nothing more than practical, common sense as appeal for buying. Modern man has always had his "rainy day" and there is not the slightest reason to doubt that a "rainy day" lies ahead for each of us. Only by the building of economic cushions, such as U. S. Savings Bonds, will we be able to meet the future with security.

Yes, common sense is the only appeal possible for this Opportunity Drive. The results of U. S. Savings Bond sales will measure the amount of common sense with which the citizens of Caddo county are blessed.

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## HEAVY RAIN, TWISTER BATTER COUNTY

### Being Caught In Storm's Path Uneasy Way To Spend Evening

By FRANK SKINNER

We heard at about 6 p. m. yesterday there had been a tornado at Binger. Twenty-five minutes later, five of us headed north from Anadarko in a driving rainstorm toward the storm area.

Wallace Kidd, Daily News editor, and Sheriff Ty Yount left in Kidd's car, and Bennie Cooper, county attorney investigator, myself and highway patrolman Filmore Edgmon left in the patrol car.

Cooper, who had been in the Gracemont area at about 5 p. m. said he had seen a tornado "bouncing" in the vicinity. The rain was coming down in sheets soon after we left Anadarko. Water was boiling around the White Bread creek bridge, four miles north of Gracemont, but we made it across safely. It later was completely washed out.

Edgmon and I hadn't had anything to eat before we left, but I had bought two candy bars in. (Continued on Page 2, Number 3)

### Washita Log Jam Breaks

Power Plant Bagged As Flood Waters Lash

A log jam at the dam of the Anadarko power plant on the Washita river broke loose and started down the river at 9:25 a. m. today as workers began piling sand bags around the plant to prevent water from possibly seeping in.

N. L. Shriver, plant superintendent, said that bags of sand are being placed around entrances and other openings into the plant in case swirling waters rise to entry-level.

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Nearly a half a hundred sight

By CARL WOOLF

They can hang a sign in the hallway over the I.O.O.F. hall in Fort Cobb. Let it read:

"Carl Woolf Slept Here!"

And to get to our sleeping quarters—accommodated by an old mattress for my wife and baby—we waded through water three feet deep, which suddenly swept into the Fort Cobb business district from Cobb Creek about 9:30 p.m.

There were approximately 100 people marooned with us in the hallway and rooms which adjoined. All night long people were being brought to high building levels by wading and boat-riding rescuers.

We had driven from Anadarko to Fort Cobb early in the evening to see about the safety of relatives after a reported tornado in the area. After passing the Apache "Y", water from Hog creek overflowed State Highway 9 so all we could do was go into Fort Cobb. (Continued on Page 2, Number Six)

Because of a power failure at the Anadarko power plant at 1:50 p. m. Wednesday, this issue of the Anadarko Daily News was published by facilities of the Chickasha Star, Chickasha.

### Rural Roads' Damage Stays Untotaled

Damage to rural roads in Caddo county, resulting from last night's near county-wide cloudburst, will remain untotaled for several days, Tom Moran, county engineer, said today.

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A new farm-to-market project, northeast of Anadarko, was minus 144 feet of three-inch reinforced concrete pipe. Moran said that the concrete was all in place when workmen left their jobs yesterday.

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### Storm Signal Sends Cityans To Protection

City Woman Injured By Lightning Blast ; School Bus Marooned

Two loud one minute blasts of the fire siren at about 8:15 p. m. Tuesday warned Anadarkoans of an impending storm and sent hundreds to the protection of cellars.

The storm signal was sounded immediately after the fire department was notified of a cyclone which hit three miles west of Anadarko and moved northeast toward Gracemont.

Four Inches Rainfall

Warning signal was given after a downpour of rain had started at 6:30 p. m., continuing until early today. Reported rainfall was 4.40 inches.

Property damage was not thought to be high in Anadarko, although trees had suffered some. Broken branches were a result of high winds which swept through the city preceding the heavy rain.

Binger Students Marooned

One Anadarko woman, Mrs. Raymond Shore, was injured slightly by a blast of lightning which knocked her unconscious. Mrs. Shore was in her kitchen when she was suddenly thrown by the bolt. When she regained consciousness, she was lying on the floor of an adjoining room.

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Here's One Hitch-Hikers Can Pass Up



Tommy Tucker, 34, a mental telepathist of Haverhill, Mass., gives Bostonians a thrilling demonstration by driving his station wagon completely blindfolded through the city's crowded streets for 12 minutes. He even stopped for red lights and avoided jaywalking pedestrians. Mrs. Tucker, in back seat, doesn't even look nervous.

### Fort Worth Citizens Lining Up For Water; Damage \$5,000,000

FORT WORTH, Texas, May 18—(U.P.)—Many of Fort Worth's 330,000 citizens started lining up at school houses for precious water today despite the fact there were millions of gallons of it left in the wake of a slowly receding Trinity river flood.

At Least Five Dead

At least five persons were dead as a result of the flood and 13,200 homeless.

Early morning visitors were not too numerous at the dispensing centers, but city officials expected a wholesale run on the scant trucked-in supplies as full realization of the flood-damaged water system's condition soaked in.

The rampaging river, which broke through levees at a half dozen or more places to flood an estimated 10 square miles of the city and inflict upwards of \$5,000,000 in property damage, was subsiding slowly this morning.

### Fort Cobb, Gracemont Deluges Force Residents From Homes; Darko Has 4 Inches Of Rain

A tornado and driving sheets of rain hammered at Caddo county last night, causing wide-spread damage to farming areas, closing at least four county roads and hamstringing communications.

No serious injuries have been reported although the twister struck northeast of Binger, wrecking buildings on three farms.

Closed Roads Listed

Roads reported closed are U. S. 281 north of Gracemont, SH 9 two miles east of Carnegie, SH 9 east and west of Mountain View, and SH 9 through Fort Cobb.

Heaviest rainfall was an estimated nine and a half inches at Fort Cobb. Approximately 35 families were evacuated following torrential rainstorms. Water at the peak of the rainfall was standing from one to two feet deep in the business district.

Kenneth Thompson, chairman of Caddo county Red Cross disaster relief, said that sandwiches and other food was being provided for workers and others at Fort Cobb. Also, a Salvation army official arrived at the Fort Cobb scene just before noon from Chickasha.

George Wingo, editor of the Fort Cobb Express, said that an estimated five and a half inches of rain fell there from 2 until 7 p. m. and four inches from then until about an hour before midnight. The rains began about 3 p. m. to fall heavy and steady.

At Gracemont, 12 homes were flooded today, according to county agent Walter Skaggs who said that water there last night "easily was waist-deep in the business section" of the community.

Gracemont Power Out

He said that the houses were in the southwestern part of the town, and that power and other utilities were out. Among those evacuated were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hall, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Farris, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. William Granger, Mrs. John Knudson, and others who were not learned.

Also, J. W. Morrison, who lives four miles west of Gracemont, lost two barns, a brooder house, and gear shed in the storm.

### Cotton Crop Complete Loss

All County Crops Damaged Heavily

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Following a program presented by Henry Hall, chairman of the recreation planning committee, tickets were distributed to members to sell for the summer play program.

Other civic clubs are scheduled to handle sales of the tickets, also, for the picture "Adventure in Manhattan," which is to be shown at the Miller Theater.

Maurice DeFord, Kiwanis member and manager of the theater, announced that the film, which stars Joel McCrea and Jean Arthur, also will be accompanied by three "Bugs Bunny" cartoons. The cartoons were donated by Warner Brothers while the film has been offered at half the usual rate, DeFord said.

All money received with the exception of the film rental and taxes will go to the summer program, it was announced.

Planning the program is a committee headed by Hall with representatives from each civic club.

A meeting of the planning group is scheduled tonight at 7:30 in the district court room of court house.

George Taylor, Oakland, Calif., is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Limerick, and with his son, Harold.

## [Incidentally]

Kiwanis club president, Earl Everett approved of the idea of Kiwanians selling tickets for the summer play program's benefit picture so much that he took twice as many as the member's allotment. He plans to sell them, too . . . Bruce Arthur, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Arthur, whose place proved a haven for travellers near Binger last night during the storm, like the rain so much he set out with a bucket to catch it full of water. Despite all the rain, the Arthurs well had been running dry . . . And speaking of the storm, a house on wheels might be just the thing; when you see a storm



approaching, just hitch it up and ride like the wind, in the other direction . . . The American Legion softball team must be lucky, indeed. The first Tuesday night they don't schedule a game, it rains cats and dogs.

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Nearly a half a hundred sightseers collected on the banks of the river this morning to watch the waters, while some came to fish.

A dike, approximately one and a half miles above the power plant broke early this morning, also, it was reported, diverting storm waters onto farm lands instead of allowing them to flow with the Washita.

The log jam from the power plant is stretching across the river bed at the Washita river bridge north of Anadarko on US 281. The highway department said that the jam would try to be broken before damage can result to the bridge.

The Washita, which is cutting a wide path along its meandering course, was cutting at noon at the south end of the north bridge near Fort Cobb with water running across road to the north and also in three places at the south approach to the two bridges.

Carl Johnson, of the state highway department here, said that "We fear the concrete bridge may go unless we can stop water from cutting into abutment."

The national guard and highway trucks were hauling sandbags and old car bodies to fill in, the hole.

## Graduation At Fort Cobb To Be Thursday

FORT COBB, May 18—(Special) Commencement exercises for Fort Cobb high school will be Thursday at 8 p. m.

The program will consist of "Serenade," (Schubert), by Lavada Ratliff; procession by the girls' chorus; invocation, Mildred Thomason; flag salute, Stanley Churchill; "Ave Maria," by the girls' chorus; salutatory address, Loretta Griffin.

Presentation of certificates and awards, Miss Georgia Metzger; valedictory, Imogene Renfro; presentation of diplomas, Raymond Smart, superintendent; "American Prayer," girls' chorus, and recessional, girls' chorus.

Class night for the graduating seniors of Fort Cobb was Tuesday night in the school auditorium.

Officers for the graduating class are Fred Hoops, president; Betty Jo Hall, vice president; Joyce Davis, secretary-treasurer. Sponsors were John Kusel and Marcella Morgan.

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A daylight check this morning of section lines from Anadarko north to U. S. 66 and from Verden west to Fort Cobb showed county roads complete quagmires.

Rural roads last night served as irrigation ditches into state and federal highways for water overflowing fields of cotton and wheat.

All three of the county commissioners districts were hit by road loss, with the area southeast of Binger and in the Fort Cobb and Carnegie areas suffering the heaviest damage.

## FDR, Jr., Says He Will Follow 'Liberal Lines'

NEW YORK, May 18—(U.P.)—Franklin D. Roosevelt, jr., elected to congress in the heaviest special election vote on record in New York City, dedicated himself today to "liberal and progressive" legislation.

"My record in behalf of veterans housing speakers for itself and my political philosophy," Roosevelt said.

The first of the late President's children to be elected to public office reiterated his campaign promises to support the legislative program of President Truman.

Roosevelt gave Tammany Hall, the Manhattan democratic machine a shellacking in his successful bid for the congressional seat of the late Rep. Sol Bloom.

Tammany frequently found itself on the losing end of fights with his father. Roosevelt could take office early next week, as soon as the results of the election grind through the official machinery, but he announced that he would leave tomorrow for a 10 day trip to Israel.

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## Martens Speaker In City Church

Iimar Jaan Martens will speak at 7:40 p. m. today in the sanctuary of the Presbyterian church following a dinner at 6:30 p. m. in the basement of the church, it was announced today.

Martens' address was earlier announced for 8 p. m., but has been changed to 7:40 p. m.

Both the dinner and address are open to the public. Dinner guests are asked to bring a covered dish.

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## Red Cross Aid

Kenneth Thompson, county Red Cross disaster chairman, and Don Bell, Anadarko Red Cross disaster chairman, made arrangements for the group to remain at the Bon Ton courts for the night. By mid-morning today, the school bus which transported the students was on its way home via Chickasha and El Reno.

Crews of telephone workers, meanwhile, are working on lines between Anadarko and Gracemont and Anadarko and Fort Cobb. Since late Tuesday, there has been no means of telephone communication between those two points.

## Bus Schedules North, West Halted Today

Bus schedules to and from Anadarko were temporarily halted west and north of Anadarko today, although the regular schedule is expected to resume later today or early Thursday, station agents said today.

North bound busses have been routed to Chickasha, then north to El Reno because a washed out bridge on White Bread creek made the highway between Gracemont and the Binger Y impassable.

All busses from the east have made their routes as far as Anadarko, but none have continued west. There were no busses from the west expected today because of high flood waters in the Fort Cobb area.

A Binger school bus transporting students who spent the day outing in Craterville park, stopped in Anadarko for the night, unable to reach home.

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## Motorist Fined \$25 For Reckless Driving

Willard Oaks, 19, Minco, has been fined \$25 and costs of \$10.55 in justice of peace court on a charge of reckless driving as aftermath to an accident Sunday in which \$225 property damage resulted.

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## Courthouse's Record Loss Hits \$1,000

Loss of valuable county records was threatened here last night when water poured through the roof of the Caddo county courthouse and into the courthouse basement.

Tom Moran, county engineer, reported a loss of approximately \$1,000 in blue print tracings on farm-to-market road projects. Rain leaking through the roof washed ink from tracings which Moran had stored in his office.

Moran said that water also poured into the courthouse basement faster than two men could divert the flow into a sewer drain. Stored in the basement are old county records and Moran said that water reached the lower level of those in storage.

Water was also covering the floor and records in other offices at the courthouse when officials opened for business this morning.

Included with those threatened by rain damage were the vaults of the deputy court clerk and county clerk and the offices of the court clerk, county surveyor, county attorney, county treasurer and county judge.

## Lot Of Rain For Anadarko? 7.10 Inches In 1908

So you think Anadarko's 4.04 inches of rain was a lot?

Local weather observer John Pfaff came up with records today showing that the rainfall was only the seventh most severe one experienced here.

The worst was May 23-24 in 1908 when a staggering 7.10 inches of rain pelted down on early-day Anadarkoans.

Second was October 2 and 3 in 1944 when 6.23 inches fell, while third place was June 1, 1932, when 5.25 inches were recorded. Next was March 4, 1933, 4.65 inches; and June 6, 1941, with 4.55.

The sixth most heavy was May 9 and 10 but no year was listed, although Pfaff said he had the date of the year elsewhere.

In descending order from yesterday's torrential downpours, were the following:

May 15, 16, 1947, 4.34; September 1, 1934, 4.16; August 15, 1945, 3.69 inches; July 27, 1945, 3.40; June 19, 1947, 3.31; and September 19, 1942, 3.25.

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Two cars were stalled at the Apache Y for some time after running off the road during the heavy rain. A gas main was broken between Anadarko and Fort Cobb, and the State Fuel Supply company this morning reported that 12 workmen were placing a two-inch line around the break.

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Hospital Notes  
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Dismissed were Dennis Lee Cowan, Cement; Judy Tannery, Binger; Mrs. Herbert Allison, Anadarko; Mrs. Kenneth Sullaway and infant son, Anadarko; Mrs. Neff Brower and baby.

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## BULLETINS

A highway patrol airplane today spotted a family trapped on the roof of a house about two miles west of Anadarko. Troopers in the plane said they were not sure how many persons were on the top of the house, which was half-submerged by flood waters from the nearby Washita.

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While only about 60 per cent of all cotton to be planted was in the ground, officials declared that "all cotton will have to be replanted."

Question in the minds of farmers was whether or not sufficient seed would be available for replanting. However, it is believed that enough seed will be obtainable, since many farmers who had not yet planted have seed on hand.

At the same time, it was reported that some wheat had been blown down by winds and hail, although damage to that crop was said not to be great.

Only a few peanuts were in the ground, so damage was not extensive. However, all row crops, especially on sandy lands, suffered greatest losses.

## More Storms Forecast As One Missing

By United Press

Additional thunderstorms were forecast for central and eastern Oklahoma today and flood threats remained in the wake of overnight downpours which left a Seminole woman missing and presumed drowned.

The mid-morning forecast called for partly cloudy over most of the company said the new rates, if approved, would increase gross revenues 15 per cent in Arkansas, 12 per cent in Kansas and eight per cent in Missouri. An undetermined amount of added income was also expected through a hike in rates for directory advertising.

Missing after the wild winds and heavy rains which lashed Oklahoma last night was Mrs. Norweita (Bobbie) Chatman, 26, Seminole. She was presumed drowned after she was swept away from a fence post to which she and three other persons had been clinging.

Mrs. Chatman, her sister, Mrs. Florence Kuykendall, Seminole, and Corbin Bland, Holdenville, and Bill Wright, Seminole, were driving into Seminole when their car stalled in water rushing across a State Highway 89 from Wewoka creek.

They left the car and fought through shoulder-deep water to a fence post. They clung to the post and to each other but the water pulled Mrs. Chatman from the grasp of Bland and washed her downstream.