

State Deluged; Campus Is Knee Deep in Water

Oklahoma City and most of the state's west central section were lashed by a wild storm Tuesday night.

In the city's southwestern section, scores of windows were shattered and a dozen front porches were left sagging by a high wind which tore away the supports.

The storm turned Norman and the University of Oklahoma campus into a river. Five inches of rain fell in less than three hours, filling streets, yards and basements with water.

At midnight, the highway patrol said there was no way to get to Norman from the north. The "football road" and U. S. 77 both were under several feet of water.

Two tornadoes and a four-inch rain in as many hours wrecked at least six Caddo county farm houses, flooded roads and left one town isolated.

Gracemont Isolated

Gracemont, eight miles north of Anadarko, was cut from outside communication about 6 p. m. when high winds ripped away electrical and telephone lines. Residents of the town were completely marooned two hours later by flash floods north and south across SH 8, only highway serving the small community.

Deputies in the sheriff's office at Anadarko said creeks feeding into the Washita river in that area were widening rapidly.

One of them four miles north of the Caddo county seat was reported nearly a mile across at 11 p. m.

One of the two twisters hit 2½ miles east of Binger. Watt Corruith, deputy sheriff, said he was driving toward Binger shortly after 5 p. m., when he saw the tornado cone dip to the ground.

Part of SH 9 Washed Away

He said three farm homes were damaged by the storm, but no one was hurt.

Two more houses were blown away by a second tornado at 8:15 p. m. three miles west of Anadarko, and another was demolished by high winds east of Gracemont.

The four-inch cloudburst left Anadarko's streets curb-deep with water, and cars were stalled at many low points in the city where it reached depths of three to four feet.

A portion of SH 9 four miles east of Carnegie was washed away. Six inches of rain fell there between 5:30 and 9 p. m.

Several Carnegie families were taken with their belongings to high ground in the west section of town. Water in a number of downtown stores was four inches deep.

Corruith said he returned to Anadarko from Binger by way of Carnegie, then tried to get through to Gracemont. His effort failed a few miles north, however, when he found the road under six to eight feet of water.

Basements Fill Up

Except for the two twisters and winds reported at Gracemont, all Caddo county damage was done by rain and floods. The cloudburst was accompanied by thunder and lightning, but no continuous wind or hail.

The deluge at Norman began about 7 p. m., and by 11 p. m. most of the city's streets were impassable. From the center of the streets water overflowed two and three inches deep onto sidewalks and front yards. Basements were filling up by 8 p. m.

Cut-off creek, south of Norman, ran wild. Police warned traffic to use caution in crossing the bridge on U. S. 77 as the swift current weakened bridge supports. The highway south of Norman, however, still was open at midnight.

At least one fraternity house, Pi Lambda Phi, at OU was flooded with a few inches of water on the first floor. City and university firemen were swamped with calls for help as city residents tried to keep water from the upper floors of their homes.

Water began pouring into downtown Norman stores about 10:30, and some owners tried to move their merchandise to upper floors.

In homes and dormitories, students

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13,200 TEXANS



This (AP) Wirephoto graphically demonstrates the extent of Fort Worth's flood. More pictures

Toll Road Kept Alive by Senate

By Otis Sullivant

Gov. Turner Tuesday won a smashing victory in the state senate in his effort to keep alive the proposed toll road between Oklahoma City and Tulsa and borrow funds from Reconstruction Finance Corp., to finance it.

By vote of 33 to 11, the senate passed the bill extending the life of the Oklahoma Turnpike authority for two years. The issue will be checked to the house of representatives for final determination.

Gov. Turner wants the bill to back him up in his efforts to get the RFC board of directors to approve a loan of \$33 millions to the state to finance the project.

The bill passed extends life of the authority for two years, removes provision for the corporation commission to fix the toll charges on the road, and authorizes issuance of bonds for maximum of 40 instead of 35 years.

Otherwise, it retains the law fought through the legislature two years ago as the only means in sight to build an adequate, four-lane divided highway between Tulsa and Oklahoma City. The project would be financed from tolls, and the governor says the engineering and traffic surveys show the project is feasible and can be built for \$33,700,000.

It was obvious in the consideration of the bill that the administration had lined up the votes to pass it with the emergency clause attached.

J. A. Rinehart, floor leader, called it up after the upper house went under call of the house. Right-of-way for opposition to the bill was given to Everett S. Collins, Sapulpa, and

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Southern Baptists to Start Serious Business Here Today

The Southern Baptist convention gets under way in earnest Wednesday morning with dynamic President Robert G. Lee, Memphis, presiding.

Including the Women's Missionary union which closed its sessions Tuesday night, there are more than 12,000 out-of-town Baptists from 22 states and a dozen foreign countries.

Along with the 40,000 or more local Baptists the visitors are a cinch to jam 30,000 into Taft stadium for five gigantic night meetings. There won't be standing room anywhere for the 10 daytime meetings in Municipal auditorium where WMU has already jampacked every meeting of its three-day session.

Among the many from foreign countries is Dr. Jacob Meister, president of the Baptist convention of Germany.

Dr. Meister says Germany is in the beginning of a mammoth religious awakening with 20,000 Baptists baptized since the end of World war II.

Dr. Meister has been in this country only 14 days and draws on his English learned years ago in school. He can't always find the exact word he wants to use.

Dr. Meister was not at all sure he wanted to talk to a reporter.

"I'm not a political—just a pastor," he insisted.

Dr. Meister says there are 100,000 Baptists in Germany and about 450 churches. Thirty churches with a membership of 12,000 are in Berlin.

The minister is not a German. He was born in Zurich, Switzerland, but has spent most of his 36 years as a Baptist minister in Germany and eastern Europe. He was in Danzig during World war I and in Berlin for the second world war.

He studied for the ministry at Hamburg seminary from 1909-13.

His only concession to comment on

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Econo Loses

WASHINGTON

The congress suffered a major setback when the senate canceled a cut it.

The bill, passed a series of roll calls to the house changes.

By a 43-41 vote, the senate voided its action, sending the appropriations bill to pare \$11 million.

Then it rejected a substitute reduction which would have a smaller cut.

The motion from the committee Green (D. R.) funds to run the federal government for the year starting in 1950.

The original bill for a 5 percent cut would not pass in the house.

A number of Democrats and some vote against the bill through the bill.

Democrats and Thomas, both of

Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb.

The legislature control rents in the state, passed 23-10, housing expedient for the year ending November 1 that longer necessary.

Young FDR Wins Race for Congress

NEW YORK, May 17—(AP)—Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. won his bid for a seat in congress Tuesday night in a smashing triumph over a Tammany-supported Democrat and two other candidates.

Roosevelt amassed 41,146 votes on the Liberal and Four Freedoms parties tickets.

His closest rival, Tammany-backed municipal court Justice Benjamin Shalleck, Democrat, had 24,352. William McIntyre, Republican, had 10,020. Annette Rubinstein, American Labor, got 5,348.

The bitterly fought special election, fought over the seat of the late Sol Bloom, brought an exceedingly heavy turnout of voters.

Roosevelt will serve until the next regular election in November, 1950.

UN Rejects British, Italian Colonial Plan

NEW YORK, May 18 (Wednesday)—(AP)—The United Nations assembly rejected completely Wednesday the Bevin-Sforza plan to divide the former Italian colonial empire among Italy, Britain, France and Ethiopia. The vote was 14 for to 37 against.