

Texas Slaying Suspect Hears His Confession

Statement Describes How Trouble Shooter Was Shot to Death

By Paul Swain
(Daily Oklahoman Staff Writer)

AMARILLO, May 11—The state opened its case against Evald Johnson shortly before noon Thursday with the signed confession of the red-haired Michigan man admitting he beat W. A. "Tex" Thornton to death with the oilman's own pistol.

With all preliminaries out of the way, George McCarthy, special prosecutor, Thursday began to build, step-by-step, the case which the state hopes will send Johnson to the electric chair.

The first witness was Branch Archer, assistant district attorney, who said he and Sheriff Paul Galtner took Johnson's confession the night he was brought here from Michigan under arrest.

No Objections Made

McCarthy then offered the four-page typewritten statement as a part of the state's case. After the statement was examined during the noon recess, E. T. "Dusty" Miller, defense lawyer, offered no objections and the confession became a part of the evidence.

As McCarthy began to read the statement to the jury, Johnson showed his first signs of nervousness. Since Monday he has been sitting quietly at the council table watching the proceedings attentively with no signs of emotion other than intense interest.

As the special prosecutor began to read the statement, Johnson brushed his mouth nervously with his fingers and watched the listening jury wide-eyed.

Afternoon's Events Related

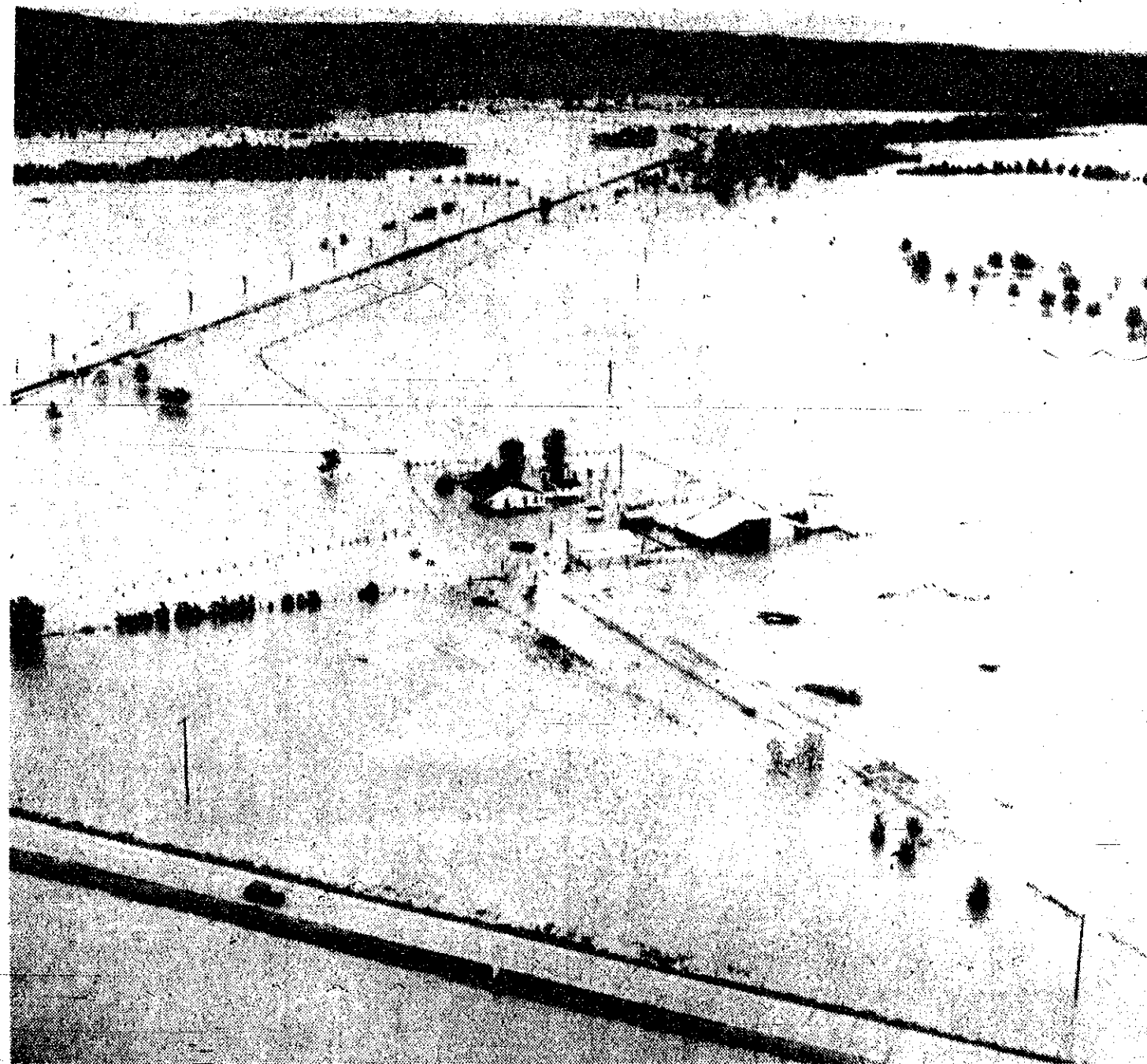
In the statement read by McCarthy, Johnson related how Thornton, 57-year-old oilwell trouble-shooter, stopped his car outside Tucumcari, N. M., the afternoon of June 22 last

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year and picked up Johnson and his pretty 18-year-old wife, Diana.

He said the three stopped at San Jon, N. M., for several drinks and then drove to Amarillo after buying whisky to drink along the way.

Johnson's statement, said he was driving Thornton's car when they arrived at an Amarillo tourist court where the three registered at a two-bedroom cabin.



—Daily Oklahoman Staff Photo by Bill Johnson, taken from Chartered Plane.

A sea of water laps at the edge of first-floor window sills near Gore, where the Illinois and Arkansas rivers converge.

Two Men Missing, Flood Toll Now Four; 1,000 Are Homeless

Flood Air View: Stranded Cows, Isolated Homes

Soil Rolling Away Too as Motorists Park and Watch

By Bill Van Dyke
(Daily Oklahoman Staff Writer)

MUSKOGEE, May 11—Marks of Oklahoma's torrential rains are visible from the moment you are airborne.

Pools of water stand in low areas on both sides of the North Canadian river. Drainage ditches move gray-colored streaks of oil from old slush pits and oil-field installations in every direction.

The streams of water begin to swell into minor flood-stage as the North Canadian slowly snakes its way southward.

Near Shawnee, fields stand buried under rain and flood water. A herd of 25 or 30 cattle stands unmoving on a large island surrounded by water. A black horse, knee-deep in the back water, contentedly munches at tall grass.

Wooden Bridge Marooned

Six or seven miles northeast of Shawnee, the looping North Canadian has gone on both sides of a wooden bridge. The wooden platform stands marooned in the middle of the torrent as motorists on either side gaze curiously at the washout.

South of Holdenville where new lumber and wreckage marks the path of the recent tornado, the South Canadian river is running bank full. Big trees are perched on mid-stream sand bars.

Motorists line U. S. 76 on both sides of the bridge near Calvin to watch the oily waters churn by.

Cottonwoods Bob In Stream

A few miles downstream near Hanna and Indianola the South Canadian

Water Receding in Central, Southern Sections of State, but Eastern Areas Brace as New Crests Are Expected

By Charles Etheridge

Oklahoma's south central creeks and rivers were slowing a three-day rampage late Thursday. The toll was two dead, two missing and more than 1,000 temporarily homeless.

At the same time east central Sequoyah county was evacuating almost whole towns in the path of the cresting Illinois and Grand rivers.

The weatherman promised relief in the form of fair skies and warmer temperatures over the entire state for Friday.

The dead:

MRS. HAZEL DALEN, 29, Shawnee.

JACK KING, 25, Shawnee.

Missing are Jack Hedrick and Aubrey Faucett, both of Pauls Valley.

Faucett and Hedrick were in a motorboat with three other persons on flood-swollen Rush creek in Pauls Valley Thursday noon when the boat overturned in the raging current.

Gilbert Ward, his teen-aged daughter, Carlotta, and Norman Busey, other passengers in the boat, were rescued.

Late Thursday afternoon Faucett and Hedrick were still missing and had not been reported seen.

Only Hope Is a Tree

Nina Ross, Daily Oklahoman correspondent in Pauls Valley said, "It's pretty certain they're still in the creek. They may be hanging on a tree somewhere."

Mrs. Dalen and King lost their lives when flooded Salt Creek in southern Pottawatomie county swept an automobile in which they were riding off a bridge on SH 18 about 9:30 p. m. Early Thursday Dwain Davis, Tecumseh, swam out with life preservers and rescued two other occupants of the car. Marie Berry, 23, and Floyd Shackelford, 23, both of Shawnee, had spent several hours clinging to a tree-top just above the turbulent water.

Worst hit in the central area were Duncan, where 150 were made homeless; Pauls Valley, 250 homeless; Comanche, at least 220 homeless, and Waurika, where the homeless estimate varied from 250 to 500 late Thursday.

In all these communities, the waters were receding and the Red Cross had made arrangements to care for those forced out of homes.

Church Camp Damaged

At Tablachuck late Thursday Flood

500 Flee As Water Seeps Over Waurika

By Al Kaff

(Daily Oklahoman Staff Writer)

WAURIKA, May 11—Muddy, brown waters from swollen Cow and Beaver creeks lapped over 50 Waurika blocks Thursday night, sending 500 persons from their homes.

Gorged by nearly 12 inches of rain, the normally peaceful streams left their banks and covered about a third of this Jefferson county seat of 3,500 persons.

But the worst appeared over unless new rains fall. The flood here reached a peak at 10 a. m. Thursday.

At that time, water covered better than half the town, in some places to depths of four and five feet. Only the northeast section, located on high ground, escaped inundation.

During the afternoon, the water slowly retreated, leaving red mud stains along store fronts on Main street and houses at the flood's

Girl Hears Hundreds Plead, Jumps Seven Floors to Death

PHILADELPHIA, May 11—(AP)—A 25-year-old honey blonde calmly ignored the pleas of hundreds of people Thursday and jumped to her death from the seventh floor of the Grant building in midtown Pittsburgh.

Jeanne Ann Williams, a hotel elevator operator, leaped just as the screaming siren of a police car broke the tense silence of the spectators. For nearly 10 minutes the girl sat or stood on a window sill overlooking a parking lot.

"Don't jump, don't jump," shouted

Safeway Chain Workers Strike

Employees Here Due To Quit Work Today

Sixty-five truckers and warehousemen employed by Safeway Stores are scheduled to walk off the job Friday morning in a dispute over wages.

Police Breath Sniffer Looks Good to Judge

THE drunkometer passed its first court test in Oklahoma Thursday.

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The gadget, a sharper breath
meter than a mad wife, is recog-
nized as legal evidence in 33 states
but Oklahoma courts had never
assessed on the question before.

Oklahoma City's drunkometer has
been used previously in police court
uses.

Ralph Richard Price, 3320 S Shar-
l, Thursday became the first per-
son to get convicted in a court of
record on evidence provided chiefly
by the drunkometer.

HE was arrested February 16 by
the highway patrol in Nicoma-
rka. The officers said his automom-
eter had weaved on the highway.
They took him to the police station
where he was given the drunkometer
test.

Results of the test were offered in
common pleas court Thursday and
Erroll Samara, attorney, objected
to grounds the machine had never
been adequately tested.

Judge Crismore overruled his ob-
jection. At the end of the state's
testimony, the attorney then asked
for a directed verdict on grounds
evidence would have been insuffi-
cient for a conviction without that
evidence provided by the drunkometer.

Judge Crismore overruled this
objection and a jury then found the
defendant guilty of drunk driving
and left punishment to the court.
The judge set sentencing date for
May 20.

AMES HORGAN, county attor-
ney's evidence officer, who di-
rected a non-alcoholic demon-
stration of the machine in court,
said later the ruling will be a big
boost to the state in future prosecu-
tions.

He agreed with the defense attor-
ney that the drunkometer evi-
dence probably was the major fac-
tor in convincing the jury.

Price had a good defense. He ad-
mitted he had had a few beers but
denied he was intoxicated. He
denied the weaving of his automom-
eter on faulty steering mechanism.
An expert mechanic testified he had
examined the automobile a short
time before the arrest and had
advised Price it should be fixed.
Resting officers said they could
not smell the odor of intoxicants but
Price said Price did not stagger and
he talked coherently and was
belligerent with officers.

HE big question then was—how
much had Price drunk and what
effect had it had on him.
Lieut. Stiles Gunn, police officer,
demonstrated workings of the ma-
chine. You first blow your breath
into a balloon. This is then connected
to a tube which carries the breath
to a solution of chemicals. The
solution is registered on a meter.

The meter says .150, there is
an assumption that the person tested
is intoxicated, experts testified. Price
had .155, slightly above the pre-
scriptive level.
Dr. Paul Smith, of the University
of Oklahoma medical school, ex-
plained to jurors how alcohol, when
it goes into the blood and is
detected on the breath.

China Aid Approved

WASHINGTON, May 11—(AP)—A
House committee approved \$8
million for famine relief in commu-
nist China Thursday as part of the
overall foreign aid bill.

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of the bridge near Calvin to watch the
oil waters churn by.

Cottonwoods Bob in Stream

A few miles downstream near Han-
na, and Indianola, the South Cana-
dian has been reported to work Cottonwoods
melt slowly from the sandy banks and
bob downstream, bright green patches
on the clay-red water.

Below Eufaula, there's a colorful
contrast where the North Canadian,
almost chocolate in color, and the
bright red South Canadian converge.
Thousands of acres of land are flooded
by the backed-up North Canadian.

South of Gore, near Vian, the flood-
swollen Arkansas and Canadian meet
in a swirling tide that spreads over
complete farms. Houses, barns and
haystacks stand out occasionally in
the mile-wide spread of water.

Two men look up curiously but do
not pause in their back-breaking jobs
of rowing one boat and towing another
across the swirling river.

Highway, Railway Blocked

Near Gore and Webber Falls, where
overflow water from Greenleaf lake
and the Illinois river have joined the
Arkansas, U. S. 64 stands under several
feet of water.

At least two miles of the highway
and an equal amount of Missouri
Pacific railroad trackage is blocked
by the waters.

At Tenkiller dam on the Illinois
river, upstream from Gore, water is
pouring around the end of the huge
earthen dam. The floodwater swirled
into the contractor's equipment on
the upstream side of the dam. It also
plunged through the hydro-electric
tunnels where forms and scaffolding
were carried away.

Bill Boland, resident U. S. engineer
on the project, reported no damage
to the dam, but said property of the
construction firm was damaged sev-
eral thousand dollars.

The \$46 millions Fort Gibson dam
impounding water on the Grand filled
to a level not expected before 1951.
All 20 gates were open and water
four feet deep was pouring out of
the reservoir.

The Grand below the dam was in
its banks and apparently under con-
trol.

Red Raid Held Illegal

PANAMA, May 11—(AP)—A court
ruled Thursday that a recent police
raid on Communist party headquar-
ters here was not properly authorized.
It ordered confiscated documents re-
turned and the police ban on the
headquarters lifted.

Cook Wants Home For Girls Locked

Buck Cook, state commissioner of
charities and corrections, said Thurs-
day he immediately will serve notice
on J. O. Bailey, former chiropractor,
to close a home for unmarried moth-
ers he operates in Ada.

The commissioner went to Ada
Thursday morning to investigate the
"retreat and/or rescue home for un-
fortunate girls."

In the event he refuses, a perma-
nent injunction will be sought on
grounds Bailey does not have a license
to operate a maternity home.

Bailey Monday was charged in
Dewey county with illegally repre-
senting himself to be a doctor. He
pleaded innocent.

Cook said his investigation is based
on reports, backed up by affidavits,
of a black market in babies.

Thursday.
In all these communities, the waters
were receding and the Red Cross had
made arrangements to care for those
forced out of homes.

Church Camp Damaged

At Tahlequah late Thursday, Fred
Hudlin, police chief, reported U. S. 64
which had been closed by high water
on the Illinois just east of Tahle-
quah had been reopened to light traf-

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He said the river had fallen 12
feet or more in the preceding 24 hours.

Hudlin said only flood damage near
Tahlequah was to unoccupied Nazarene
church camp buildings and
grounds on the river. He estimated
damage to the camp at \$20,000.

At Gore near the convergence of
the Illinois and Arkansas, Mags Stan-
hope, police chief, said the Missouri-
Pacific tracks and U. S. 64 were still
under four feet of water, but that
represented a decline of 18 inches
during the day. He said the level was
still receding and the flood threat
there appeared to be over.

U. S. army engineers reported 140-
000 cubic feet of water a second was
surging into the Fort Gibson reser-
voir from Grand river.

The water filled the reservoir's
power pool and was pouring over the
spillway in a wall three feet high.
Below the dam, waters of both Grand
and Illinois were pouring into the
rapidly cresting Arkansas.

Sequoyah county was evacuating its
rich truck farming lands in the face
of the high water warnings.

New Crest Expected

The Red Cross was pushing evacu-
ation of Arkansas river bottom com-
munities in eastern Sequoyah county
Thursday night as U. S. engineers
predicted a 35-foot crest on the Ar-
kansas by Friday—higher than the
disastrous flood of 1945.

The Red Cross officials at Sallisaw
indicated they were skeptical the wa-
ters would reach that high but con-
tinued the evacuation at top speed.

Up the Illinois, waters from Tahle-
quah to Gore where the Illinois flows
into the Arkansas were falling steady-
ly. The same was true along the
Grand river where the Fort Gibson
reservoir seemed to be taking care of
most of the excess.

High Crop Damage Feared

Mrs. Boyd Roper executive sec-
retary of the Sequoyah county chapter
of American Red Cross, said residents
from Moffett, Pawpaw, Greenwood
junction and Roland in the river bot-
toms have been moved out. They are
being quartered temporarily at Fort
Smith, Ark.

The expected crest would do lots of
damage to crops in the area. Sequo-
yah leads all other Oklahoma coun-
ties in bottom land vegetable acreage.

Wheeler Mayo, Sallisaw publisher,
gave this estimate:

"It'll play the devil with spinach
which we're harvesting now. It's going

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Boy's Arm Broken When Hit by Auto

Harry McDaniels, 13, of 326 NW 10,
suffered a fractured left arm Thurs-
day when struck by an automobile as
he crossed the street in the 1000 block
N Robinson. He was taken to Mercy
hospital.

Aura Jefferson French, 37, of 721
NE 10, driver of the automobile, told
police he swerved in an effort to miss
the boy. Harry was caught by the left
fender, French said the boy was run-
ning across the street with two com-
panions when the accident occurred.
He is the son of H. A. McDaniels.

depths of four and five feet.
Only the northeast section, located
on high ground, escaped inundation.
During the afternoon, the water
slowly retreated, leaving red mud
stains along store fronts on Main
street and houses at the flood's
fringe.

BUT at nightfall Thursday, water
still churned and flowed around
an estimated 250 houses. No deaths
or injuries were reported. And Red
Cross and highway patrol workers
said they expect no health problem
in wake of the flood.

Clouds blanketed the town all day
but cleared away after sundown
while the floodwaters continued to
recede.

The Waurika water flowed out of
Cow creek, which was filled by
nearly 12 inches of water in the
Comanche area, and Beaver creek,
filled by heavy rains to the north-
west. The two streams flow togeth-
er in the northwest part of Waurika.

The streams started rising Tues-
day night. The first crest from
Tuesday rain hit here Wednesday
night. Some people started moving
out of their homes then.

Additional rains Wednesday
poured more water into the two
creeks and the second crest arrived
in Waurika about 4 a. m. Thursday.

BUT the town already was alerted.
Glenn Parr and Lyle Baker,
state highway troopers, and Jerry
Brandon, chairman of the Jefferson
county Red Cross disaster commit-
tee, spent the early hours Thursday
patrolling the two rivers.

At sunup Thursday, the evacu-
ation started in earnest. By early
afternoon, everyone had been moved
from the flooded area.

W. A. "Bill" Fowler, Waurika po-
lice chief, credited this early patrol
work with preventing any drownings
or injuries. Fowler, who lost his
left hand when shot by unknown as-
sailants last February, and P. Lar-
gent, Waurika mayor, directed the
evacuation.

The Red Cross sent the mobile
canteen from Wichita Falls, Texas,
and a mobile kitchen from Okla-
homa City. Hot meals were served
Thursday night to all persons left
homeless.

The Red Cross will continue to
serve meals until the emergency
ends, said Dave K. Spradling, Wau-
rika attorney, executive secretary of
the Jefferson county Red Cross.

TWO truckloads of army cots and
blankets arrived here early
Thursday night from Fort Sill.
Lieut. Clarence F. Thomas, 377th
transportation truck company, said
he did not know how many cots and
blankets his men brought down.

"When we got the call for help,
we just loaded up two trucks with
as much as they would carry and
left for Waurika," Thomas said.

The cots were set up on the sec-
ond floor of the Waurika National
bank building. About half of the
homeless are being housed in the
bank building and in the Jefferson
county court house. Friends and
relatives were taking care of the
others.

Spradling said relief workers do
not expect to need any more out-
side help.

"We've got everyone out of the
flooded area," he said. "And every-
body has a place to sleep. We
shouldn't have any trouble with our
water supply because our deep well
and filter plant are on high ground."

Gas Company workers worked
into the night cutting off the
gas supply to the flooded houses.
Many persons left their homes with

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pilot and water heaters still burning, said Ewing Gist, manager of the Lone Star Natural Gas Co. here. Gist said he and his three servicemen will cut gas service to about 250 houses before Friday morning to prevent fire.

Dean Allen opened his Etuard hotel to flood victims. Nearly 20 persons were bedded down in a room just off the lobby.

Relief workers evacuated two invalids. Mrs. Laura Lynch, elderly widow who broke her hip two years ago, was carried from her home in an ambulance cot by rescue workers wading knee deep in water. She was taken to the Waurika hospital.

MRS. L. J. WHEITSELL, also bedfast with a broken hip, was carried from her house to the home of a neighbor. Water was rushing over her front porch when she was removed safely.

Typical of the homeless who ate beef stew and drank milk provided by the Red Cross was Mrs. Theresa Cole, 36, mother of three children. "I have David here with me," she said pointing to a 3-year-old boy at her side near the mobile kitchen. "We are going to spend the night at the hotel. My other two boys, Gordon and Richard, are staying with friends."

But Mrs. Cole received an extra blow from the flood. "I just moved into my house last week. We just got the furniture in and settled down when this came along. I suppose we will be forever cleaning the mud out."

C. L. FLETCHER, 72, and his family stacked up their furniture and clothes on saw horses before they left their home. The swift waters washed away Fletcher's hen house but his chickens were saved. "I saw the water was going to carry away the hen house," said Fletcher. "I couldn't do anything about it because I can't walk around much any more. But my neighbors came on over and got all my chickens out before the house went downstream."

Mrs. May B. Talley, who homesteaded in Waurika nearly 50 years ago, told evacuation workers she would not leave her house, surrounded by floodwaters. Mrs. Talley said she would rather remain at home. She lives with her niece, Miss Molly White, a retired school teacher.

Eleven-year-old Arden Dures saved the lives of two small kittens. "I found them in somebody's front yard," said the boy whose trousers pockets bulged with a kitten a piece. They were trapped by water. They couldn't get off. I picked them up and now I want to keep them."

Floods are nothing new to Waurika. In 1908 and 1941 the two streams boiled out into floods almost as big as this one.

High Waters Close More Interstate Roads

The state highway department late Thursday announced these highway closings in addition to those previously closed and still in effect:

SH 39 is closed west of Mayville; 48 north of Tupelo; SH 21, 12 east of Coalgate; SH 9 east of Waurika and east of Tulsa.

The survey at Duncan showed about 40 families homeless, and at least 65 families suffered losses. Gregory counted 10 homes destroyed and 80 more were damaged as were eight business houses. He estimated the

Two More Lost In State Floods; 1,000 Homeless

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to ruin several hundred acres of potatoes and beans. And there's lots of land in tomatoes and corn.

"Water this high always kills a lot of alfalfa, too."

City Truck Driver Rescued
Just west of Gore in eastern Sequoyah county, truck driver R. B. "Bob" Williams, 37, Oklahoma City, saved his life by tying himself to a tree after the raging Illinois swept his loaded cattle truck off U. S. 64.

Williams took to the tree a few feet above the flood and kept his lonely and fearsome vigil more than seven hours. He was rescued by two Illinois river fishermen who went bobbing over the churning flood in a small boat.

Highway patrolmen were looking for a big boat to safely navigate the angry flood when Melvin Dameron and son George took Williams off his roof at 10:15 a. m. and brought him to shore. The truck owned by Hays Trucking Co., Oklahoma City, was covered with water and the 40 cattle aboard were presumed drowned.

Water Rising Foot an Hour
Williams was taken to a hospital and treated for shock and exposure. Hospital attendants said he was pretty weak but was responding to treatment.

The state highway department reported late Thursday the Illinois at the point where Williams was trapped at one time was rising at the rate of a foot an hour. A dirt fill adjacent to a Missouri Pacific railroad trestle west of Gore had been washed out badly and no trains are being allowed to pass that way.

Back at Pauls Valley, water which had been as high as three feet deep over the entire business district was receding. The three persons rescued after the boat overturned were hospitalized for shock and exposure treatment.

The Red Cross and national guard units had things under comparative control. The 250 persons evacuated from flooded homes were bedded down in the Garvin county courthouse, the Santa Fe station, city hall and an elementary school. Most are Negroes.

Cots and Blankets Sent In
At Waurika, Mrs. Dave Spradling, wife of the local Red Cross home service director, estimated 300 homeless and two homes washed away.

Red Cross canteens from both Wichita Falls, Texas, and Oklahoma City were dispatched. Red Cross workers from Sheppard airforce base were on hand under direction of J. B. Green, Red Cross field director at the base. Mrs. Cliff Deaton, manager of the Wichita Falls ARC chapter was also there. Two hundred cots and 400 blankets were sent to Waurika from Fort Sill.

H. M. Gregory, ARC field director at Fort Sill, made preliminary surveys in both Duncan and Comanche Thursday afternoon and declared both towns disaster areas.

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adultery with his wife. The defense lawyer has indicated that this will be the story Johnson will tell when he takes the stand in his own defense.

The expected dismissal of murder charges against Diana did not take place Thursday and Lloyd King, district attorney, and McCarthy still refused to comment on that possibility.

Byran Singleton, attorney for the young woman, says the state has "promised to dismiss the indictment against Diana."

E. O. Northcutt, formerly of Pauls Valley, who is assisting Miller in the defense, Thursday said he will make a "vigorous protest" if the state attempts to dismiss his case against Diana in the presence of the husband's trial jury.

The courtroom of the forty-seventh district criminal court was jammed with spectators Thursday as the state began to present its case.

No Soft Drinks Allowed
The blond, wood-paneled room has a seating capacity of only 154 but at least 300, about half of them women—some carrying small babies—crowded into the room, lining the walls and standing in the aisles.

Judge Henry B. Bishop told the crowd before the jury entered the room he would tolerate only the most orderly behavior from them. He told the spectators they would not be allowed to bring sandwiches, bottled soft drinks or newspapers into the courtroom.

"This is not a place where dinner will be served on the ground," the white-haired jurist remarked. He also warned that sitting on the back of courtroom benches "doesn't look proper."

T. A. Popejoy, operator of the New Mexico bar where Thornton and the young couple stopped for drinks on their way to Amarillo, was the second witness.

Two Clocks, Two Times
He said he had known Thornton for 25 years and the oilman frequently stopped at his bar.

Popejoy brought a titter of amusement from the spectators when McCarthy asked what time the trio entered his place.

He said he had two clocks, one central standard and the other mountain time, in his place of business. "We're right on the line," he explained.

He said the clock on the "east wall" was about 4 p. m. central standard time when the three were in his place. The clock on the "west wall," he said, was "about one-hour slower."

Popejoy described the clothing worn by both Johnson and Diana in detail and said he later identified Johnson in a showup with four other prisoners at the Potter county jail.

Other Identification Denied
The bar man denied identifying a man at Garden City, Kan., and a girl at Springfield, Colo., during the investigation that followed Thornton's death.

He told Miller he "looked" at a man in Garden City and a girl in Colorado but did not identify either as the people he had seen with the slain oilman.

Popejoy's son, Roy, 15, substantiated his father's story.

identifying anyone else as the people he saw with Thornton in San Jon, N. M.

Jimmy Briggs, gas station attendant at Adrian, Texas, told of the three stopping at his station for gasoline. He was unable to identify Johnson as the driver of the car.

Fred Fairleigh, Enid, who was manager of the Park Plaza tourist court here and later moved to Oklahoma, said he rented the death cabin to the three people.

Young Woman Registers
He said a young woman registered for "E. O. Johnson, Detroit," and the \$8.50 rental for the cabin was paid. He said they arrived about 8:20 p. m. on June 22.

It was the following morning, Fairleigh said, that a maid called him to cabin No. 18 and told him something was wrong.

"I first thought she said someone was sick in the bathroom," he told the jury Thursday. "When I went into the cabin, no one was in the bathroom, but someone was covered up on the bed in the back bedroom."

"When I looked the second time, I saw blood on the corner of the bedspread and called police."

Fairleigh was followed on the witness stand by Donald Sipes, police department fingerprint man and photographer who made pictures of the cabin and Thornton's body, and Charlie Thompson, 40-year-old Negro porter, who took the trio to their cabin.

Maid Testifies, Too
Thursday's final witness was Jessie Mae Walker, the maid who discovered Thornton's body. She said she entered the back bedroom to clean it and saw a foot sticking from beneath the bedspread on the bed.

She said the spread was splattered with blood.

Bill Lampe, U. S. deputy marshal, is expected to testify Friday morning. The pistol murder weapon was given to Thornton by Lampe.

Santa Train

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strike of 12,000 rail lines began the nation's

The four efforts that railroad workers are making.

Two freight ambulances ambushed an automobile, Tenn. A train was stopped for the said four sh train, an shell bullet pierced second.

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I. Late Thursday announced these new highway closings in addition to those previously closed and still shut to traffic:

SH 58 is closed west of Maysville; SH 48 north of Tupelo; SH 31, 12 miles northeast of Coalgate; SH 9 east of Wetumka and east of Dustin; SH 39, 10 miles east of Wynnewood; SH 18 four miles north of junction with U. S. 70; SH 5A five miles south and 2 1/4 west of Walters; SH 5B five miles southwest of Walters—30-foot concrete bridge washed out; SH 33 open one way in eastern Delaware county.

SH 74 north of Maysville is closed. Washita flood waters carried away 150 feet of steel trusses and all planking of bridge. The bridge was washed out last May and had been repaired.

The highway department had let a \$200,000 contract for construction of a new bridge at this point. The new bridge was started in February. The flood waters Wednesday carried away much of the contractor's materials left piled at the site.

Many roads were closed earlier and are still closed.

WATERS: U. S. 62, east of Tahlequah, under four feet of water; U. S. 64, near Gore, under 10 feet of water from the flooded Illinois river; U. S. 64, 10 miles west of Muskogee; SH 9, may open west of Eufaula; SH 2, between Whitefield and Briartown, Muskogee county.

U. S. 266, east of Henryetta, is open but under four inches of water; U. S. 75, one-way traffic south of Okmulgee; SH 56, closed west of Okmulgee; SH 10, closed north of U. S. 62 in Cherokee county; SH 31, closed at Lequire in Haskell county; SH 7, under six inches of water over Clear Boggy creek seven miles west of Atoka and may close soon.

U. S. 77 open to one-way traffic south of Purcell; SH 39, 6 1/4 miles east of Lexington, and three miles west of Asher; SH 68, north of Holdenville and north of Atwood; SH 28, closed three places west of Foster; SH 18A, closed at Pauls Valley over Rush creek.

U. S. 78, closed near Wetumka; SH 49, closed Salt creek south of Bowlegs; SH 43, closed east of Coalgate on Boggy creek; SH 56, closed north of Sasakwa; SH 7, closed west of Davis; U. S. 77, closed south of Davis; SH 39, closed east of Marlow.

SH 5, closed northwest of Waurika; U. S. 76, closed south part of Waurika; U. S. 81, closed between Comanche and Waurika; U. S. 63, closed west of Anadarko; SH 7, closed east of Lawton on Beaver creek; SH 20, closed east and west of Sparrow.

SH 23, one mile west of Spavinaw; SH 16, 3 1/4 miles east of Chelsea; SH 32, closed between Salina and Locust Grove and U. S. 75, closed Oklawaha.

Navy Jet Fighter Crashes, Kills Pilot

LEBANON, Ill., May 11—(AP)—A navy jet fighter plane crashed on a farm near here late Wednesday, killing the pilot.

There was a loud explosion as the plane hit the ground, witnesses reported. Wreckage was scattered over a wide area. The craft was identified as a Grumman F4F. The plane's home base and identity of the pilot were not immediately established.

Firm Acquires Hotel

BOSTON, May 11—(AP)—The Almas hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio, has been acquired by the Sheraton Corp. of America. It was announced Thursday. The price was not disclosed.

day afternoon and declared both towns disaster areas.

The survey at Duncan showed about 40 families homeless, and at least 65 families suffered losses. Gregory counted 10 homes destroyed and 60 more were damaged as were eight business houses. He estimated the damage along Willow creek at more than \$100,000.

Red Cross has set up headquarters in the Masonic temple at Duncan. Flood waters were still receding at 10 p. m. Thursday. Gregory said plans will be made Friday to spray the flooded area as a precaution against disease.

Ernest Ray, Duncan fire chief, said, "We're doing pretty good. The Red Cross is taking care of things."

In Comanche the Red Cross took over offices of the Comanche News as disaster headquarters. Gregory said rehabilitation plans for Comanche would follow the same line as those in Duncan, including spraying the flooded section to prevent spreading of disease.

The Public Service Co. had moved into Comanche with a portable unit to supply electric power and lights to the hospital and telephone company.

Five Homes Washed Away
Glen Boydston, ambulance service operator in Comanche, said, "Things are looking better in Comanche."

The water was receding. There were no deaths or injuries. One hundred persons lost all clothing and possessions by Boydston's estimate. He said he counted five homes washed down Dry creek and 25 others washed off foundations, some as far as 100 feet.

The municipal power plant is surrounded by 8 feet of water. The generating engine is completely submerged. Total rainfall for the period was something more than 12 inches—the gauge ran over. Rain stopped at noon Thursday.

Frank Kane, farm bureau secretary, said at least 28 farm ponds in Stephens county have broken dams.

Comanche's city water line from Lake Comanche crosses the creek and was broken by the torrent, leaving the town without running water.

39 Inches in Living Room
J. R. Massey, resident of the same house in Comanche 60 years, said this is the first time high water ever came into his house. The water measured 39 inches deep in Massey's living room. Southwest part of town is on high ground and escaped damage.

Both Salvation Army and Red Cross are working in Comanche to aid the homeless.

Mud is knee deep in some Comanche homes. Flash floods struck the town both Tuesday and Wednesday night.

There is no rail, mail or telegraph service to Comanche and telephone operators are quoting a two to four-hour delay on calls. The same is generally true of Duncan, Stephens county seat, which was flooded Wednesday night.

Purcell Fall Is Heaviest
The three-days of rain dumped fantastic quantities of water on much of the eastern two-thirds of the state. The western counties got only light rains and the Panhandle remained dry.

Heaviest reported official measurement was 18.55 inches at Purcell between Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. More than 13 inches fell there Wednesday. Many points had rainfall as high as 10 inches.

Oklahoma City recorded 6.34 officially.

The city forecast calls for fair and warmer Friday with a high of 72. A trace of rain was recorded at the airport here Thursday and the top temperature under cloudy skies was 66.

During the day rain was recorded at Ardmore, Lawton, McAlester and Oklahoma City, all very light.

He told Miller he "looked" at a man in Garden City and a girl in Colorado but did not identify either as the people he had seen with the slain oilman.

Popejoy's son, Roy, 18, substantiated his father's story. He also denied

85 Children Don't Mind Train's Wait

When kindergarten teachers plan train excursions they try to avoid lay-overs.

But Mary McBrayer, Sequoyah, Thursday proved it is not impossible to keep 85 tots peacefully occupied in two train coaches during a three-hour wait.

The tourists set out at 1:35 p. m., aboard the Rock Island, for El Reno. They were to have arrived back in Oklahoma City at 3:35 p. m. Due to rains farther north, it was 5:25 p. m. before they left El Reno.

Miss McBrayer was assisted by Mrs. Margaret Wahl, teacher, and 15 mothers. They took ice cream for the children to eat aboard train.

"Then they all had to have a drink. Then they all had to go to the rest room," said Miss McBrayer. In between, they played games and sang songs, she added.

Berlin Seeks Vandals

BERLIN, May 11—(Reuters)—East Berlin policemen were Thursday searching for vandals who overturned 16 Gravestone, some massive, in the Jewish cemetery at Weissenhof, soviet sector. A spokesman of the Berlin Jewish community said: "We suspect that certain incorrigible anti-semites, at home in all four sections of Berlin, are at work."

Meeting Called

Board members of the League of Women Voters will meet at 10 a. m. Thursday in the home of Mrs. Archibald S. Edwards, 5631 N. Kelley. Important business will be discussed.



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