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### Highway Loss Likely to Climb To \$5 Millions

#### Traffic Is Snarled As Rivers Wreck Four Big Bridges

Oklahoma was facing a transportation crisis late Friday after four major bridges had been wrecked by swirling rivers and dozens of highways were either washed out or closed by high water.

The state highway commission announced it will resort to emergency authority to repair damage which, officially, was between \$2.3 millions. One highway official, however, said damage may go as high as \$5 millions.

Flood waters also struck crippling blows to railway lines.

Swollen rivers were slowly drawing a noose around Oklahoma City, blocking traffic to the north, south and west. Eastern travel, however, was unhindered all the way to Fort Smith.

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### Warning Out for Washita, North and South Canadian; Tulsa Braces for Overflow

By JACK JONES

New storms brought fresh flood perils throughout Oklahoma Friday night while the rampaging Cimarron river continued its record sweep of destruction along a 175-mile path.

Sections of more than a dozen cities were being evacuated ahead of rising flood waters.

With the Cimarron and Arkansas rivers already breaking all flood records, the weather bureau issued flood warnings late Friday along the Washita, the North and South Canadian, Deep Fork rivers as well as scores of major streams in the central, southwest and southeast and south sections of the state.

From Fort Cobb to Pauls Valley the Washita was reported spilling over its banks at midnight Friday. The weather bureau described the situation as "very serious".

Tulsa, the state's second largest city, was digging in to take a historic beating Saturday from the combined forces of the flooding Cimarron and Arkansas, both cresting at record-shattering levels.

#### Blackwell Asks Aid

Blackwell issued a call for boats and emergency assistance late Friday after flood waters, described as "developing into major proportions", spilled into the east and southeast sections from the Chickasha.

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The torrents howled over bridges, washed out highways and sent muddy debris-laden waters swirling over rich bottomlands. And heavy rains were still falling early Saturday and were to con-

### Hero of Rescue Slips, Vanishes In Raging Creek

#### Lindsay Man Pulls Woman to Safety, Then Disappears

One man was reported missing Friday as heavy rains continued to pound Oklahoma, bringing heart-break and suffering to thousands.

The missing man, Roland Bullock, about 55, disappeared during a flash flood near his home five miles northwest of Lindsay.

The flash flooding developed after 7.46 inches of rain fell in the Lindsay vicinity during the day, 6.25 inches of it from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Bullock was attempting to rescue an unidentified woman whose car had been swept into Turner creek by high water on the road. He succeeded in pulling her to safety but then slipped and fell into the swift current.

#### Rainy Continues

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### Still It Rains

The U. S. weather bureau in Oklahoma City Friday night announced the following rainfall amounts in Oklahoma from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Ada	1.36	Marlow	1.69
Altus	2.24	Okemah	1.62
Calvin	1.06	Okmulgee	.75
Chandler	.94	Pls. Val.	3.48
Chickasha	2.43	Purcell	4.46
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## Egypt Blocks Suez to Israel

CAIRO, May 17 (AP)—Egypt served notice Friday she will exercise the "right of self defense" if Israel attempts to send a test ship through the Suez canal. Israel appeared to be shying away from any immediate move in that direction.

Abdel Kader Hatem, director of information, expressed the first official Egyptian reaction to Israel's announcement that she would try to send a ship through the 103-mile waterway which Egypt has nationalized.

Hatem's statement hinted Egypt would try to halt any Israeli ship the moment it enters Egyptian territorial waters and before it could reach a canal entrance.

Egypt contends she is still in a technical state of war with Israel. For that reason she has barred the canal to Israeli shipping and to vessels carrying anything considered of strategic value to Israel.

Hatem said Egypt will take "whatever measures she deems necessary for the canal, which is an integral part of her territory." Thursday night Israel decided against sending the Israeli-chartered Norwegian freighter Mars through the canal on a voyage from Haifa to Japan with 4,000 tons of potash.

Israel said previously it did not regard the Mars as a real test. But the decision to change the route was taken apparently in line with the announcement that Israel would not make any move toward a test until after the UN Security council debate on Suez set for Monday.

## 'Country' Butter

## Workers Dig Tunnel to Free Child In Dramatic Race Against Death

MANORVILLE, N. Y., May 17 (AP)—Seven-year-old Benjamin Hooper Jr. was rescued alive Friday night, after being entombed upright and all but motionless for 23½ hours in a 24-foot well.

At 10:30 p.m., three hours after rescuers had clawed through the last few feet of earth with bare hands to reach him, the boy was reported reacting nicely to treatment at Mastic hospital.

Dr. J. H. Kris, the attending physician, said "the boy's condition is good. He is able to talk and asked for food. He has taken some food. Everything is on the up and up."

The physician said, however, it would be necessary to keep a close watch for the next 24 hours, because of the danger of pneumonia in such cases.

Weak movements and the flicker of his blue eyes signaled the miraculous survival of the little chap, for whom hope had been all but abandoned hours earlier.

He tumbled into a newly-dug well in the backyard of his father's Long Island home at 7:50 p.m. Thursday night. It was 7:10 p.m. Friday night when rescuers—heartbreakingly frustrated through most of the day by landslides—finally broke through to his side from a rescue shaft.

In a few more moments, Benny was taken from the dark, cramped well bottom by Sam Woodson, a Negro rescue worker. Said Woodson, beside himself with joy:

"I was the happiest boy alive when I saw his blue eyes."

Dr. Kris put an oxygen mask over the boy's face as he was brought out of the well. A reporter asked:

"Is he still alive?"

"Yes, thank God," the physician replied. Then, forgetful of everything else, Dr. Kris grabbed the reporter's hand and wrung it in elation.

Several hundred persons looked on at the climax to a feverish night and day of rescue efforts. From their throats came a hoarse half-shriek, half-sob of exultation as it dawned on them that Benny had survived.

"It's a miracle, it's a miracle," sobbed one unidentified bystander over and over again.

Benny's father, who had worked with rescuers until he collapsed, then came back to keep vigil beside the well, shouted almost incoherently:

"He's alive, he's alive."

Then the elder Hooper dashed wildly for his house to break

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# It Takes a Miracle But Benny Is Alive

MANORVILLE, N. Y., May 17 (AP)—Hour after hour, the boy's mother sat silent and un-

Dr. Joseph Kris kept answering, whenever reporters asked about the boy's chances—"possi-

## Senate Slices Budget Again

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—The senate Friday cut another \$193 millions from President Eisenhower's \$73,000,000,000 budget request for new appropriations. This boosted the total reductions in three money bills passed thus far to more than \$375 millions.

Friday's action was on passage of a bill appropriating \$615,354,200 for the commerce department for the 1953 fiscal year starting July 1.

On paper the cut in this bill totaled \$257,928,710, or 29 percent less than Eisenhower's \$271,513,000 request for the department, but part of the cut was a bookkeeping transfer. It involved a shift of about \$65 millions in old appropriations for ship-operating subsidies to the new bill.

The measure, passed by a voice vote after two hours of senate debate, now goes to conference with the house. The house, without recourse to the transfer in ship operating funds, had voted \$25 millions less than the senate allowed.

Sen. Holland (D., Fla.), floor manager for the bill, said that even without the \$65 millions bookkeeping device the reduction in Eisenhower's budget request came to 22 percent. He said this was the biggest cut in the commerce department bill in the 11 years he has been in congress.

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Oklahoma will not be as badly hurt by the washout of the bridge on U. S. 66 west of Sayre as might have been because a new four-lane structure is being built. However, completion is still months away. Recent rains caused a shut down in work, and the new bridge is less than 10 percent completed.

## Trains Reported

The Cimarron, at some places three miles wide and 30 feet deep, knocked out sections of the Raymond Gary bridge on U. S. 281 six miles south of Waynoka and the SH 58 bridge south of Ringwood. These too were described as major bridges by the highway commission. The SH 33 bridge near Coyle also was washed out by the Cimarron.

Rock Island railroad tracks were washed out by the Cimarron north of El Reno and north of Fairview. The Santa Fe's Skeleton creek bridge gave way at Guthrie. Both railways said some north and east bound trains were being rerouted over different lines.

These highways late Monday were closed to traffic:

## FEDERAL HIGHWAYS

U. S. 81 — Between Kingfisher and Hennessey; below Dover; 3 miles south of Ryan; south of Chickasha at Little Washita river.

U. S. 77 — West of Ardmore; north of Pauls Valley; at Rock creek 11 miles north of Perry; 7

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## 2,311 Brave Weather To Get Polio Shots

Despite the rain, 2,311 persons went to John Marshall high school Friday night for polio vaccinations.

Next clinic will be Monday at the Zebra room at Municipal Auditorium. Dr. Maurice Peter, city-county health director, said there are 11,139 shots on hand for the mass immunization program.

# U.S. Soldier Saved From Japan Trial

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Gov. Gary announced an appeal to President Eisenhower to declare the entire state a disaster area to make it eligible for emergency disaster funds.

## Road Damage High

Kingfisher and Garfield counties were declared disaster areas Friday afternoon by the Small Business Administration in Washington.

Damage to roads and bridges alone was estimated by the highway department Friday at between \$2 and \$3 millions. C. A. "Bud" Stoldt, state highway director, said he expects this estimate to be increased substantially, perhaps as high as \$5 millions.

Gary said he will fly over the flood-stricken areas, from Tulsa to Sayre, Saturday afternoon with Stoldt, Harold Hutton, president of the state board of agriculture, and L. E. Rader, welfare director. A flight scheduled Friday was called off because of storms.

## Eight Now Dead

"This is the worst highway damage from flooding the state has every had," Gary declared after studying damage reports.

Road closings mounted steadily. Four major bridges, two of them new ones and only recently dedicated, were out.

Seven persons have died and an eighth was missing. He was believed to have drowned in a flash flood near Lindsay.

Some cities battled critical water shortages and power failures. Along the Cimarron, while residents in Waynoka, Dover, Kingfisher and Coyle watched flood waters recede, hundreds of families downstream were fleeing to high ground as the river's record crest bore down on them.

## Cities Evacuating

Evacuation operations were taking place in Markham, Oilton, Mannford and Keystone, a city situated at the spot where the Cimarron and Arkansas merge.

Residents in Skiatook also were being evacuated ahead of what was expected to be a record flood. Evacuation was also taking

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By BILL HARMON (Daily Oklahoman Staff Writer)

COYLE, May 17—Coyle took its worst flood in history pretty much in stride Friday.

Twenty-five homes were flooded in what Mayor Roy Domstead calls the "highest water I've ever seen since 1901."

Evacuation of the homes and business district was orderly and no lives were in danger after Coyle received ample warning Thursday that the river was expected to go to a record height.

Water reached three feet deep along the main street and all businesses were flooded. However, merchants had plenty of time to get their goods out of danger or stacked above water level.

The water was receding slowly late Friday though there were unconfirmed reports that a two to 3 foot crest was expected later.

THE high school was thrown open for those who needed shelter and food.

Aside from the high water in the homes and stores the biggest hardship was lack of drinking water. The four city wells that serve Coyle and nearby Langston are under water. An emergency supply was trucked in from Guthrie late in the afternoon.

Mayor Domstead said the water "sort of sneaked in the back door." He said a first entered Coyle from the east where it had backed up at a bend in the Cimarron and overflowed the lowlands there.

"It has never done that before in history," the mayor said. His own home was flooded with a half foot of water.

Water began creeping into the town early Thursday and reached the main street about 9 a.m. Within 1½ hours it was pouring into the business houses.

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Rains continued to fall during the night elsewhere in Oklahoma. Here is a roundup of some highlights from storm and flood centers in the state during the day:

PAULS VALLEY — A 4-inch rain here Friday flooded streets and stalled cars and brought the threat of minor flooding from swollen Rush Creek in the southern part of the city.

Four small houses were reported to be surrounded by water in the low areas.

Rain quit falling at 5 p.m. and water began receding from the streets. Traffic was backed up here as a result of high water which had closed U. S. 77 between Pauls Valley and Wynonwood.

DOVER — Three persons who had been missing since Dover was hit with a 13-inch cloudburst and flood Wednesday night were found safe Friday afternoon.

Earl Hamul of Loyal, who had been unaccounted for since he left Okenee Wednesday to go to Hennessey was located in Hennessey.

## Doctor, Wife Found

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Hobbs of Kingfisher were found at the ranch home of his parents northwest of Hennessey. They had been cut off by high water and were unable to return home. An airplane flew Mrs. Hobbs back to Kingfisher Friday afternoon to be with her three children.

Lieut. Floyd Hays, highway patrol trooper at Dover said Friday all persons here and in rural areas had now been accounted for. Several families were brought to Dover by helicopter Friday afternoon for food and medical supplies.

Water, which stood eight feet deep in streets at one time, was receding although it was still running rapidly through the west side. Seventy-five persons are living at the high school and 250 are being fed there.

WAYNOKA—Waynoka's high school principal D. P. Brown remained cut off from his home here Friday by the flooding Cimarron.

He was marooned Thursday when he intercepted two school buses scheduled to cross weakening Raymond Gary bridge. A sec-

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# And Then Sight —

John Howard Griffin, blind for ten years writes a dramatic account of his sudden miracle of sight.

Part of the bridge was swept away before he could return.

**KINGFISHER**—Water shortages here were described as very critical Friday afternoon as efforts were being made to supply the city with emergency supplies.

Residents were rationed 3-gallons each and told to use it for drinking purposes only. Schools were closed to conserve water. A railroad tank car is expected to bring a supply of water to the city Saturday. In the meantime water is being trucked in from Okarche.

Mayor Floyd Throckmorton said it will be three days after flood waters recede before the city's water pumping station will be back in operation.

**CANTON**—Oklahoma City's reserve water supply storage here lacked only three feet of being full Friday night. A big flow of water continued to come down the North Canadian.

When filled Canton lake holds 50,000 acre feet of water in storage for Oklahoma City's municipal water system, an estimated year's supply.

Frank Taylor, assistant Oklahoma City water superintendent, said he expects the flow above Canton and water impounded at Fort Supply will be sufficient to fill Canton lake.

**DENISON, Texas**—Lake Texoma is expected to reach a record high water level here this weekend, the U. S. Corps of Engineers here said Friday. The record is 629.07 feet set in 1945. Friday afternoon the lake was only 14 inches below that figure.

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## Flood Damage Grows in State From New Rain

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Place along the Arkansas below Tulsa. Muskogee Civil Defense Director Bill Stranham said Baby and Haskell residents were being evacuated ahead of flood crests and he warned all bottomland dwellers in Muskogee county to take precautions.

The river forecasting service in Tulsa said all river cities as far east as Muskogee should prepare for flooding.

In Tulsa, civil defense officials had 200 auxiliary police and 150 first aid and rescue workers on duty Friday night. Another 200 were to join them Saturday morning. A four-mile area covering 50 blocks along the banks of the Arkansas was being evacuated Friday night.

### Guard Units Alerted

Five national guard units were alerted in Tulsa and city officials met in emergency session in an effort to prepare for what they expected to be the worst flood in Tulsa's history.

The Arkansas river, also flooding as it rolls down out of Kansas, is expected to crest in Tulsa sometime Saturday at 26 feet, seven feet above flood stage and three feet above the previous record in 1923 when several thousand families were left homeless.

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It said heavy rains Friday would cause floods in Waurika, Mountain View, Fort Cobb, Pauls Valley and Okmulgee. Guthrie and Kingfisher were warned to brace for new floods as a result of Friday's storms.

### Ardmore Has Deluge

Flood waters were reported in Healdton for the second straight night after 7 inches of rain fell during the day, boosting a 2-day total to a reported 20 inches.

Ardmore was deluged with a 7-inch cloudburst.

The Cimarron, a river in which only a trickle of water normally flows, leaped to life Thursday from the effects of torrential rains of 10 to 20 inches which have fallen in the Waynoka, Kingfisher, Dover and Enid areas since Wednesday night.

### Southwest Deluged

It inundated Dover, sent its 250 residents from their homes, washed out bridges at Waynoka, Kingfisher, Crescent and Coyle.

The deluging rains shot flash floods down most of the northern and northwest creeks and streams. Enid, Alva, Waynoka, Blackwell, and Tonkawa were hit hard by flood waters.

But, while the raging Cimarron held the center of the flood stage Friday, it was by no means the full extent of Oklahoma's weather binge.

Fresh storms pounded the flood stricken areas and torrential downpours and hard windstorms buffeted the southwest, central, south and northeast sections.

All of Oklahoma, except the Panhandle and northwest, was placed under a severe weather warning alert late Friday.

## DENNIS THE MENACE



"Don't eat ALL the meat! Leave some for poor ol' Ruff!"

## Boy Rescued After 23 Hours in Well

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news to Benny's mother, almost prostrate with grief and a growing hopelessness.

Just before the boy was brought out, a rescue worker had reached him and touched him. But when the man emerged from the well, he said:

"I believe he is dead."

The father had taken this news with a sober nod of the head. But almost before Hooper had felt the shock of it, a voice rang out from the rescue pit:

"The boy is opening his eyes."

The wonder of the rescue was enhanced by the almost utter lack of hope that had nagged rescuers as they walked toward the trapped boy. Sand had drifted down on him and at one point not even the beseeching tip of an upward thrust hand was visible to rescue workers from the top of the well.

But strong suction pumps drew out some of the sand, and the hand became visible again.

Originally, rescuers had dug a parallel shaft 12 feet away from the well. Then they tried to cut across horizontally at a level with the lad's body.

### Landslides Slow Work

But when landslides repeatedly blocked their progress, they considered abandoning the shaft and attacking the well directly, a maneuver of utter desperation that might well have cost the boy his life.

At the last moment, however, they reverted to their original tactics, with the aid of an ingenious device furnished by the atomic energy commission.

The nearby Brookhaven National Laboratory sent four gamma ray shields, each about 4 1/2 feet long. These were scaled to fit neatly one inside the other. They could be expanded and contracted like an old-fashioned collapsible metal drinking cup.

One by one, in descending order

a modest ranch style house in this tiny community in the middle of Long Island about 70 miles east of New York City.

Little Benny's plight recalled the tragic case of Kathy Fiscus at San Marino, Calif., in 1949. The 3-year-old girl fell 100 feet down an abandoned well casing and was found dead after a tremendous 52-hour rescue operation.

Mindful of the terror that must have beset little Benny, alone in darkness through the dreadful night hours, unable to move, his hands above his head, George Gydish, a fireman, lay all night on his stomach shining a flashlight into the well.

### Silence from Below

"If Ben can see the light, he won't be afraid down there," said Gydish, voicing the reflected anguish in onlookers' heart for the lonely plight of the entombed boy.

For a time, the child could be seen making tiny, pitiful bodily responses as his father called encouragement from above. But they grew more and more enfeebled as the hours crept away—and finally stopped altogether.

"Benny, can you hear me?" the father called. "Move your fingers."

But his pleas evoked only motionless silence from below.

"If it's God's will, the little fellow is already asleep," the father had cried when all hope seemed gone.

Hooper, a 33-year-old highway department truck driver, had sunk the well to augment his water supply. About 7:30 p.m. Friday, he detected signs that he was approaching water level.

Hooper hurried toward his house to get a length of pipe. He gave little thought to Benny, because the boy had faithfully heeded his repeated warnings to "stay away from the hole."

But this time Benny, made heedless by excitement, forgot the

## Japan Protests British H-Bomb Blast in Pacific

LONDON, May 17 (AP)—Britain announced Friday night that her first H-bomb test explosion in the Pacific was in the "megaton range"—equivalent to one million tons of TNT.

The announcement, by Aubrey Jones, minister of supply, was made as Japan formally protested the blast in the Christmas island area of the middle Pacific last Wednesday, and reserved the right to claim compensation if Japanese citizens suffer.

In reply, Cmdr. Alan Noble, minister of state for foreign affairs, pointed out that Prime Minister Macmillan told the house of commons Thursday Britain's test would go on. From two to four more test explosions are expected to be carried out. The British government, however, promised to consider any Japanese claim to damage.

In Tokyo, Japanese students snake-danced through the streets Friday night, carrying lanterns and placards, in continued protest. Four demonstrators who managed to enter the gates of the British embassy said they were pushed out.

Tokyo police estimated 35,000 students took part in protest parades during the day, but the numbers dwindled at night to about 3,000.

Some rightist students, supporting bomb tests, hired an airplane to drop leaflets over one protest rally. About 30 members of the Great Japan Patriotic society marched on the flanks of one parade with banners denouncing "fifth columnists of the Soviet Union."

Representatives of 10,000 students in West Berlin's free university appealed to students throughout the world to demand international cancellation of bomb tests.

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Fe tracks that skirt the town of the south.

The mayor said typhoid shot will be given to all residents in the area beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday at the high school. He appealed to sightseers to stay away from the town and said curiosity seekers Friday had hampered those fighting the flood waters.

A crew of Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. workers was barricaded in the exchange building here behind sandbags, and they were reported prepared to remain there to keep communications open. Water surrounded the building.

One of the flooded-out businessmen, L. A. Haynes, a druggist, said 2 1/2 feet of water poured into his door. He had attempted to sandbag the front of his building but was forced to abandon the attempt.

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**HENNESSEY**—Farmers came to town here Friday for the first time in three days as flood waters began receding. Most of them drove tractors to negotiate high water still standing over roads. Two road horseback.

**TULSA**—Lightning struck a residence television antenna, damaged a Public Service Co. of Oklahoma transformer and smashed two windows in Mayor George E. Norvell's office late Friday.

The lightning flash was followed by a terrific thunderclap which was heard downtown and over a large area of the city. There were no injuries nor fire.

**CHICKASHA** — Streams, swollen by 2.43 inches of rain here Friday, were out of their banks Friday night and the Washita river was rising.

The Little Washita, 7 1/2 miles south of here, has closed U. S. 31, running two-feet-deep over the highway.

Line creek and Congo creek in Chickasha were flooding lowlands Friday night.

### Big Brothers Elect

**HAMILTON, Ontario, May 17 (AP)**—Charles G. Berwind of Radnor, Pa., industrialist, was elected president of the Big Brothers of America, Inc., and Canada Friday for the 11th consecutive year at the organization's ninth annual convention.

## Officers Installed By Home Agents

(Oklahoma Times Stillwater Bureau)  
**STILLWATER, May 17**—Oklahoma home demonstration agents, meeting at Oklahoma A&M, Friday installed two officers and named electees to take office next year for two other posts.

Martha Note, Pontotoc county, was selected vice-president of the state association of county extension representatives, and Mrs. Evelyn Nantz, Osage county, was picked for the secretary's position. Also named were Martha Schultz, Caddo county, president-elect, and Mrs. Maudie Firebaugh, Blaine county, treasurer-elect.

Grace Reynolds, Custer county, was selected district counselor for the northwest and Mrs. Clara Kelley, Comanche county, will take a similar post for the southwest area.

Late Friday the weather bureau said serious floods were developing along the Washita in the southwest and predicted numerous flash floods in central Oklahoma Saturday morning.

It said heavy rains Friday would cause floods in Waurika, Mountain View, Fort Cobb, Pauls Valley and Okmulgee. Guthrie and Kingfisher were warned to brace for new floods as a result of Friday's storms.

### Ardmore Has Deluge

Flood waters were reported in Healdton for the second straight night after 7 inches of rain fell during the day, boosting a 2-day total to a reported 20 inches.

Ardmore was deluged with a 7-inch cloudburst.

The Cimarron, a river in which only a trickle of water normally flows, leaped to life Thursday from the effects of torrential rains of 10 to 20 inches which have fallen in the Waynoka, Kingfisher, Dover and Enid areas since Wednesday night.

### Southwest Deluged

It inundated Dover, sent its 250 residents from their homes, washed out bridges at Waynoka, Kingfisher, Crescent and Coyle.

The deluging rains shot flash floods down most of the northern and northwest creeks and streams. Enid, Alva, Waynoka, Blackwell, and Tonkawa were hit hard by flood waters.

But, while the raging Cimarron held the center of the flood stage Friday, it was by no means the full extent of Oklahoma's weather binge.

Fresh storms pounded the flood stricken areas and torrential downpours and hard windstorms buffeted the southwest, central, south and northeast sections.

All of Oklahoma, except the Panhandle and northwest, was placed under a severe weather warning alert late Friday.

Thunderstorms hit again Oklahoma City during the late afternoon.

### Pauls Valley Flooded

Lindsay reported 7.46 inches of rain had fallen there during the day. One man disappeared after he slipped and fell into swollen Turner creek while trying to rescue a woman from a car which had been swept from the road.

Pauls Valley was flooded after four inches of rain fell with heavy hail. Water stood two feet deep in streets. Some homes in lowlands were flooded.

The weather bureau said thunderstorms were hitting all points within a circle bounded by Cushing, Henryetta, Coalgate, Sulphur, Duncan, Waurika, Davidson, Altus, Hobart, Anadarko, Hinton, Watonga, Hennessey and Cushing late Friday afternoon. Winds were gauged at 60 miles an hour in some sections.

### More Rain Forecast

A flash flood between Rosedale and Byers in McClain county on SH 39 marooned nine cars, the state highway department reported. The occupants were reported to have escaped.

Ada reported damaging hail, a half inch in diameter, during a heavy rainshower.

The weather bureau said heavy rains over the Washita river basin from Chickasha to Pauls Valley may bring a very serious flood threat to the Washita.

And the rainy weather was not expected to abate Saturday. Severe thunderstorms were forecast for the day and continuing through early Sunday.

Late Friday the weather bureau said rains over the North and South Canadian river basins and Deep Fork creek are expected to cause these rivers to rise to near or above flood stage Saturday.

The South Canadian, the bureau said, will be flooding bottomlands near Calvin by noon Saturday. The river was running 15 feet deep at White field late Friday.

It said lowlands in the Okmulgee and Dewar area will be flooded Saturday as a result of Friday night's rains which started the Deep Fork rising.

### Woman Passenger Injured in Collision

Kathleen Donerner, 40, of 2316 NE 23, was hurt Friday night in a wreck at NE 23 and Granada. She was a passenger in a car driven by her son, William Lynn, 17, which was involved in a collision with a car driven by Eldon W. Dumas, 38, of 3408 Cardinal drive.

news to Benny's mother, almost prostrate with grief and a growing hopelessness.

Just before the boy was brought out, a rescue worker had reached him and touched him. But when the man emerged from the well, he said:

"I believe he is dead."

The father had taken this news with a sober nod of the head. But almost before Hooper had felt the shock of it, a voice rang out from the rescue pit:

"The boy is opening his eyes." The wonder of the rescue was enhanced by the almost utter lack of hope that had nagged rescuers as they walked toward the trapped boy. Sand had drifted down on him and at one point not even the beseeching tip of an upward thrust hand was visible to rescue workers from the top of the well.

But strong suction pumps drew out some of the sand, and the hand became visible again.

Originally, rescuers had dug a parallel shaft 12 feet away from the well. Then they tried to cut across horizontally at a level with the lad's body.

### Landslides Slow Work

But when landslides repeatedly blocked their progress, they considered abandoning the shaft and attacking the well directly, a maneuver of utter desperation that might well have cost the boy his life.

At the last moment, however, they reverted to their original tactics, with the aid of an ingenious device furnished by the atomic energy commission.

The nearby Brookhaven National Laboratory sent four gamma ray shields, each about 4 1/2 feet long. These were sealed to fit neatly one inside the other. They could be expanded and contracted like an old-fashioned collapsible metal drinking cup.

One by one, in descending order of their size, the shields were forced through the sand from the bottom of the rescue shaft toward the well.

### Work Is Heartbreaking

As the workers toiled, there was every indication that death had outpaced them.

There had been no sign of movement from the well bottom in hours. Benny lay wedged in almost total immobility in the damp pit, with only the thin rays of a flashlight from above as a beacon of hope against overwhelming terror.

It was harrowing, heartbreaking work for the rescuers who squeezed into the ever-narrowing point of the horizontal rescue shaft as they forced toward the well.

About 5:30 p.m. they reported they were within three feet of the boy.

But now their working quarters were so cramped that shovels were useless. With bare hands, in relays, they scooped out the sand. Lack of oxygen forced them out of the pit at intervals.

Shortly before 7 p.m. they were only eight inches away from the boy.

Then suddenly they broke through.

### Father Collapses

From 2 a.m. on Friday, there was no sign of life from the bottom of the well. Hooper pleaded in vain for some response that would indicate his only son was still alive.

Dr. Kris fed oxygen through a tube to the bottom of the well for hours, determined to give the entombed lad every chance for survival. But even he grew despondent toward mid-afternoon and said:

"It's possible but very improbable that the boy is still alive."

Still there was no giving up. There was nothing to do but forge ahead with the rescue task. Hopeless as it appeared.

Hooper joined more than 100 firemen and volunteers until he collapsed.

### Mother Keeps Vigil

Benny's mother, Betty, 30, kept vigil in the house or by the well. A switchboard operator, she learned of her boy's plight Thursday night when she heard a detective talking to police headquarters. Mrs. Hooper became hysterical but recovered somewhat when friends got her home. She and her husband have another child, Wendy, 5. They live in

a modest ranch style house in this tiny community in the middle of Long Island about 70 miles east of New York City.

Late Benny's plight recalled the tragic case of Kathy Fiscus at San Marino, Calif., in 1949. The 3-year-old girl fell 100 feet down an abandoned well casing and was found dead after a tremendous 32-hour rescue operation.

Mindful of the terror that must have beset little Benny, alone in darkness through the dreadful eight hours, unable to move, his hands above his head, George Gydish, a fireman, lay all night on his stomach shining a flashlight into the well.

### Silence from Below

"If God can see the light, he won't be afraid down there," said Gydish, voicing the reflected anguish in onlookers' heart for the lonely plight of the entombed boy.

For a time, the child could be seen making tiny, pitiful bodily responses as his father called encouragement from above. But they grew more and more enfeebled as the hours crept away—and finally stopped altogether.

"Benny, can you hear me?" the father called. "Move your fingers."

But his pleas evoked only motionless silence from below.

"If it's God's will, the little fellow is already asleep," the father had cried when all hope seemed gone.

Hooper, a 33-year-old highway department truck driver, had sunk the well to augment his water supply. About 7:30 p.m. Friday, he detected signs that he was approaching water level.

Hooper hurried toward his house to get a length of pipe. He gave little thought to Benny because the boy had faithfully heeded his repeated warnings to "stay away from the hole."

But this time Benny, made heedless by excitement, forgot the admonition. Trilled by a playmate from next door, Michael Malinara, also 7, Benny took after his father.

Thoughtlessly, Benny leaped across the mouth of the well. For an instant, he seemed to have made it as he factored on the form rim of the pit. But then the loose sand on the well's lip raved way beneath his feet. In a twinkling, he dropped from sight.

"Benny's fell in the hole," screamed Michael.

Benny's father raced back from the house. His first thought was to lower a rope to the imprisoned boy. But Benny was unable to get a firm grip on it because of the extreme construction of his movements in the narrow shaft.

Fear mounting, the frantic father went after help. Volunteer firemen arrived. They tried to free the wedged-on boy with a grapping hook. But it ripped free of Benny's clothing.

Then, resigned to the long, arduous task confronting them, the rescuers called for an oxygen hose and lowered it down the well to assist the trapped lad's breathing.

Some rightist students, supporting bomb tests, hired an airplane to drop leaflets over one protest rally. About 30 members of the Great Japan Patriotic Society marched on the flanks of one parade with banners denouncing "fifth columnists of the Soviet Union."

Representatives of 10,000 students in West Berlin's free university appealed to students throughout the world to demand international cancellation of bomb tests.

## Worst Flood Can't Shatter Coyle's Calm

Continued from page one. The tracks that skirt the town on the south.

The mayor said typhoid shots will be given to all residents in the area beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday at the high school. He appealed to sightseers to stay away from the town and said curiously seekers Friday had hampered those fighting the flood waters.

A crew of Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. workers was barricaded in the exchange building here behind sandbags, and they were reported prepared to remain there to keep communications open. Water surrounded the building.

One of the flooded-out businessmen, L. A. Haynes, a druggist, said 2 1/2 feet of water poured into his door. He had attempted to sandbag the front of his building but was forced to abandon the attempt.

"It came in pretty fast, though we had had plenty of warning," Haynes said.

The mayor said friends and relatives had taken in most of those forced from their homes and would provide them beds until they could return.

"Plenty of food is available and there is no suffering," he said.

Water caused double trouble for Rev. Melvin Fox. Both his church, the Assembly of God church here, and his parsonage, located two blocks away, were under water.

The Church of Christ also was flooded.

The last flood here occurred almost eight years ago to the day, May 19, 1949. Worst previous flood remembered by old timers was in 1908.

There were reports that farms between Coyle and Pleasant Valley, west of here, were under 10 feet of water. North of town the Cimarron river bridge was out and the only route in was SH 33 from Guthrie.

Mayor Dornstead said he believed the town could take care of its own flood victims and would need no outside aid.

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**A WATERY HIGHWAY** faced SH 33 travelers at Coyle Friday. This air view shows the north end of the approaches to the Cimarron bridge. State highway officials late Friday set preliminary highway damage estimates at \$5 millions with the toll mounting. A full survey of the damage won't be possible until all waters recede. Four major bridges were washed out by two rivers.

## Seized Whisky Nets \$40,354

Sheriff Bob Turner's whisky sale Friday netted \$40,354.56 as he accepted the highest of four sealed bids received in common pleas court.

High bidder was L. A. Wells Liquor Co., Carbondale, Ill., represented by William Budslick. His bid was \$29.19 per case.

Turner, charged by law with conducting the sale, held the proceedings in the courtroom of Judge Carl Traub, Dwain Box, also a common pleas judge, sat on the bench with Judge Traub.

Budslick Friday night was superintending the loading of the whisky into three moving vans. Once they are loaded, Sheriff Turner will seal them for delivery to Carbondale.

The sale covered 1,602 cases confiscated by county and municipal whisky raiders. Proceeds will be turned over to the public schools.

Other bidders were: Vidalia Distillery Co. and Central Wholesale Liquor Co., a joint bid, \$39,377.85; Callison Wholesale Liquor Co., \$37,005.20, and S. & R. Liquor Co., \$35,505. All are out-of-state dealers licensed by the federal government.

## Disarming Policy Reviewed

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—The United States launched a high-level review of its disarmament policy Friday a few hours after Harold E. Stassen returned from London to report progress in confidential talks with Russian representatives.

Stassen, the administration's disarmament chief, met for 2½ hours with an array of Eisenhower lieutenants including Secretary of State Dulles, Secretary of Defense Wilson, Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the atomic energy commission, and Robert Cutler, the president's special assistant for national security matters.

The state department, in a brief announcement afterward, said Stassen made "a full report" on the nine weeks of talks in London among American, Russian, British, French and Canadian representatives.

"The meeting today was the beginning of discussions which will lead to further formulation of the United States position in the light of various pending proposals including the Soviet proposals of April 30," the announcement added.

Stassen himself declined to comment.

The mention of Russia's April 30 disarmament proposal seemed intended to assure Moscow that its view could be carefully considered during the policy review, which will go on during the 10 days Stassen will spend in the capital.

On arriving by plane from London, Stassen said the west is getting closer to agreement with Russia on a plan for "a small cut" in east-west armaments.

Stassen said a plan now being considered would call for mutual reductions in weapons, manpower and defense spending, plus aerial inspection of defined zones in both the west and east.

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