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City's Peril Passes After Broken Levee Touches Off Scare

By JACK JONES

Water-logged Oklahoma Tuesday battled its second major flood in six days after a night of storms sent rivers and streams on a new destructive binge.

Thousands of flood - frightened families were sent packing in Tulsa Tuesday afternoon after the Arkansas broke through a levee. For a time it threatened new peril for several thousand others downstream.

But the Arkansas crested in Tulsa at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and began receding by 5:30 p.m. The weather bureau's river forecasters said no "important flooding" was expected along the Arkansas in the Tulsa vicinity Tuesday night.

Crest Is 21.5 Feet

The Arkansas crested in Tulsa at 21.5 feet, 2 1/2 feet above flood stage and a foot higher than Sunday's crest. It was being fed by flash floods along its tributaries which developed early Tuesday along the Cimarron and its

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tributaries in north central Okla-

homa. Two thousand persons fled their homes in a flash flood at Stillwater after a 7.78-inch cloudburst inundated 100 city blocks and caused an estimated \$2 millions in damage.

Tons of water washed into the city like a tidal wave about midnight Monday when an earthen dam at Lake Sanborn gave way.

Kingfisher faced the threat of flash flooding from minor creeks which had closed some roads nearby.

Homes in Guthrie were reported threatened Tuesday night from flood waters swirling down tributaries emptying into the Cimarron.

Coyle Dunked Again

Coyle was dunked with its second flood in four days. Boats maneuvered along its business section and officials said the water lacked only six inches of matching last Saturday's record flood from the Cimarron.

Downstream residents situated on lowlands near Perkins and Cushing and Mannford evacuated their homes Tuesday. But they were able to return several hours later.

Early morning rains in the Perkins-Cushing area had washed three motorists from the road. They were rescued from their cars, however.

In the northeast the Verdigris river was posted for flood warnings Tuesday night. Streams and tributaries there had also ballooned into flash floods as the result of tornadic storms during the early morning hours.

Southeast Alerted

The weather bureau here saw no immediate prospect in a let up of the weather blows which have pounded the state during the past week.

Southeastern Oklahoma was alerted for severe thunderstorms Tuesday night and the northeastern section of the state had a

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Portland Protest Defeats Widening

Proposed widening of N Portland has been killed by a protest petition signed by 55.24 percent of the affected property owners.

13 Are Killed and 70 As Twisters Lash Miss Two-Day Tornado Took



Receding floodwaters wash over SH 40 south of Stillwater Tuesday afternoon as traffic sashes through slowly. Waters still stand window-high on the homes at left, however. Two thousand persons fled their homes in Stillwater ahead of a flash flood.

Fremont Ro With 6 Dec Scattered

ST. LOUIS, May 21—Twisters were hammering at Missouri yesterday in a straight day, killed 13 and injured about 70.

With the death toll of Kansas standing at 50 at dusk Monday, the eastern Missouri Tuesday.

Six persons perished in Fremont, a town of 207 about 10 miles from Pike's creek only.

About half an hour after the twister hovered over Desloge, it then smashed through the town.

Three died in Desloge, 15 miles northeast of the town. Another was killed at Buren, nine miles from Fremont.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alley, one of the victims at Fremont, was rescued from the roof of his home in the flash flood 10 days ago.

The series of twisters—sparked by the same weather disturbance that produced the year's most devastating tornado that killed 11 in the Kansas City area at midnight Monday—touched down at other widely scattered points.

Highschool Unroofed

A tornado was sighted at 9:30 a.m. at Fredricktown, Mo., 60 miles south of St. Louis. It did not touch down there and the government weather bureau said it was moving toward Illinois.

The roof of a highschool at Pass, in southwestern Illinois, was carried away and two homes were destroyed by a twister that hit at 8 p.m. Residents of the town escaped injury.

50 Hurt at Fremont

Heavy property damage was reported at Monticello but no deaths and only one injury were reported there. No injuries were reported at Squires.

Some 50 persons were reported injured at Fremont, population 207.

The Fremont survivors were evacuated to Winona, Mo., 10 miles to the west, where temporary quarters were set up in a school gymnasium and other public buildings.

Thirty-four of those injured at the Desloge-Bonne Terre twister were taken to the Bonne Terre hospital. The hospital was operating with a make-shift power generator after a power failure sent out an appeal for blood from the Red Cross.

Four of the hospital's patients were reported in critical condition. Four were transferred to St. Louis.

Woman Quits Helena School

Ernest J. Stocks, 49, Clinton city manager since 1946, Tuesday was named superintendent of the State Training School for White Boys at Helena. He succeeds Mrs. Creighton Burnham, who resigned because of ill health in her family.

Clarence Burch, chairman of the state board of affairs said Stocks will take over at the institution on June 1.

Mrs. Burnham, the first woman in the nation to be superintendent of a boy's institution, resigned because of the serious illness of her husband. Board officials said Burnham was stricken with a heart attack this week and has been placed in an oxygen tent.

Mrs. Burnham has been a controversial figure since she took over the Helena institution a few months ago. At one point she was accused of mismanagement.

Beck Ouster Talks Slated By Teamsters

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—John F. English, No. 2 national officer of the Teamsters union, said Tuesday night the union's executive board will meet soon to consider ousting Dave Beck as Teamsters president.

English, 58-year-old Teamsters general secretary - treasurer and longtime foe of Beck within the union, was chosen earlier in the day to succeed Beck as an AFL-CIO vice-president and executive council member.

Beck, accused by senate racket investigators of fantastic money deals with Teamsters funds—accusations on which he has invoked the fifth amendment—was removed from the same AFL-CIO posts Monday.

Selecting English to Beck's AFL-CIO jobs was like rubbing salt in the wounds administered to Beck by the AFL-CIO chieftains. They

French Premier Mollet Resigns

PARIS, May 21 (AP)—Socialist Premier Guy Mollet handed in his resignation Tuesday night after losing a confidence vote in the national assembly.

President Rene Coty seized on a technical point to delay acceptance. Coty said he will consult with assembly leaders and decide Wednesday whether to ask Mollet to stay on.

Coty's point was that Mollet's opposition failed to muster an absolute majority—currently 298 votes—as required under the constitution to force a premier to quit.

Beaten on his "beat the rebel" fiscal program of belt tightening, Mollet said he will insist on quitting. Emerging from Elysee Palace, Mollet told reporters that if Coty asks him to continue he will refuse.

The president, preparing for a state visit to Washington, faces the bleak task of trying to replace the Mollet regime that had been in power for 10 years.

most of the metropolitan area was buffeted by rain, hail and wind with accompanying thunder and lightning throughout the storm period. The atmospheric disturbance, flickering house lighting caused by the frequent overload of circuits, and the grim broad-casts created an eerie feeling.

The main tornado veered crazily as it twisted out of the rolling countryside of eastern Kansas. It swept up a farm house at Ottawa, killing two and then dipped into Spring Hill to kill four others. Swerving east of Olathe, Kan., site of a naval air station, the storm missed the heavily populated suburbs of Overland Park and Fairway in Kansas and grounded once again on the tiny hamlet of Martin City, population 500. Here it killed two and injured 36 as it destroyed or damaged every building in the place.

The storm was at its peak as it smashed full force into the Hickman Mills-Ruskin Heights area.

Development Is New

Ruskin Heights is only five years old, a development planned for 1,757 single-family dwellings in the \$9,000-12,000 class. Its modern shopping center of steel and concrete was opened less than three years ago. The block-long structure housed 18 stores, including a supermarket. Some of the stores had closed for the day but the market was open as usual to accommodate commuters just home from their jobs in Kansas City.

The tornado roared into the community, preceded by gale winds and a terrible noise that some said sounded like a giant train, others like a jet engine. Pedestrians broke for cover, many seeking what they believed to be the strongest structure, the shopping center. Inside the supermarket someone shouted "everyone get to the back of the store." Some 35 or 40 persons did just that. Then the roof and walls began to topple down on them.

A wire netting "trapped us like fish," said E. F. Noland who was grocery shopping with his wife and daughter. He and the girl escaped with minor cuts and bruises. Mrs. Noland suffered a broken back.

Family Escapes

The storm cut out, ripped apart the new homes in a path some 300 yards wide and six or eight blocks long, damaging many others on the fringes of this swath.

"We heard the roar and lay down in the middle of the house," said Mrs. Eloise Mayer, 26, a policeman's wife who was alone with her children, Berry, 3, and Melanie, 11 months.

"I held onto the children with all my strength and I guess we were lifted by the wind and carried three houses east."

Mrs. Mayer suffered a broken ankle. The children were only superficially cut and bruised.

Jack Gibson hurried his wife and three children under a bed and tried to get under himself but couldn't make it. The walls of his house collapsed inward and formed a tepee shelter. None was hurt.

Girl Faces Charges After Car Hits Boy

An 18-year-old girl was charged with negligent driving here Tuesday after her car struck a child in the 2700 block SW 26.

Police filed the complaint against Bernice Annette Beck.

1-Cent Gas Tax Passed Signed; Starts June 1

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repair projects and the state will be able to let some contracts in a couple of days.

The governor said minor work can be done by regular department maintenance crews, but major projects will have to be let to contract.

The house Tuesday morning rejected the bill as passed by the senate and sent it to conference. Some members charged it was unconstitutional because it did not initiate in the house as a revenue measure.

The senate had "shucked" a non-revenue measure previously passed by the house and inserted the tax provision.

Other members objected that the seven-month limitation was not clear. The conference committee made only a minor clarifying change to make sure the bill will expire at the end of the seven months.

Members said that the state attorney general had ruled informally that the bill would be unconstitutional.

Lucien Spear, Hugo, urged that the legislature adjourn this week and then return for a special session after the exact amount of the flood damage is determined.

"We don't know whether the flood damage is \$5 millions or \$50 millions," he said.

On final roll call, the following house members voted against the bill: Guy Horton, Altus; Bucky Buckler, Kanawa; Ed Cole, Okmulgee; Robert Lollar, Miami; Clint Livingston, Marietta, and J. H. Belvin, Durant.

The house also beat down an attempt to give 20 percent of the money to county commissioners. A fight to exempt airplane gasoline, along with agriculture gasoline, from the special tax was dropped when C. R. Smith, New York City, president of American Airlines, said he did not object to the tax.

"In view of the emergency, American Airlines understands the action of the governor, which we support."

Smith estimated the one-cent tax would cost American Airlines \$70,000 for the seven-month period.

Beck Foe Gets Teamster Post

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will be asked to convene the union's 13-man board to "talk things over" and if Beck refuses to assemble the board, its members will convene anyway on their own.

"I wouldn't be surprised," English said, when asked if the board will demand Beck's resignation. Earlier, AFL-CIO president George Meany, in announcing English's election to Beck's old position, predicted the Teamsters will "get rid of Beck."

English, in the interview, made it clear the Teamsters chiefs—or a majority of them anyway—don't intend to let Beck continue as Teamsters president until the union's convention in late September when new officers are to be elected.

But English avoided saying out-

13 Die as Storms Lash at Missouri

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mont's homes were left standing. "Six or eight of the injured may die," he said.

The damage at Van Buren, nine miles from Fremont, was less extensive with the twister touching down in one edge of the town of 700.

The town of Desloge, 50 miles south of St. Louis, was fortunate to have escaped with only two dead and perhaps 30 injured, witnesses said.

"It swept right through the center of Desloge," the patrol said. The twister cut a path six blocks wide through business and residential sections of Desloge and the neighboring community of Cantwell, the patrol said.

Bonne Terre itself escaped major damage.

Two visitors to the farm home northeast of the Desloge-Bonne Terre area were among the dead.

The patrol identified there as Hubert Cunningham and his wife, Joyce, of Farmington, Mo., both about 60. Another woman, who presumably lived at the farm, also was killed and several in the rural section were hurt.

Sgt. V. E. Mary of the patrol was on a hill overlooking Desloge when the twister hit. He gave his headquarters a running account.

"It criss-crossed back and forth several times before it hit," said Darrell Pemberthy, another witness.

The tornado, preceded by heavy rain and hail, then bounced across the Mississippi river, wrecking a number of farm homes in a rural section south of Columbia, Ill. There was heavy property damage but no dead or injured.

The St. Louis area was swept by high winds and torrential downpours at about the same time. There was some wind damage.

Woman Resigns Post at Helena

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done an outstanding job running the school in the short time she was superintendent, and we regret that she finds it necessary to resign. Many of the policy changes she instituted are essential for efficient operation of the training school."

The new superintendent was hired at an annual salary of \$6,000. He is a former accountant.

Stocks is a former army lieutenant colonel with wide experience in all phases of military training. He enlisted in the 43th division in 1927 as a private and was ordered to federal duty with a battalion with the third army and after the Nazis were defeated, Stocks commanded a prisoner of war camp of 105,000 Germans at Rhineberg.

"We feel very fortunate to get Stocks for this job," Burch said. "He has many years experience leading, training and disciplining young men, which should ideally suit him for head of the Helena institution."

Missouri Storm Dead Identified

ST. LOUIS, May 21 (AP)—Identified dead in a series of tornadoes that struck in Missouri late Tuesday included:

MRS. EVERETT RAGSDALE, 55, Desloge, Mo.

FRANCIS PRATTE, Desloge, Mo.

MRS. EMMETT CUNNINGHAM, Colorado Springs, Colo.

HUBERT CUNNINGHAM, 60, Farmington, Mo.

MRS. JOY CUNNINGHAM, 60, his wife.

JACK ALLEY, 55, Fremont, Mo.

MRS. MAUDE SIMPSON, 70, Fremont.

MRS. MARLENE JONES, 22, Fremont.

DEWAYNE JONES, 5, her son.

MRS. DELLA JONES, 40, her mother-in-law.

JAMES RENICK, 73, Van Buren, Mo.

ELLI PRATTE, 37, Desloge, Mo.

(The Cunninghams were killed while visiting a farm home northeast of Bonne Terre, Mo.)

Gambler's Widow Kills Last Of Fort Worth Crime Kings

FORT WORTH, Texas, May 21 (AP)—George "Jack" Nesbit, described by police as the lone survivor of the top echelon of Fort Worth's underworld, was shot to death Tuesday night by a frightened woman.

Detective A. C. Howerton said Mrs. Lois Stripling, widow of gambler Howard L. Stripling, shot Nesbit at her duplex apartment.

"I was afraid he was going to kill me," he quoted the attractive 31-year-old widow as saying.

The 32-year-old Nesbit was a leading suspect in the bombing deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Noble and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Harris, Howerton said.

Mrs. Stripling said she had been going with the underworld character quite a while.

"But I had been trying to break

He returned to her apartment Tuesday night, shortly after Mrs. Stripling had finished feeding her 24-year-old son, Danny Lee Stripling.

On his earlier visits, she explained, he had pulled out an automatic pistol.

"I was afraid he had it with him tonight," she told reporters. "We started to argue again. Then he came at me."

After a long pause, she looked up at a Star-Telegram reporter and added: "I shot him."

Sooner Sets Trans-Atlantic Flight Record

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1927, covering a slightly shorter distance in his Ryan monoplane.

Risner's supersonic jet was taxied to the exact spot on the airfield where Lindbergh landed on the first trans-Atlantic solo flight. Welcoming U. S. and French officials and a smattering of French men and women swarmed over the pilot.

Applauding from this side of the Atlantic were his Oklahoma kin who kept watch throughout the morning and early afternoon for reports of the flight. Risner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover W. Risner of Tulsa.

"We were quite thrilled and happy that he made it all right and in good time," said a brother, Orvis Risner, who lives near Edmond.

Risner said he heard about the departure on television and "started listening for further news about the time I thought he would be arriving there."

"Of course, you do worry some," he added. "There is a lot of confidence in him and we know he has confidence . . . not just in himself, for he feels like the good Lord is riding with him."

The jet covered 4,002 statute miles, refueling twice in the air. It gassed up over Torbay, Newfoundland, and over Lages air force base in the Azores. The aircraft will be displayed at the twenty-second annual French aviation show opening Friday at Le Bourget.

Risner's successful commemorative flight was to signal a cascade of congratulations from his buddies of the 185th here.

He went on active duty with the airforce from the ANG at Will Rogers and eventually became the 20th jet ace of the Korean conflict.

Afterward, he spent three years in Germany and returned to this country last year. He is stationed at George airforce base in Victorville, Calif., where his former army nurse wife and three sons live.

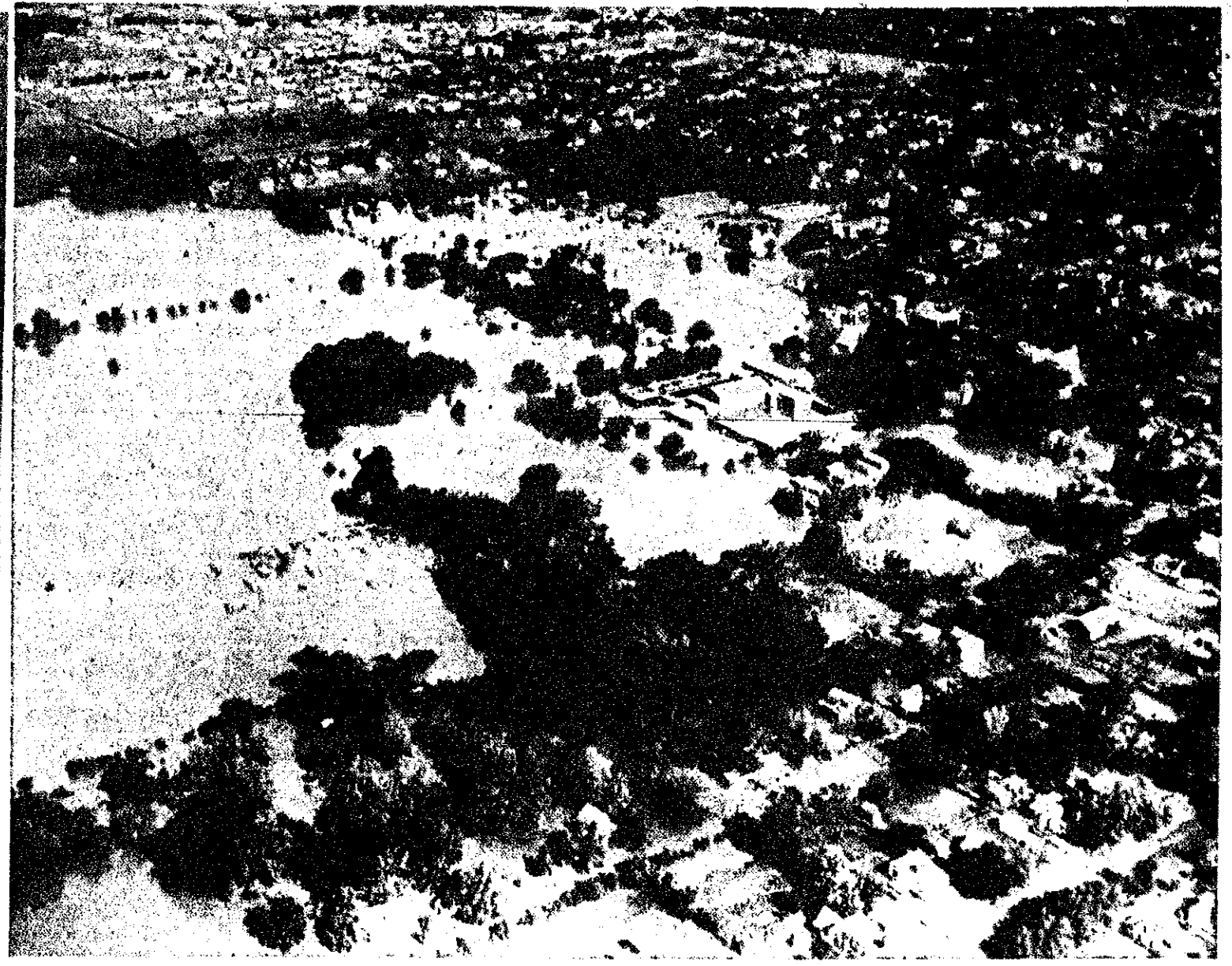
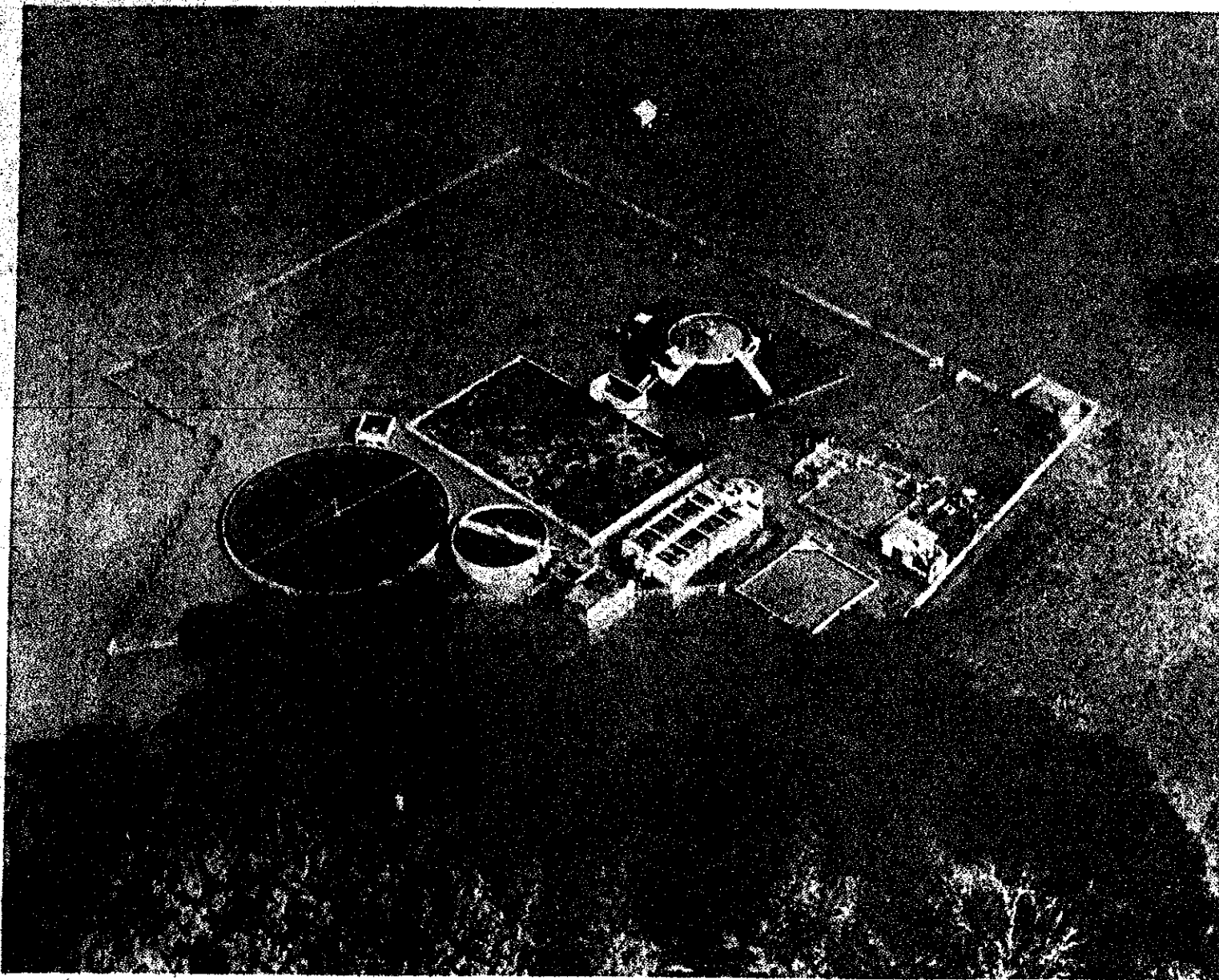
Risner shattered the old unofficial record of March 9, 1935, Sunday when he whizzed from Palmdale, Calif., to McGuire in three hours and 38 minutes. Previous record was three hours, 41 minutes and 53.33 seconds.

A graduate of Tulsa Central high school, Risner was with the army air corps in Panama during World War II and later worked for his brother, Orvis, in Oklahoma City.

Officers Re-elected

LOS ANGELES, May 21 (AP)—John A. Neale, New York City, and all other major officers of the National Fire Protection Association were re-elected Tuesday the close of the first general session of the first annual meeting.

Damage Mounts as Second Flood in Week Sweeps Across State



The Stillwater sewage plant, left, was surrounded by floodwaters that ran five to six feet deep in the south part of town. Washington school (center of right photo) received heavy damage from water that was three feet deep inside the building.

Stillwater Digging Out of Muddy Mess

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(Oklahoman-Times Stillwater Bureau)

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U. S. 40 — East of the Orienta-Cimarron river bridge, location not specified.

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Mud and silt carried into homes by the flash flood. Floors and furniture damaged by water caused loss for homeowners in the areas along east and west Boomer creeks and Stillwater creek.

Southeast Still Flooded

Principal area still under water late Tuesday was the southeast section where Stillwater creek spread more than a mile wide. Many homes in the Negro community around Washington school still were flooded.

During the day, five fire trucks moved from building to building around town, pumping out basements.

Mayor A. B. Alcott, who estimated the damage at \$2 million, said Stillwater would be included when Payne county is declared a disaster area.

The flooding was brought on by a downpour which lasted more than eight hours and which dumped rain measured at up to 11 inches.

On top of the heavy rain, the 5-acre Sanborn lake a mile northwest of town burst its dam and poured additional flood water through a northside residential area.

Red Cross Provides Food

F. C. Myer, co-ordinator of Red Cross disaster operations, estimated 50 of the flooded homes received major damage.

Myer said 50 to 75 people would be housed and fed in Red Cross headquarters in the American Legion hall until they can return to their homes. More than 250 were sheltered there and at the national guard armory Monday night and Tuesday.

Payne County Commissioner Joe Human, whose district received the brunt of the storm, said he counted 25 bridges out and 35 bridge approaches washed out. He made a survey of the area from the air.

Miraculously, no one was reported injured or missing during the storm which caused the flood to come up within a few hours.

Druggist Stricken

An indirect casualty was Cecil Colclasure, druggist, who suffered a heart attack while trying to reach his home on the west side

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The emergency shelter and feeding center at the Dover school cared for 45 persons Monday night. The cleanup has started and the Red Cross has distributed equipment to assist with that job. Clothing, voluntarily contributed by residents of Hennessey, Kingfisher and possibly other towns, is also being handed out wherever needed.

A. F. York and Jess Smith, sanitary inspectors of the state health department, were in Dover Tuesday. They were to make a survey with County Commissioners Fred Mitchell of the second district, George Pedigo, third district, and a U. S. health official to determine necessary steps in spraying to control disease and in the removal of dead animals killed in the flood.

Typhoid shots will be given to Dover school children Friday afternoon in a program set up by the state department of health.

Red Cross officials said their organization would help in repairing and rebuilding damaged homes, as well as in replacing essential household furnishings. Applications are being taken at the school and grants are made on a basis of need, not loss. These are not loans and need not be repaid, it was pointed out.

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SH 58—South of Ringwood at the Cimarron.

SH 8-B—At Aline.

DIVISION SEVEN

SH 89—At Mud creek 10 miles south of Ringling.

SH 5-B—At Deep Red creek three miles north of Taylor's store.

DIVISION EIGHT

U. S. 75 and U. S. 149—Between Tulsa and Owasso at Bird creek.

U. S. 44—Between Bixby and Leonard.

U. S. 66—At White Oak creek southwest of Vinita, water over road but traffic still moving, might possibly close; At Big Cabin creek, creek rising fast, might close; under water at Dewey, might close.

U. S. 44—At Keystone.

SH 11—North and south of Skiatook.

SH 20—East of Skiatook; overflow from Bird creek; two miles east of Jay at Brush creek, one-way traffic; west of Pryor, with water over highway.

SH 99—At Lagoon creek north of SH 51 junction north of Oton.

Sandbags Worth a Million in Flood Fight

TULSA, May 21 (AP)—Sand was a more valuable commodity than money in Tulsa Tuesday as thousands of volunteers fought their second great battle to keep the mighty Arkansas river under control.

Rising to an ever higher level than it did Sunday when it crested nearly a foot and a half above flood stage, the swollen stream topped its banks at several points on either side.

The workers, many stripped to the waist under a boiling sun and 85-degree temperature, piled sandbags along both edges of the surging river.

The new rise was a sudden blow to many residents, who had just begun to move back to homes they

abandoned during a weekend crisis. Once again back waters from storm sewers accounted for most of the dampened streets. The water was three to five feet deep at some points.

Driving through this quickly mobilized city of 240,000 was a problem. Traffic jams were frequent. Sand trucks had the right of way under escort of siren-sounding police. The trucks were everywhere.

Once again sightseers hampered the flood-fighting operations as they jammed the city's three vehicular bridges and riverside drive, a five-mile expressway skirting the river's east bank.

The drive theoretically was closed to all but authorized traffic. But even hundreds of city, county and state officers couldn't stop the

curious from viewing the drama of the rising waters.

For the first time since the flood threat started last week in this self-styled "Oil Capital of The World," water was on the drive and so deep in places it virtually was impassable by automobile. The huge sand trucks and flat bed trucks, capable of carrying as many as 50 workers, got through, however.

It was estimated more than 5,000 tons of sand in 140,000 bags were used to line 40 blocks of the river's edge in the first flood battle. As much, if not more, was used Tuesday alone to bolster weak spots on either side of the stream.

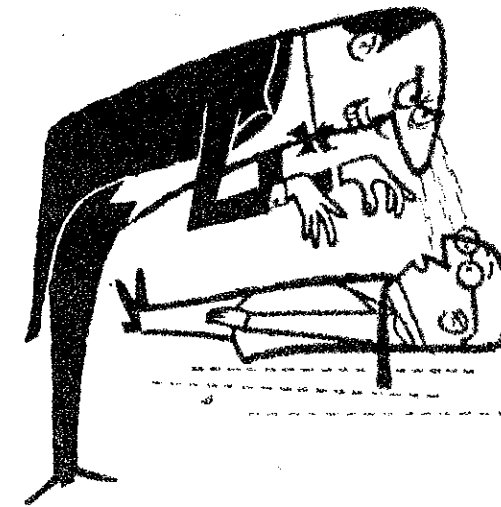
Despite the tremendous sandbag fight, water still seeped through.

But there was little doubt the sand cut down the raging torrent's force as it swept near the banks.

Some families again left their homes, others elected to wait and see if the stream would go higher. There was no panic—some still kept a surprising sense of humor.

One Tulsan, peering at the muddy, debris-laden flood, cracked: "Well, there goes our 'oil capital.' Guess we'll be the 'flood capital' from now on."

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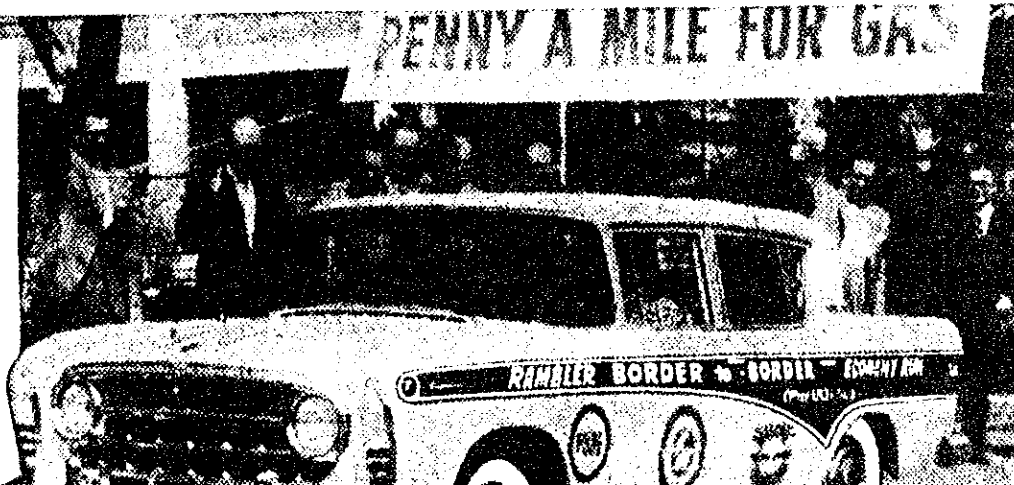
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The engineer official told them that existing flood control projects prevented an additional \$5 million damage.

Listing projects which are in the planning state or are under construction, he estimated savings would have been as follows:

Keystone dam, on the Arkansas upstream from Tulsa, \$4.5 millions; Enid flood control project, \$1.4 millions; projects on the Verdigris river, \$600,000; projects on the Grand river, \$200,000.

Monroney Asks Funds

His total \$14.1 million damage estimate was broken down as follows:

Cimarron river \$5 million; Arkansas river above Keystone \$2 million; Arkansas below Keystone, \$4.5 millions; Verdigris river \$600,000; Washita river—\$1,600,000; Grand (Neosho) river, \$200,000.

Monroney said the damage figures "prove beyond doubt the necessity of the Oklahoma Water resources program."

He added, "I believe it will be necessary to have an additional allotment from emergency funds to help Oklahoma meet this staggering blow."

President Eisenhower released \$1 million in Civil Defense emergency funds for restoration of public facilities in flooded Oklahoma areas.

House Study Proposed

Rep. Ed Edmundson, Muskogee, said he will ask the house public works committee, of which he is a member, to form a special sub-committee to visit Oklahoma and "assess the effectiveness of flood control facilities and determine any need for acceleration of the program."

Rep. Tom Steed, Shawnee, said he will confer in Oklahoma with civil defense officials Friday.

The house and senate are now considering appropriations bills for public works projects, and the timing of the floods may create the demand by Oklahoma congressmen for bigger public works appropriations than were requested this week and last.

Commercial Zoning Given Three Areas

Extension of "E" local commercial zoning to 4002-14 N Barr and 3701-24 NW 31 was approved Tuesday by the Oklahoma City council.

The council also voted "F" commercial zoning for the northwest corner of SE 1 and Phillips. Both zoning extensions had been recommended by the city planning commission.

when Payne county is declared a disaster area.

The flooding was brought on by a downpour which lasted more than eight hours and which dumped rain measured at up to 11 inches.

On top of the heavy rain, the 5-acre Sanborn lake a mile northwest of town burst its dam and poured additional flood water through a northside residential area.

Red Cross Provides Food

F. C. Myer, co-ordinator of Red Cross disaster operations, estimated 50 of the flooded homes received major damage.

Myer said 50 to 75 people would be housed and fed in Red Cross headquarters in the American Legion hall until they can return to their homes. More than 250 were sheltered there and at the national guard armory Monday night and Tuesday.

Payne County Commissioner Joe Human, whose district received the brunt of the storm, said he counted 25 bridges out and 35 bridge approaches washed out. He made a survey of the area from the air.

Miraculously, no one was reported injured or missing during the storm which caused the flood to come up within a few hours.

Druggist Stricken

An indirect casualty was Cecil Colclasure, druggist, who suffered a heart attack while trying to reach his home on the west side of town where Stillwater creek had marooned it.

Dwight Akins, street department superintendent, said damage to city streets and bridges was "quite extensive." He said eight bridges were out and all streets in the flooded areas, except those with concrete paving, were heavily damaged.

Mayor Alcott estimated the street damage at \$15,000.

Red Cross officials estimated 25 farm homes along the raging creeks in the county were damaged.

At Oklahoma State university, C. K. Bullen, director of the physical plant division, said "material loss is not too great." Labor to clean out flooded basements will be the big cost, he said.

Water from over-loaded storm sewers backed up six inches deep in the library, classroom building and engineering building, but no major equipment was damaged, Bullen said.

Highest damage on the campus was in the student union, where director Abe Hesser estimated water damage at \$6,000.

Dover school children Friday afternoon in a program set up by the state department of health.

Red Cross officials said their organization would help in repairing and rebuilding damaged homes, as well as in replacing essential household furnishings. Applications are being taken at the school and grants are made on a basis of need, not loss. These are not loans and need not be repaid, it was pointed out.

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