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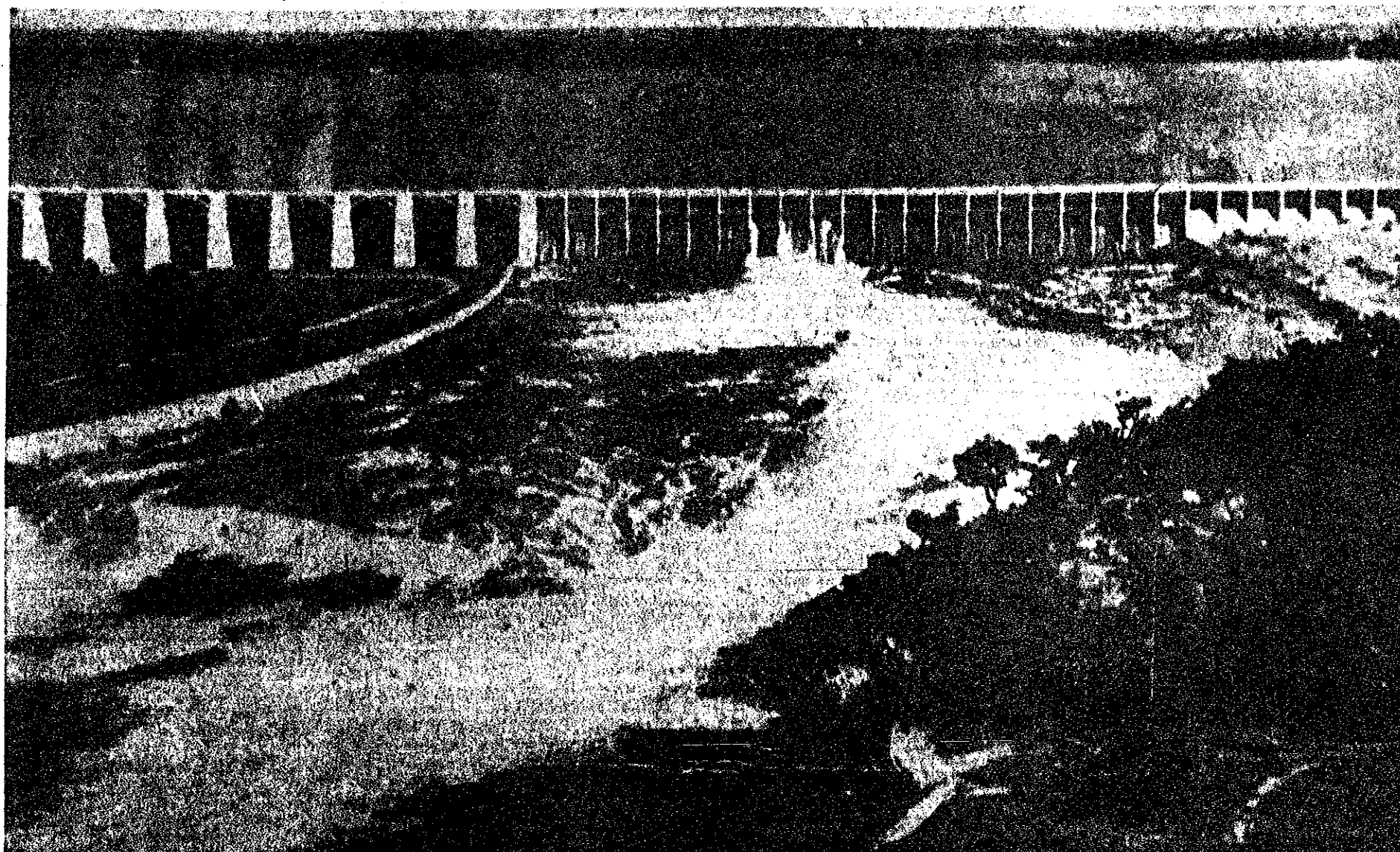
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Three floodgates were open at Pensacola dam Thursday in an effort to control fast-rising Grand Lake and engineers warned it may be necessary to open additional gates. The discharge rate is being held down to avoid flooding above Fort Gibson reservoir. (AP Wirephoto.)

Lake Texoma Closes Floodgates to Ease Threat Downstream

U.S. Working On 'First Step' Arms Cut Pact

Treaty With Soviet Is Aim of Leaders In Capitol Huddle

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—United States is reported working for a "first step" disarmament treaty with Russia and other nations which could lead to pledges by non-atomic countries against acquiring nuclear weapons.

The plan also envisions a small cut in armaments by Russia and the western powers, especially of heavy weapons, missiles and planes capable of delivering atomic-hydrogen bombs.

Countries would turn over weapons they agreed to cut from their armed forces to specified inspection depots which would be supervised by a United Nations organization.

Five Nations Included

The agreement would initially be concluded by the nations now represented at the London disarmament talks: Russia, the United States, Britain, Canada and France. But it would be open to other nations which wished to join, provided they pledged not to further complicate the world arms picture by seeking to manufacture or acquire atomic bombs.

Cigaret Foe's Brand Raises Library's Ire

Oklahoma City police were asked Thursday to find out who's been writing anti-cigaret and anti-alcohol slogans in Oklahoma City's library books.

Clarence Paine, city library director, said the slogans have been appearing in library books here for the past 1 1/2 years.

Most of them appear to have been made with a rubber stamp.

Some of the typical slogans:

"Pray for the smoke addict!"

"20th Century World Needs Not Smoke!"

"USA Atomic Age mankind needs a cigaret-less America."

"Let's lose fear from alcohol and tobacco."

Detectives G. H. Hammerberg and J. D. Lewis said the latest books to be marked with such slogans were received Thursday morning at the library.

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Big Reservoirs Almost Filled; Resorts Suffer

Red River Posing Serious Peril For Area Below Dam

Oklahoma lakes rose to record levels Thursday as U. S. army engineers sought to hold the waters in check to avert more serious flooding in northeastern and southeastern sections of the state.

Engineers said Grand Lake in northeastern Oklahoma was only 15 inches from full Thursday afternoon. They said discharge gates may have to be opened on Pensacola dam Friday, which could send flood waters rattling downstream to the Fort Gibson reservoir.

At the same time, because of more flooding in east-central Oklahoma Thursday engineers ordered discharge gates closed at giant Denton dam at Lake Texoma. Engineers said this was to prevent serious flood damage on the Red river below the dam.

The lake is already at record levels and within five feet of the maximum flood pool elevation. Much of the lake's resort area is already under water.

More Rain Predicted

Fort Gibson and Wister reservoirs were also reported at record

Grand Jury's Final Report Under Fire

By ELWIN HATFIELD

Oklahoma county's grand jury Thursday came under fire almost before it could file its final report and go home.

Even as the jurors were completing their report, the attorney for a former state official indicted on a perjury charge initiated court proceedings designed to throw out the indictment.

The jury's report was critical of Max Findley, Wagner county prosecutor, and two Muskogee district judges—E. A. Summers and Andrew Wilcoxon.

Findley retorted the "Oklahoma City" failed to expose

Counties Due Gas Tax Help

State Will Divert 20 Percent Of Take

The state will come to the aid of flood damaged county roads and bridges with 20 percent of the special emergency one-cent gasoline tax to be used for this purpose, Gov. Gary disclosed

Ellis Couple Wins In Fight for Hildy

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 23 (AP)—Gov. Leroy Collins Thursday called Massachusetts kidnaping charges against Mr. and Mrs. Melvin R. Ellis "synthetic" and refused to extradite the foster parents of Hildy McCoy Ellis.

The real issue is simply whether the custody of Hildy should continue with the Ellises or be placed under institutional control, Gov. Collins said.

He put the love of the Jewish couple for their 6-year-old foster daughter—who was born of an unwed Catholic mother—ahead of legal and religious obstacles.

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Storms Strike In Texas Again

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Raise in Postal Rates Favored

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—The Eisenhower administration bill to raise postal rates advanced an important step Thursday, with approval by the house postoffice committee.

Among other things the cost of mailing a first class letter would rise from three to four cents.

Chairman Murray (D., Tenn.) announced the approval of the bill a "decisive majority" and said he would try to get it on the house floor next week.

The house passed such a bill last year but it never got out of a committee in the senate.

This year's measure would raise postal charges an estimated \$482 million in the year beginning June 1 and the total annual increase would climb to \$527½ million by 1961 on the basis of present volume of mail.

The house committee has been working in stages on the bill. The most important raise—on first class letters and airmail letters—was voted by the committee May 7.

President Eisenhower asked for increases to cut into the annual deficit of the postoffice, which is estimated at \$680 million in the new fiscal year. Eisenhower's budget, now going through congress, anticipates the raises will be voted.

Morse Due Award

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—Sen. Morse (D., Ore.) plans to go to New York Saturday to receive the annual David L. Clendenin award for distinguished service to Oregon.

ops Raise Governor

When the house adopted a new amendment restoring the bill to its original form, following pay raises are provided: Lieutenant governor—from \$9,000 to \$9,500; corporation commissioner—from \$9,000 to \$12,000; treasurer—from \$7,500 to \$10,000; state examiner and inspec-

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These points became known Thursday night after two lengthy meetings by top Eisenhower administration leaders who are drafting a new American disarmament proposal to be offered to Russia at the talks resuming in London Monday.

Responsible informants stressed that the limited accord to be sought from Russia would include cuts in weapons, manpower and military spending as well as agreement upon zones which would be open to aerial inspection.

Details Kept Secret

Any agreement would be in the form of a treaty, they said, subject to ratification by a two-thirds vote of the senate.

The precise details of the American plan were kept secret. But, they were discussed by President Eisenhower and top level aides at a two-hour meeting of the national security council at the White House.

Those attending included Secretary of State Dulles, disarmament chief Harold Stassen, and Admiral Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the joint chiefs. Radford has publicly expressed skepticism about the trustworthiness of any Russian disarmament pledge.

Afterward, Dulles and Stassen met for another two hours in a highly secret session with the senate subcommittee on disarmament headed by Sen. Humphrey (D., Minn.).

Humphrey reported that Stassen said the eight week long series of talks between Russian and western representatives in London are a "serious negotiation." Stassen was further quoted as saying the talks are not aimed at a final disarmament agreement but a "first stop" understanding which will result in "a small slice arms cut with inspection."

Soviet Offer Hopeful

Stassen and other responsible American officials emphasized that such an agreement would not depend on the good faith of Russia in carrying out promises but rather on a carefully arranged inspection system.

The initial agreement, it was (Continued on Page 3, Column 2)

A Slip, Nixon Says

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP)—Vice-President Nixon said Thursday he thought Sen. Wayne Morse's tongue "slipped" in saying President Eisenhower and Dave Beck, Teamsters union president, were "the same kind of immoralists."

provide some lead on who is marking the books.

Storms Strike In Texas Again

Deluge Hits Dallas, Fort Worth Area

DALLAS, May 23 (AP)—Thunderstorms and tornadoes peeled off a cold front and bombed Texas Thursday.

The Dallas-Fort Worth area in north central Texas was swept twice by pounding thunderstorms. Other thunderstorms lashed scattered areas.

A tornado injured two men near Winters in west Texas. Another twister slammed into Marshall in east Texas. Trees, television antennas and power lines were knocked down at Mt. Pleasant by an unconfirmed tornado.

Winds Hit Dallas

Winds of up to 75 miles an hour crashed into Dallas. The storm swooped out of a green-black cloud that draped the city in blackness in the afternoon. Tremendous sheets of rain—1.50 inches in half an hour—swept in with the wind. Damage was widespread, but minor. Minor flooding also was widespread and police said fallen trees, power lines or debris blocked streets at some 150 points.

Light hail scattered across the city. Power and telephones were knocked out for a time.

The afternoon storm followed a similar cloudburst in the morning. A thunderstorm also rolled over the city Wednesday night. Rainfall from midnight Wednesday until 6 p.m. Thursday totaled 4.93 inches.

Rain Stalls Autos

Torrential rains, falling from black clouds, flooded many sections of Fort Worth. Hail and winds of 60 miles an hour lashed the city at noon. Fort Worth received an official rainfall of 3.50 inches Thursday. As much as 4.90 inches was reported in the area.

Automobiles were stalled or submerged all over town from flash floods. A few families were evacuated, as in Dallas. Minor wind damage was reported.

The noon storm followed a near-cloudburst that fell on southeast Fort Worth early in the morning.

No Halt Is Slated On Guthrie Repair

Guthrie repair crews Thursday night worked feverishly to repair a damaged water main before the city's water supply ran out.

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More Rain Predicted

Fort Gibson and Wister reservoirs were also reported at record levels near capacity. Dams on both lakes are currently holding back waters from the Arkansas which is already nine feet above flood stage at Webbers Falls.

New rains predicted for Friday, together with the runoff from heavy rains which fell Thursday night in the east-central and north-eastern sections, were expected to boost all four lakes to flood level by this weekend.

Engineers said if Grand lake continues to rise the Pensacola dam discharge will be increased from its current rate of 50,000 cubic feet per second. This would cause flooding along a 50-mile strip of the Grand river below the dam to the Fort Gibson reservoir.

Grand lake was gauged at 753.00 feet (sea level) Thursday afternoon while the maximum elevation is 755 feet.

Water Overflowing

Water was being allowed to run over the spillway at Wister where the lake level stood at 301.25 feet Thursday, 30 feet above its normal elevation.

Apparently anticipating a protest from resort operators along the Texoma, engineers said closing of the dam Thursday was in accordance with congress' authorization for the project's construction.

"Heavy rains along the Red river," said Col. John D. Bristor, "and tributaries in southeast Oklahoma such as Boggy creek, the Kiamichi river and Little river, have made it necessary to close the gates at Denison.

"This action is taken in face of a heavy inflow into Lake Texoma and a prediction by the weather bureau of additional rain along the Texas-Oklahoma boundary.

'Too Much Water'

"Lake Texoma itself has a chance of rising to the top of its flood pool elevation, 540 feet. It is fully realized that this action may cause inconvenience to certain resorts and recreational development on the shores of Lake Texoma, but such inconveniences were anticipated and made known to operators of resorts and other lessees at the time they obtained their leases and are provided for in their leases.

"In any event it is a case of too much water both above and below the dam to satisfy all interests . . . and is necessary to prevent devastation along the Red river below the dam," he concluded.

In addition to Lake Texoma, Wister, Fort Gibson and Grand Lakes, two other flood control

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Water levels at record levels in Oklahoma Territory.

They included Teckiller lake on the Illinois river near Gore and Halls lake on the Candy river near Bartlesville.

Teckiller was gauged at an elevation of 66.25 feet, 13 feet above normal. But even at this elevation it was well below its capacity elevation of 87 feet. Flood gates were closed at Teckiller Ferry dam.

Halls stood at 74.25 elevation, 17 feet above normal. The dam gateway here is 75 feet. Flood gates are closed.

In east-central Oklahoma the South Canadian was cresting at flood stage near Whitefield, Thursday. Stockmen were moving live stock to high ground.

The Arkansas was receding below Tulsa and the Verdigris was also dropping rapidly. The Arkansas' flood crest was expected to pass through Van Buren, Ark., Friday morning.

Engineers hope they can contain most of the rising lakes at the Pennacola, Wister, and Fort Gibson dams to keep new flood crests from developing along the Arkansas.

Streams and rivers in Oklahoma were expected to continue flowing at near bankful stage for several days.

Scattered thunderstorms were predicted to spread over the state from the west and south Friday. There was no temperature changes predicted and the thunderstorm activity was expected to continue through Saturday night.

Thundershowers fell in the southeast quarter of the state Thursday afternoon and skies were cloudy elsewhere except for the far northwest. Temperatures ranged from 63 at Oklahoma City to 71 at Gage.

College Paper Wins Rating

(Oklahoma-Times Northwest Bureau)
TOKAWA, May 13—The Maybrick, student newspaper at Northern Oklahoma Junior college, heads a list of six Oklahoma collegiate publications which recently received honor ratings from Associated Collegiate Press.

The Tokawa college newspaper received the All-American rating, highest given by ACP, in competition with junior college publications throughout the nation.

Three state newspapers got first class honor ratings, second highest given in each class. They were the O'Collegian, Oklahoma State University; the daily newspaper class; The Harvester, Phillips

Grand Jury's Final Report Is Under Fire

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a completely successful investigation of this matter".

The jury also charged that granting of immunity to Earl Johnston, former relief board representative, was a "serious error in judgment". It said this immunity was granted by Judge Wilcoxon on Findley's recommendation.

"This granting of immunity . . . presented one of the most formidable obstacles to our investigation," the report stated.

The jury also criticized Findley for not dismissing the charge against merchant Bob Jeffrey and termed as "irregular" Jeffrey's appearance before Judge Summers.

The jury pointed out that Judge Summers, who accepted Jeffrey's guilty plea and fined him \$500, is a brother of Jeffrey's defense counsel, Cleon Summers.

"We . . . feel it was irregular and not in keeping with the high code of ethics expected of public officials," the jury reported.

Judge Keeps Quiet

Judge Wilcoxon, who called the Wagoner jury which first investigated the relief check scandal, came in for further criticism Thursday.

The jury alleged he "was also guilty of some error in judgment in that he participated in the active investigation of these matters and assumed an important measure of control over the investigation."

Judge Wilcoxon, reached in Tulsa later in the day, withheld comment except to say "it is the grand jury's prerogative to report anything they want."

"I haven't seen the report as yet," he said, "so I'll withhold any comment for now. Even when I do see the report I may not have anything to say about it."

Judge Summers said "I have no comment to make except Bob Jeffrey came before me, pleaded guilty and I fixed what I thought a fair penalty."

Findley Speaks Out

Findley, however, was critical. "It is apparent the Oklahoma City grand jury failed to appreciate the problems we were faced with prior to granting immunity to Earl Johnston. Had it not been for this immunity, it seems improbable to me that we would have obtained indictments against Frank Easley or the other state officials."

"We were stymied when we granted immunity. No one would tell us anything about the inside



Mr. and Mrs. Melvin B. Ellis . . . Love wins out.

Ellis Couple Wins In Fight for Hildy

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After she learned Hildy went to a Jewish couple she tried to revoke her consent to the adoption.

Collins said while he respects the rights of a natural mother to have the child reared in her faith, "I must yield to more fundamental rights."

"The great and good God of all of us, regardless of faith, grants to every child to be born first the right to be wanted and secondly the right to be loved. Hildy's mother denied both of those rights to her. . . .

"It was the Ellises in truth and in fact who have been the persons through whom God has assured to Hildy those first two rights as one of his children."

The governor also found flaws with the legal aspects of the Massachusetts petition requesting extradition.

Collins' decision was unexpectedly swift. He heard testimony at the morning hearing—something

torney of Norfolk county, Mass., showed no emotion at the governor's decision.

Collins began his statement of denial:

"First it is objected that the indictments which form the basis of the demands for extradition are insufficient to substantially charge the alleged fugitives with crimes against the laws of Massachusetts. . . ."

As he said those words, Ellis eased his arm around his wife, Frances.

They knew even before hearing the rest of the statement they had won their biggest—and possibly final—battle to keep blonde, blue-eyed Hildy as their very own daughter.

It was a battle that started only a short time after they gained custody of the child. Minutes after the hearing the Ellises were aboard a plane for Miami and a happy reunion with Hildy.

East Central's Leading Pupils Receive Honors

ADA, May 23—Annual awards assembly was this week at East Central State college with a large number of students receiving academic, activity, athletic and special awards.

The East Central honor court was in charge of arrangements, with chief justice Alan Caraway serving as master of ceremonies. The members of the court were awarded sweaters for their work this year. Others are Janet Walling, Stonewall; Bill Hodges, Pearson; Walden Drumley and Ernest Randall, both of Ada.

Academic awards led off the assembly with Miss Ida Hoover presenting art awards to Jim Grant, Ada; and Jane Campbell, Ada. Charlyce Klopper, Ada, was named the outstanding freshman student in chemistry. Janet Walling was announced as the outstanding English student, and Shirla Daniel, Carter, received the Richmond award for home economics.

Dramatists Honored

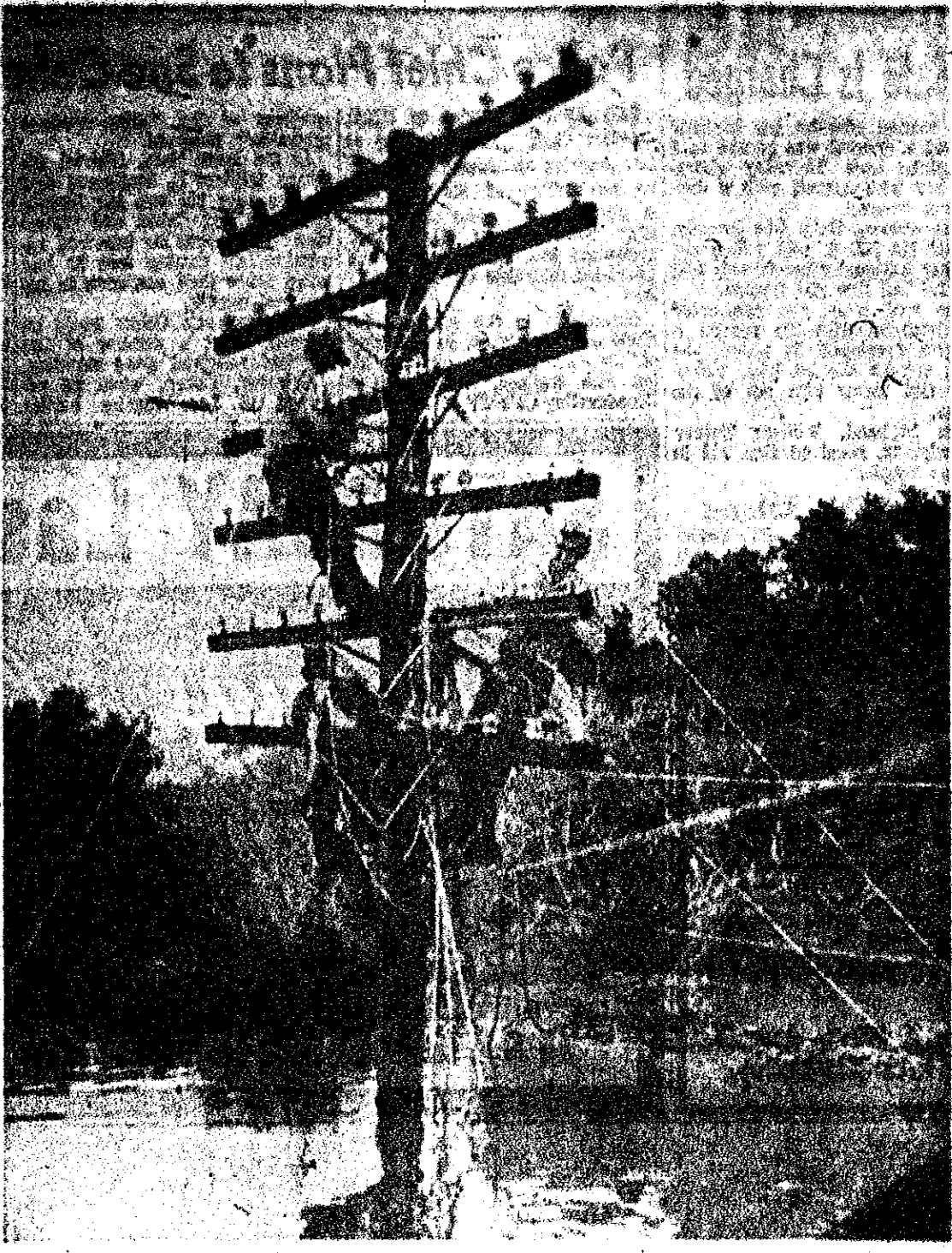
Press awards were presented J. D. Lester, editor, of The Journal. Lester presented service awards to five members of his staff; Joe Formby, Harrah; Bob Ellis, Tishomingo; Rose Pratt, Coalgate; Sylvia Lawrence and Sue Spillman, both of Okemah.

Don Moshier, Stonewall, was the outstanding freshman student in mathematics, and Bob Perry, Ada, received a similar award in physics. Roger Rush, Tishomingo, is recipient of the Saled Music award, and Shirley Crawford, Stroud, received the Blue Lantern Music award. All members of the East Central band received awards.

Speech awards went to Doris Burkett, Ada; Paul Gaines, Konawa; Peter Gilman, Ada. Gilman was winner of the Linachied award. In dramatics, Reasis Jane Shi was named 'best technician'; Doris Burkett, Ada was named 'best actress', and Vern Thompson, Seminole, was 'best actor'.

'Senators' Get Awards

Sixteen new members were named to the Alpha Honor society. They are Mary Stewart, Shawnee; Martha Middaugh, Ada; Gary Bryant, Seminole; Keith Ward, Wirt; Mercedes Davidson, Ada; Don Nobles, Sulphur; Suelien Plummer, Ada; Shirley Rowland, Harrah; Frances Evans, Dustin; Jo Norton, Beethesda, Md.; Mary Walsh, Okemah; Monte Fry, Sulphur; Frederick Burroughs, Stringtown; Peggy Craig, Wayne; Kathy Wade, Ada; Vel Hodgson, Ada.



Telephone lines have been taking a flood beating right alongside the state's highways and bridges. Here, atop a pole in the waters of the Cimarron north of Guthrie three crewmen repair long distance service. To get to their work, state repairmen have been using helicopters, planes and boats. When the floods were at their peak, the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. reported some 170 long distance circuits were out. About 1,500 feet of long distance lines were ripped out at this river crossing.

Good Morning

Fifty Years Ago—Tams Bixby, of Muskogee, purchased an option on the Oklahoma City Times-Journal. The building occupied by the publication had been sold to Paul Westfall for \$35,000 . . . Police Chief Post was adding three new men to force. He said the department should have two horses for use in making hurry up calls

Efficiency—Teen-age secretaries are becoming so efficient their adult judges find it difficult to award first place prizes. So Peggy Beene and Sunny K. Morgan, Capitol Hill highschool, both became "Miss Ideal Secretary" this week in an annual contest sponsored by the Capitol Hill Future Business Leaders of America club.

Atomic Firm Gets Out of Doghouse

WASHINGTON, May 23 (INS)—The atomic energy commission Thursday partially lifted its suspension of the operations of the M. W. Kellogg Co. of New York involving use of licensed radioscopes. The suspension was imposed May 2 pending investigation of an

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