

## Showers Return

Afternoon showers Tuesday, with a high temperature of 88. Monday's maximum was 81.

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## Last of Moffett Residents Flee Flooding River

### Water Is Sloshing Over Top of Lake Texoma Spillway

Some 2,000 residents of Moffett late Monday had completely abandoned that small community in eastern Oklahoma as flood waters of the raging Arkansas river overspread the town.

At the same time, farms and communities along the Red river below Lake Texoma were threatened by almost certain flooding as the swollen lake crept so close to the top of the spillway that wave action was sloshing water over the top.

At 10 p.m. Monday, engineers said the lake level was a bare three inches from the spillway, and, based on the rate of rise, Texoma was predicted to reach spillways shortly before dawn Tuesday. Downstream below the dam, the Red river was still in flood stage.

The last 14 residents of Moffett, the easternmost Oklahoma town on the Arkansas river, were evacuated by boat Monday. The mass evacuation of the entire community was described as "orderly," as most families took all belongings, including furniture, with them.

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### Ike Joins Plea For Additional Postal Funds

#### He Warns Service To Face Cutback Unless Needs Met

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP) — President Eisenhower Monday signed a bill carrying \$3,192,000,000 for the postoffice department, but said this was not enough to maintain service without substantial cuts.

Accordingly, he said, he will be back shortly with a request that congress supplement the sum, which is for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

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The evacuation was completed shortly before the bridge linking Moffett to Fort Smith was ordered closed. Workers at the city hall, frantically trying to save records and equipment, were the last to desert the town.

**Bottomlands Covered**

Floodwaters were not expected to subside at Moffett until Thursday. The Arkansas was running out of its banks 45 miles upstream to Webbers Falls. The river, in places, spread out four to five miles, covering farm bottomlands.

The river was slightly above flood stage far upstream at Ralston, but was falling at most points between there and Sallisaw. It was expected to crest late Monday night at Van Buren, Ark., a short distance downstream from Fort Smith, at 37 feet—nearly 15 feet above flood stage.

Engineers said Lake Texoma will give a "once every hundred year" performance when it goes over the spillway early Tuesday morning.

**Industries Move Out**

Yellow Jacket Boat Co., Inc., and the Theakston Corp., had completed moving out and were waiting to see the results of the spillway discharge.

"We don't know what the water will do, but we can't be sitting here waiting to find out," said Yellow Jacket's R. A. McDerby, as he directed the exodus of his firm. Some 350 employees will be affected by the shutdown.

The lake rise also endangers Oklahoma's second largest bridge—Roosevelt bridge on U.S. 70.

State highway department crews were battling to save the structure, where wave action and high water have topped the riprap on the east end of the 4,942-foot bridge. Tons of rock are being piled on top of the riprap to prevent washing out of the embankment, a highway department spokesman said.

**Situation Changes**

Originally, engineers had predicted the lake would not crest until late this week, but as water from Friday night's torrential rains started gushing into Texoma, the situation changed.

Conditions downstream were still critical. Water was over the floor of the Red River bridge con-

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**Accident Toll Up Four More**

**Count for Month Is Boosted to 66**

**STATE TRAFFIC DEATHS**  
1957 to date, 262; May, 66.  
1956 to date, 237; May, 41.

Two more fatal accidents Monday and the delayed reports of two weekend highway deaths brought the state toll for May to 66—25 more than the same month last year.

Latest victims:  
SHIRLEY FOXF, 22, of Perry.  
TOM NAVE, 68, of Fort Gibson.  
GRANT BEANSTICK, 52, of Stilwell.  
MILTON J. DOLGINOFF, 32, of Kansas City.

Seven hours after Mrs. Foxf was injured by an oil pipe crashing through the windshield of the car she was riding in, she died of head injuries in a Blackwell hospital.

The highway patrol said the car, driven by the woman's husband, Ted, 25, ran into the rear of a semi trailer truck loaded with oil pipe two miles south of Tonkawa on U. S. 177.

Driver of the truck, Bob Tull, 27, of 713 NE 32, Oklahoma City, had slowed down to turn onto a county road when the Foxf car plowed into the rear, the patrol said.

Neither Tull, Foxf, or Foxf's two children—Kim, 3, and Kevin, 1—were badly hurt.

Highway patrolman Ralph Venamon said the Fort Gibson man was crushed to death when the car in which he was a passenger went out of control 1½ miles east of Okay in Wagoner county and overturned.

The Stilwell man died Saturday afternoon an hour after he was struck down by a car in front of his home.

The Kansas City man, injured in a highway crash Friday on U. S. 69 south of Eufaula 4 miles, died in a McAlester hospital Sunday.

**Doctors Look Into Colorful World of Life**

**By IMOGENE PATRICK**

Medical researchers here are peering into a "technicolor" world where the stars of the show are cells of the body.

These scientists are spending their time watching action on a stage almost too tiny for most of us to comprehend.

They are looking at the mystery of life through a special, new microscope trying to find out about the secretions of cells! What they are studying weighs only billionths of a gram but by this means they hope to learn something about the nature of your body cells, their structure, chemical composition and activity.

Dr. Kenneth Richter, professor of anatomy, and his associates in the cytology lab at the University of Oklahoma medical school are trying to answer some of these questions:

How does an organ maintain its character? How, for instance, "does an eye keep on being an eye?"

How long can organs removed from animals keep growing and retain their identity in culture?

How are secretion products manufactured by a single cell? What is the nature and purpose of these minute droplets?

Dr. Richter explained that when you cut into or break the various organs of a body into a series of fragments you get "wild growth". "A thyroid gland tends to lose its integrity as a thyroid gland," he said.

In his laboratory, whole organs from experimental animals—principally bats—are grown in a special medium that feeds the cells.

The scientist has been able to keep entire ovaries, oviducts, pituitary glands, adrenals, thyroid and urinary bladder grow-

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**River Project Opens**

LEIRIA, Portugal, May 27 (AP)—President Gen. Higinio Craveiro Lopes of Portugal inaugurated a

**Fire Marshal Duroy Resigns**

**Gary Signs New Insurance Code**

**By OTIS SULLIVANT**

Gov. Gary Monday signed the bill providing a new insurance code, announced the resignation of Ralph Duroy, state fire marshal, and appointed Paul Ballinger, Holdenville, as the new member of the insurance board effective July 1.

The new code is a lengthy measure that completely rewrites insurance laws into one code. It provides the new board will include the insurance commissioner and secretary of the insurance board who are on the present board and for the governor to appoint a third member in place of the fire marshal who is on the present board. The code will be effective July 1.

Gary said Duroy's resignation is effective July 1. The fire marshal department will be closed at the end of next year and duties taken over by the state bureau of investigation.

Since the legislature expressed the desire for the agency to be consolidated with the bureau of investigation, the governor said he will confer with O. K. Bivins, head of the crime bureau, about the new appointment. He said he believed the consolidation can be effected.

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**Durant Man Due Post on Regents**

Amos K. Bass, Durant, rancher and cotton buyer, will be appointed a member of the board of regents of agricultural colleges to succeed the late R. T. Stuart, who served on the board from the time of its creation.

Gov. Gary Monday announced the appointment of Bass from the third congressional district to fill the term of Stuart which expires in April, 1958.

Stuart, an Oklahoma City insurance man, was appointed from the

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The board, which includes business, industrial and labor leaders, said five retrenchment steps will be needed if the postoffice is not voted more money by July 1:

1. Reducing the days of delivering mail. Summerfield said this probably would mean the elimination of all Saturday deliveries.
2. "Closing hundreds if not thousands of postoffices."
3. "Arbitrarily reducing the volume and possibly the types of mail handled."
4. "Cutting back the long-overdue modernization of many obsolete facilities."
5. "Foregoing the mechanization needed to handle increasing mail volume."

**Ike Backs Summerfield**

Under point 3, President Rowland Jones jr. of the American Retail Federation said that if volume is reduced "it seems clear" that third class mail—largely advertising matter—will bear the brunt. Jones is a member of Summerfield's board.

Eisenhower backed Summerfield and his board's position in these words:

"It is clear, in view of the rising volume of mail, that the appropriation for the postoffice department will be insufficient unless postal services are to be substantially curtailed beginning July 1, 1957."

The board said congress has cut the postoffice department budget in a point where it "will have less money next year than it has for this year—and yet it must deliver approximately 2½ billion more pieces of mail."

The appropriation bill providing for the postoffice department also carried \$691,467,000 for the treasury department and \$1,460,000 for the tax court.

In a letter to Eisenhower, the advisory board said:

"We write you, Mr. President."

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**Nehru's Resignation Discussed in India**

NEW DELHI, India, May 27 (AP)—Some of the leaders of India's ruling Congress party are discussing whether Prime Minister Nehru might not be more useful as president of the party.

A high party source reported a resolution may be introduced in a congress committee meeting June 1 asking Nehru to resign as prime

## Mary A. Dobry, Widow of Mill's Founder, Dies

YUKON, May 27 — Mrs. Mary A. Dobry, 86, of Yukon, died Monday morning in St. Anthony hospital in Oklahoma City. She was injured in a fall at her home about a week ago.

Born Aug. 25, 1870 in Czechoslovakia, she came to the United States with her parents in 1875. The family first settled in Bruno, Neb. She moved to Yukon in April, 1890 and lived on a farm three miles southwest of Yukon until 1902 when she and her husband, A. F. Dobry, moved into town where he went into the milling business. First a partner in a Yukon milling firm, he founded Dobry Flour Mills, Inc. in 1934. In 1954, the mill was sold to the Oklahoma Farmers union. Dobry died in November, 1951.

Mrs. Dobry was a member of St. John's Catholic church in Yukon and of the Ladies Altar society of the church.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Frank Kostka, 4020 N Meridian, Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Alan Norwood, Yukon; two sons, T. A. and Joe E. Dobry, both of Yukon; two brothers, Tom and Robert Kroull, both of Yukon; 11 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

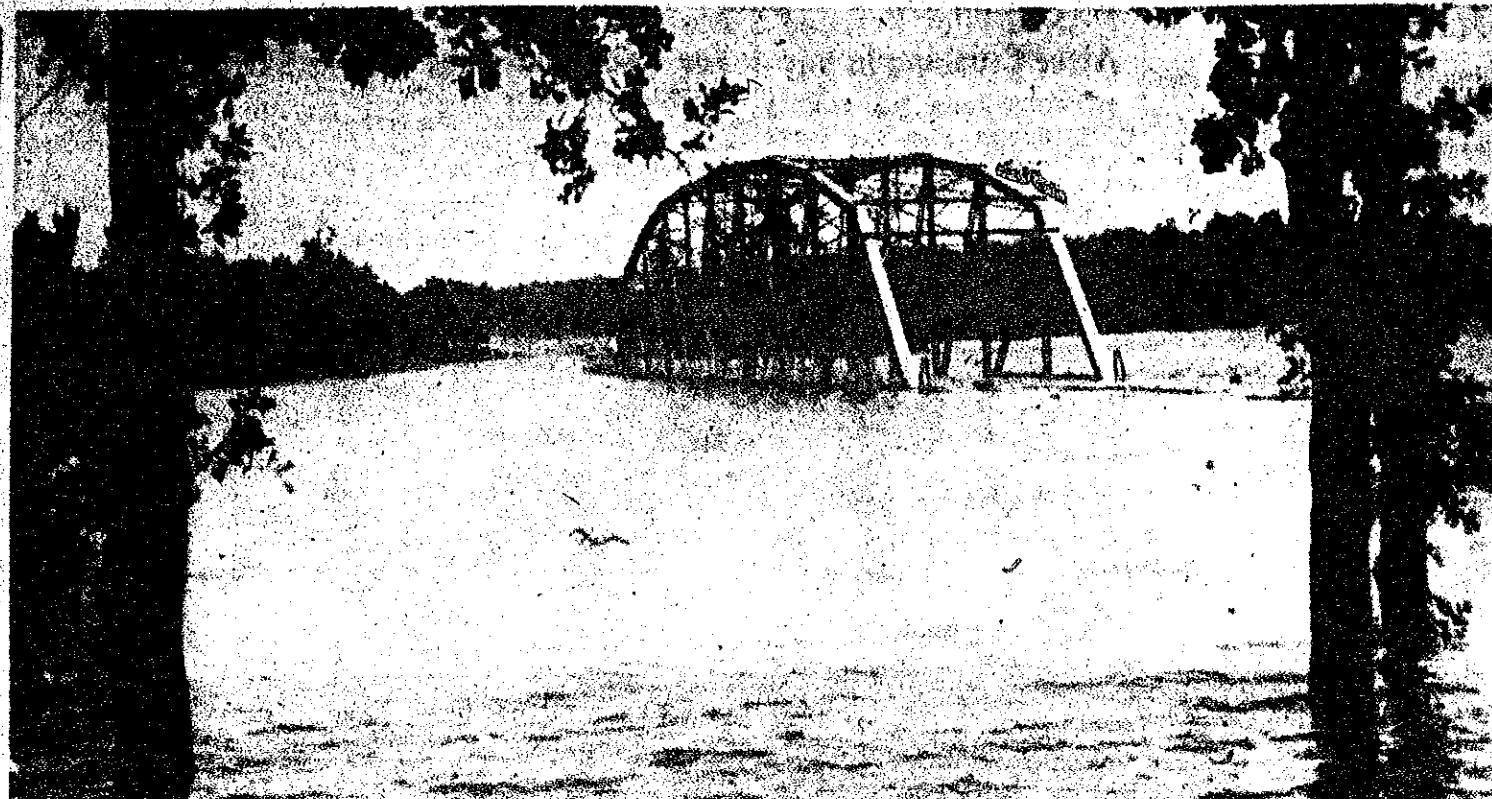
Rosary will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Turner funeral home of Yukon. Requiem mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. John's church and burial will be in Yukon cemetery.

**JOHN A. "JACK" THOMAS**  
Funeral for John A. "Jack" Thomas, for many years a law enforcement officer in Oklahoma City, will be in St. Luke's Methodist church at 2 p.m. Tuesday.



John A. Thomas

Thomas, 71, of 108 NW 20, died Sunday in a local hospital. He started his police career as a young man, serving as a night watchman in Hennessey. Joining the city police department in 1909, he was an officer and detective 18 years before becoming a deputy sheriff here. Later, he worked as an in-



**TAKING A BEATING** is this bridge across Cattfish bay harbor at Lake Texoma. The above picture was made when the water level was 634.52. Since then the water level has risen to a record 639.76 feet. The span above

is an old one which was newly installed on the Texoma site. Formerly it bridged the South Canadian just south of Norman. Approaches at the new site had just been completed when the lake began its record rise.

## Class Gives Honor Spot To Janitor

ATLANTA, May 27 (AP)—Venson Baker, 64-year-old Negro janitor for 28 years at Druid Hills high school for white children, is in a nursing home suffering from cancer.

When he was taken ill students and faculty members donated about \$500 to help defray his medical expenses.

The senior class distributed its 1957 yearbook Monday with the picture of Baker in the position of honor.

The dedication in the yearbook summed up the school's affection: "The senior class of 1957 wishes to recognize a person who has contributed much through the years in helping to make Druid Hills high school a real 'school of champions'."

"It is with a great deal of pride and a sense of deep appreciation for prolonged and valuable service that we dedicate the 1957 'Saga' to a friend, a gentleman and a true champion — Venson Baker."

Deanna Cray and Mabel Griffin, co-editors of the "Saga" visited Baker and told him of the unusual honor.

"That's the nicest thing those

## Fred Woolley Is Dead at 75

Fred Earl Woolley, 75, early-day Teamster who later worked as a truck driver and was employed by the city 28 years, died at 6 p.m. Monday at his home, 1317 NW 9. He had been ill the last eight years with a heart ailment.

Services will be Friday at Hahn-Cook funeral home, the time to be set later.

Born April 17, 1882 in Brookfield, Mo., Woolley had lived in Oklahoma City all of his married life, 52 years. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Bertie Woolley of the home; his mother, Mrs. E. J. Woolley, Pueblo, Colo.; one daughter, Mrs. C. H. Dodd, 1319 NW 9; two sons Fred Woolley, 2720 NW 11, and Glen Woolley, 2130 NW 16; two sisters, Mrs. T. N. Aguilera, Pueblo, Colo., and Mrs. Jake Jacobson, Englewood, Colo., and one brother, George Woolley, Compton, Colo.

### JEROME HAAG SR.

Rosary for Jerome Haag sr., prominent city construction company owner, will be at the family home, 3624 Venice blvd., at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Mass will be 10 a.m. Wednesday in Our Lady's Catholic church, with burial in Rose Hill cemetery

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## Actress Named As Story Scout Of Confidential

HOLLYWOOD, May 27 (INS)—Grand jury testimony that led to the indictment of Confidential magazine's publisher and alleged informant was released Monday, revealing that actress Francesca de Scaffa was named as the prime source of spicy Hollywood stories.

The testimony was given to the Los Angeles county grand jury earlier this month by Howard Rushmore, a former editor of Confidential who explained its operations in detail to the jury.

The jury indicted five corporations and 11 individuals after the hearing, including Robert Harrison, publisher of Confidential, and Miss de Scaffa, 27, former wife of actor Bruce Cabot.

Rushmore testified that Miss de Scaffa did about 90 percent of Confidential's scouting for lurid material in movieville over a two-year period.

### Earnings Revealed

He estimated that she earned between \$30,000 and \$40,000 in the process.

Rushmore said Harrison was highly impressed with Miss de Scaffa, now in Mexico, as a tipster because she had easy access to the homes of film celebrities.

He said two of her stories, about actors Robert Mitchum and Errol Flynn, resulted in libel suits against Confidential, and when Mitchum filed his suit, Miss de Scaffa admitted she was not an eye-witness to events recorded in the magazine.

The jurors also questioned Rushmore about Confidential's source for a story about the 1954 "wrong door" raid aimed at Marilyn Monroe.

### Tips Supplied

That was the now famous incident in which Joe DiMaggio, then Marilyn's husband, and a band of private detectives and friends broke down the door of a strange woman's apartment in the belief that Marilyn was there.

Rushmore told the jury that the information came to Confidential from a private detective who was then associated with private investigator Barney Ruditsky, a member of the raiding party.

Rushmore also said Ruditsky supplied the magazine with tips on stories involving actor Mickey Rooney and bandleader Charley



WHERE THREE RIVERS MEET in eastern Oklahoma it looks like water, water everywhere. This is a view of Three Forks north of Muskogee where the Grand and Verdigris meet the Arkansas. Much of this water is contributed by the Grand river flowing through 29 flood gates

of Fort Gibson dam just a short distance upstream. The rest was about evenly divided between the Arkansas and the Verdigris which was about 10 feet above flood stage. The Missouri-Pacific railroad cuts across the lower right of the picture. (AP Wirephoto).

## Bates Accepts Post At Sulphur Hospital

Dr. Clarence E. Bates, who resigned as manager of Veterans Administration hospital in Oklahoma City three months ago, has been named superintendent of the state veterans' home-hospital at Sulphur.

Announcement was made by Wilbur Henline, director of the state war veterans' commission which supervises the home facilities.

Henline said he had contacted Dr. Bates who is vacationing at Santa Fe, N. M. He said Dr. Bates would take command of the home "sometime this summer," but date is not certain.

**Storm Surrounds Retirement**  
The 62-year-old physician retired from his 34-year VA medical career March 1 in the midst of a storm raised by the Oklahoma County Medical Society over admission policies at VA hospital.

The Society issued an ultimatum to the hospital threatening a boycott unless non-service connected patients with insurance were routed to other hospitals.

Doctors have since dropped their local campaign, attempting to win tighter VA regulations from the national congress.



## Easley Case Up in the Air

A timetable for trying the Frank Easley perjury case was worked out by the county attorney and defense counsel Monday, but selection of a judge was still up in the air.

After the grand jury indicted Easley on a perjury charge, his attorney, O. A. Cargill sr., agreed to try the case in June. James W. Bill Berry, county attorney, set it for June 10.

Cargill, however, filed a motion to quash the indictment last Friday, the day after the jury went home. He told Berry and other court officials he wouldn't be able to argue his motion in time for the June 10 trial.

**Continuance Granted**  
So Monday, Cargill asked for and got a continuance on the trial. He and Berry agreed to argue the motion to quash on June 18. Berry also said Cargill had announced he would file a similar motion against the indictment charging Easley with conspiracy to defraud the state.

Berry said Cargill agreed to try

## Baby Suffocates

EUREKA, Calif., May 27 (AP)—Ronnie Dell Johnson, 17-month-old son of a young couple at nearby Loleta, tumbled head first into a 40-inch deep post hole Monday and suffocated. The baby was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Johnson.

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