



Back Roof of Coleman's \$20,000 Damage Done

and few in storm cellars. Coleman bonded itself to the hill and the new school last year insurance men who arrived survey the damage shortly after night, told the C-D. that insurance coverage would be sufficient to repair the damage.

Wendell Burgess, a 1955 Coleman grad, living across from the school, was one of the few people who saw the storm. "We decided it was time to get to the door and had just stepped out when the air was filled with dust and dirt and a roar like a freight train," Burgess said.

Between midnight and dawn only 2 1/2 inches of rain fell and people were out to see what damage had been done. Exceptions

were Mrs. Clea Fay Gudgel and her mother, Mrs. Fred Raines. The wind had torn up their chicken house and they were out rounding up the chickens until about 3 a.m. when they decided to ride around and survey the damage. It was then that they discovered the damage to the school.

Save Books

They aided B. O. and Wendell Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hardy, Doc Gary, Ben Higgenbotham and Mrs. Tressie Ellett who labored until 4 a.m. moving books and uninsured equipment to rooms which still were covered by roofs.

Any doubt that the storm might have been a straight wind instead of a twister was dispelled by a visit to the Coleman Peanut Co-op. There a large circular metal grainery was found smashed about 200 feet from its foundation. To get to its resting place without damaging surrounding buildings, it had to be sucked into the air and lifted over the main warehouse.

Nothing else near the co-op was damaged, C. L. Rounsaville, manager, said as he pointed out a stack of empty 5-gallon milk cans that remained undisturbed near where the grainery had been.

Although the new school felt the brunt of the storm, the adjacent old school buildings and the cluster homes near the school were not touched.

Porch "Jumps"

Mrs. A. C. Tipton who lives just north of the school told of seeing

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When Emergency Become Routine

on the car business and met in distress (officially about to have a baby). She had urgent for the sheriff to get her help.

Best things first when every-thing is an emergency, then every-thing becomes routine. In due time the sheriff aided the lady in dis-ress, chased off the unwanted and recovered two stolen

car stolen at Seminole was here and the thief had taken Mrs. Jackson's car which was parked at Madill. The thefts are a series of ride-and-trade stunts which began in Oklahoma City with stops and thefts in Lawton, Seminole, Tishomingo, and points west. The thief has not been caught.

Caught! for \$1,260 Fine

traps and one channel cat, the a game fish. Weight of the fish ranged from 15 to 20 pounds. Ranger Crow said the game department confiscated the nets, when crammed down tight, a No. 10 washtub, and re-voiced the commercial licenses of two men.

Charges filed against each were fishing in Lake Texoma in Garvin county, netting less than 10 pounds from the shoreline and selling game fish.

Fines totaling \$630, including costs, were assessed against the men by Peace Justice Char-les Lyon on recommendation of County Attorney Ralph

Due to Be Drafted

Er D. Collins, Bromide, will be the lone countain to be drafted in June and will report on the local Selective Service board announcements. A large number will be called to take pre-physical examinations during the month.

Here's Our 'Why Don't They?' Dept.—

EDITORIAL

If normal procedure is followed, by the time flood aid is worked out in Washington, farmers may be well into their drouth cycle.

Floods—and continued rains which have prevented planting of normal crops on many farms—could well be straw to break farmers backs who had to rake, scrape and borrow to the limit to survive the drouth years.

Effective and timely action from Washington could help these farmers get back on their feet—and (it's an unheard of thing) without the government giving

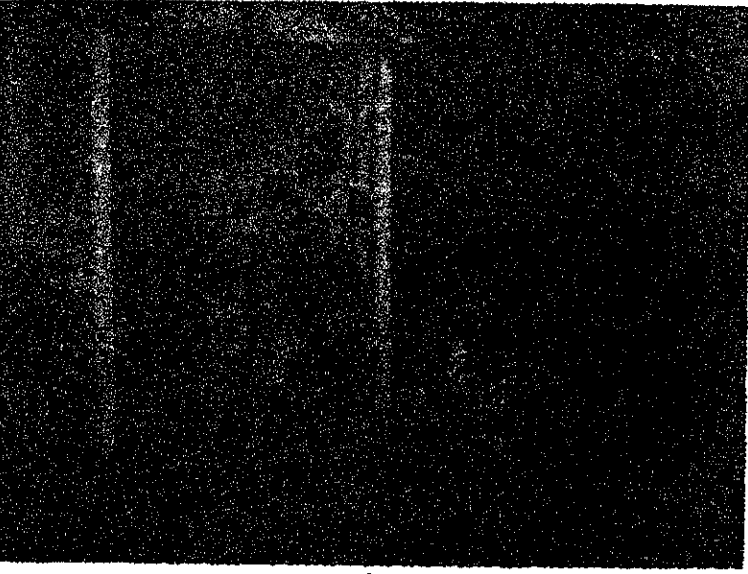
'Tishomingo—The Only Town on the Banks of Lake Texoma'



CAN'T COMPLAIN: A. W. Shaver stands in his front yard and tries his luck at fishing (he caught a drum). "I fish awhile and mow the yard awhile and if the water will stay away from my door I won't complain," Shaver said.



CHANGE A NAME? Tishomingo's ancient and famous Swinging Bridge across Pennington was ready to have its name changed this week to "Floating Bridge." Rising water just lifted up the wooden floor of the bridge and it became a popular fishing platform. Traffic across the bridge was cut off by water which went over its south approach.



TIME TO MOVE: Lem Ferguson, left, of Davis is shown the advancing water line creeping up on Pennington Creek Camp by Elmer Carpenter. Carpenter decided Monday that it would be wise to move some articles from his camp to avoid possible water damage.

County One of Five Being Studied to Learn Resources for New Industries

NORMAN, May 23 — A new study of this area's possibilities for business is being completed by Professor Francis R. Cella, director of the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Oklahoma.

The study covers Love, Marshall, Johnston, Murray, and Carter counties. It points out the possibilities of industry location and forecasts population growth for the next 50 years in this area. This study brings the number of counties covered up to 36.

The study also predicts water needs if new industries utilizing

turing or business that could move into the area is another part.

Income per capita and its sources, agricultural possibilities, and the total summary of possibilities or outlook for industrial development are also part of the study. This includes population, income, industrial production, resources usage, petroleum and gas production, petroleum refining, chemical production, minerals, oriented manufacturing, and government in the area covered.

Cella says, "We hope eventually to cover all the counties in the state with this type of study. When

Lake Laps City As Texoma Goes Over Spillway

High Water Hides Old Landmarks as Crest is Reached

Tishomingo lived up to its billing as being the "only town on the banks of Lake Texoma" this week when the big lake reached the highest point in its history since Denison dam was closed to the Washita and Red rivers in 1944.

The water lapped at homes within Tishomingo's city limits but failed to damage them as Lake Texoma reached a spillway height of 640 feet above sea level at 4:15 a.m. Tuesday.

Barring unexpected floods over a large portion of the drainage area of the two rivers, Army Engineers believe the lake was due to crest Wednesday night at one foot above spillway level and the long slow process of releasing the 23 feet of water above Texoma's normal level of 617 feet may soon begin. Getting the lake back to normal level may not be completed before August.

The first time Texoma ran out its spillway came after Army Engineers closed all flood gates last Thursday to prevent heavy flooding in Arkansas and Louisiana. One gate was re-opened Tuesday.

The lake at one foot above the spillway will discharge only about 10,000 cubic feet of water per second. The spillway is capable of discharging 750,000 cubic feet a second and should April-type rains re-occur and send that much water down the spillway, disastrous flooding would result on the lower Red river.

Scenery Changed

Seeing where the high water was became a favorite pastime in Tishomingo this week as long familiar landmarks became covered.

The water swallowed the foot-bridge across Pennington and the city dam. It floated the floor of the swinging bridge and flooded all the park areas in the southwest part of town.

Access to that part of town could be made only by one road built by the Army Engineers three years ago.

Water lapped at the foundation of Pennington Creek camp and came close to entering the yards of two homes in the area.

Part of the city airport was covered with water and the road from there to the Tishomingo National Wildlife refuge was out of sight. Rabbits and skunks, forced out of the lowlands, played on the headquarters area lawn of the refuge.

Fishermen were able to stand on the old highway 12 route out of town and fish in Pennington and the arch of the old bridge was covered by water.

The bridge on SH 12 between Ravia and Russett remained closed as waters flooded adjacent bottom lands.

What Next?

Additional floods coming down to Texoma on top of the full lake could give Tishomingo trouble, particularly should flooded sewer pumps fail to operate. Cloudbursts on the watershed might result in partial flooding of the business district.

The paradox of Tishomingo having a water shortage while being surrounded by water is not at all impossible. Should present frequent rains halt and normal hot June weather prevail, demand for water will zoom in Tishomingo. If flood waters have not lowered

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