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SHOWERS

TULSA AND VICINITY—Partly cloudy with little temperature change through Sunday. Widely scattered showers through tonight, mostly to the east of Tulsa.

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ing, blocking US 66, and Gr
after a night of tornadoes a
northeast Oklahoma.

The storms had passed by
dawn with no casualties reported
in the state. Partly cloudy skies
and widely scattered showers or
thunderstorms were forecast for
this afternoon and today.

A high of 93 was predicted for
Tulsa this afternoon with a low
tonight in the mid-70s, and a
high Sunday in the 90s. At 11 a.m.
the temperature was 84 at Tulsa
Municipal Airport.

Twisters were seen at Lenapah,
Vinita and Miami, but
the only wind damage reported
was to a shed at Maxon's sales
barn near Welch.

Rainfall measured 4.59 inches
at Spavinaw, 4.75 inches at the
Grand River dam, and 4.21 inches
at Miami at the head of Grand
Lake.

US 66 was closed between
Vinita and Afton, and US 60 was
closed east of Afton.

At 11 a.m. Grand Lake was up
to elevation 748.58—a rise of three
feet in 24 hours—and Army Engineers
stepped up release to 70,000
cubic feet per second.

Unless there is further rain,
the engineers expected Grand
Lake to crest at elevation 749,
which is four feet above normal.

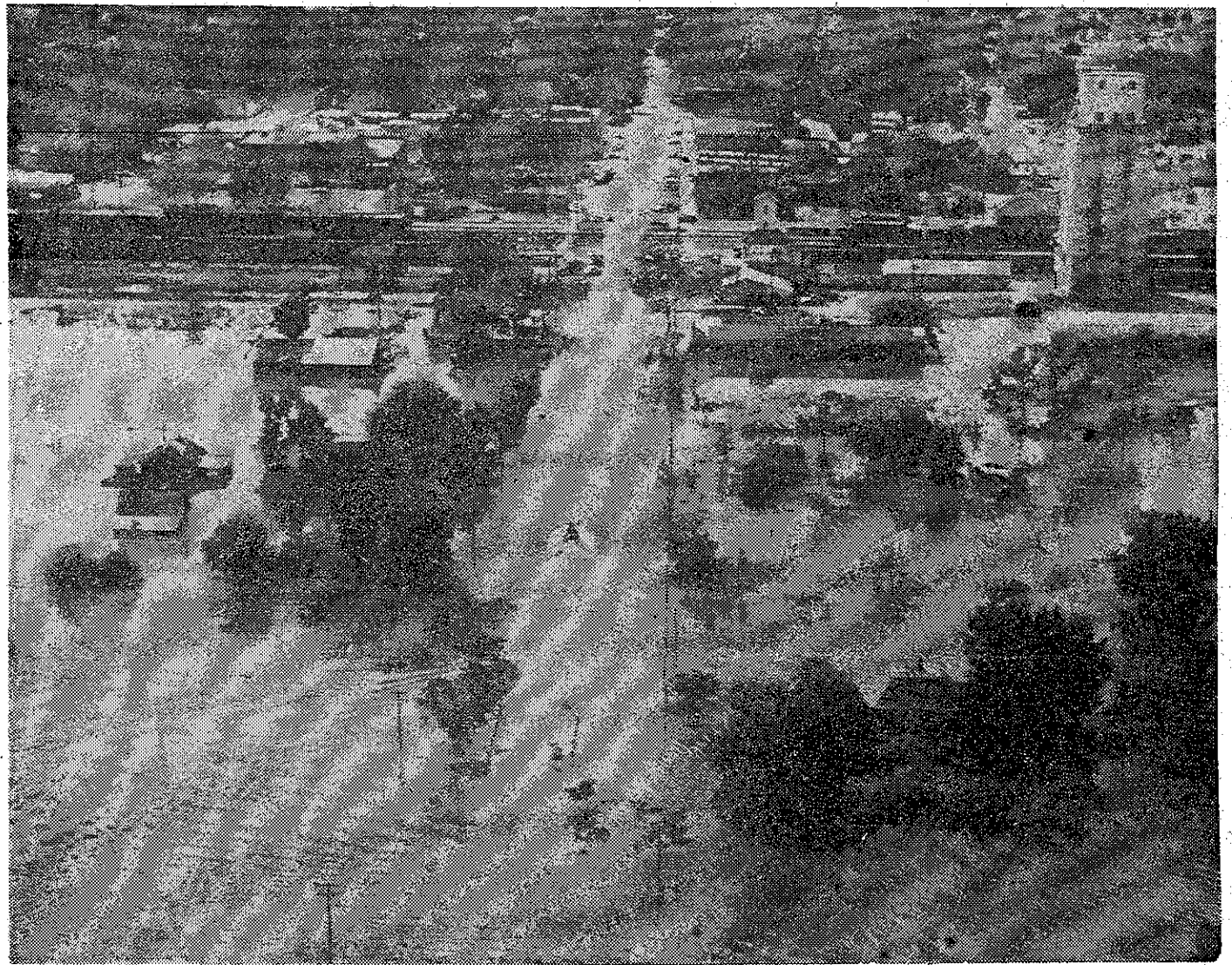
Gibson will crest between elevation
555 and 556, according to the
predictions.

Twenty-five gates were open
3½ feet each at Lake Fort Gibson
dam and were dumping
50,000 c.f.s. into the river there.
An engineer spokesman said the
Grand channel below Gibson
could handle twice the water
being discharged and there is
no danger in the big releases.

Scraper had 3.51 inches of rain
and Westville, 3.5, insuring a rise
on Tenkiller Reservoir.

Vinita received 3.8 inches and
reported creeks threatening to
leave their banks.

Other rainfall reports: Fanshawe, .52; Lenapah, .47; Poteau,
1.02; Quapaw, 2.2; Sallisaw, .86;
Sulwell, 2.23; Zoe, .52. Perkins
and Whitefield reported traces.



FLOOD HITS AFTON—Torrential rains turned the northwest side of Afton into a lake today, as shown above in an aerial photo by Tribune Photographer Royce L. Craig. A

motorboat is seen traversing the main street, on the lookout for persons in need of aid.

Flood Grips Afton

Grand Reservoir Up Three Feet; Funnels Are Sighted at Miami, Lenapah, Vinita

Part of Afton was under five feet of water this morning, blocking US 66, and Grand Lake was up three feet after a night of tornadoes and violent storm activity in northeast Oklahoma.