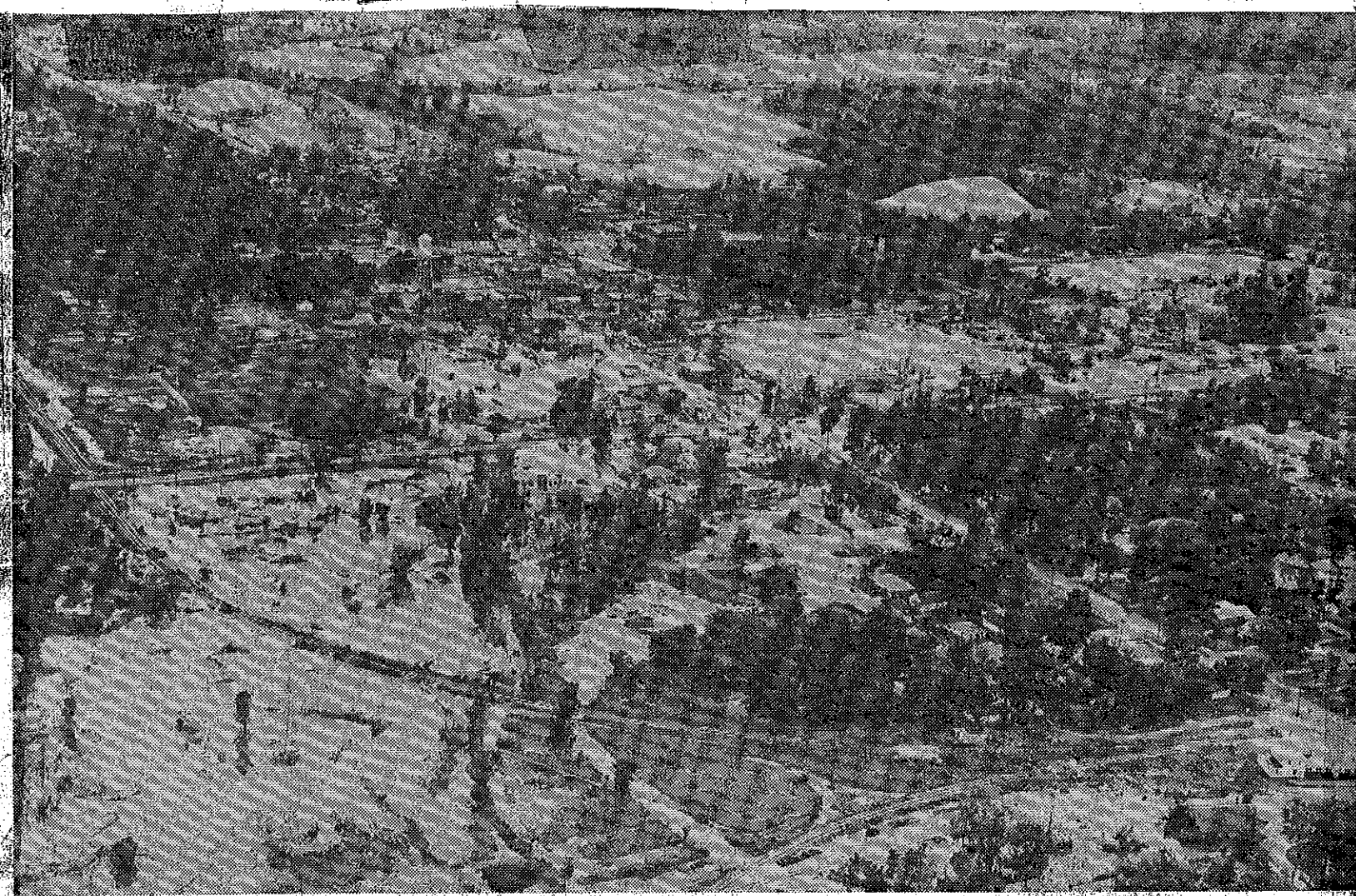


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Flood waters that soaked homes and businesses Saturday in a 10-block area of Picher, shown in this aerial photo, have receded.

Picher, Miami Begin Flood Cleanup Work

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MIAMI, Okla. — Flood waters in this area of northeast Oklahoma were receding Sunday allowing victims of Saturday's torrential downpour to move back into homes and begin the cleaning up jobs that follow after such a deluge.

Picher police reported the water had almost cleared from the badly flooded 10-block area in that city, standing only in the low

places that usually are filled during a normal rain.

In Miami, the water had also receded from all spots other than the lower regions accustomed to being hit by high water.

However, the Neosho River, already 3½ feet above flood stage at Miami, was expected to crest at about 4½ feet Sunday night.

Ottawa County sheriff's deputies Sunday night were attempting to help rancher George Trolinger rescue about 50 of his cattle from a knoll 2½ miles west of Miami as water rose.

Several of the cattle drowned, officers said. About 20 men were fighting rising water, driftwood and tricky currents in efforts to

save the livestock. Parsons, Kan., upstream in the Neosho River watershed had a heavy rain Sunday night, expected to add to woes downstream.

Officials at Grand Lake Dam reported the lake level at 749.02 feet, which is above the flood stage mark of 745 feet. Five large flood gates were open, allowing water to

escape and it was felt the lake level would not rise much above the current mark. A mark of 755 feet would have the water pouring over the arches of the dam.

All six of the turbines at the dam were running wide open producing electricity on a large-scale for the northeastern part of the state.