

FLOODS-TORNADO

Republican Valley Suffers Most Destructive Flood in History

Death List in Valley Placed at 59 and Missing at 86 by Red Cross With Changes as More are Located By Searchers

McCook, Red Willow county and the Republican valley in general are continuing with a determined effort to bring themselves out of the worst holocaust that has ever swept this section of the state.

Starting some time in the night, Thursday, May 30th heavy rains and cloudbursts in the eastern part of Colorado and western Nebraska sent the oceans of water down the Republican valley, bringing death and ruin for hundreds of miles of its length.

The first rush of water was noticeable here early Friday morning and by noon was raised and rushing with destructiveness.

Early interest centered on the electric plant and the water plant. Manager J. R. Jaquet had a large force of men at work on the dikes above the plant as they fought against a rising wall of water for hours and even when in danger of being trapped, remained at work.

At eleven o'clock those who did remain were forced into the building as they fought to keep the last dikes around the building. By one o'clock the men had retreated inside and hundreds of watchers on the banks realized the men were trapped in the center of the worst torrent of water many had ever seen.

Communication was impossible, and for nearly thirty hours, loved ones and friends on the north bank kept sleepless vigil suffering with the men, and experiencing their horror and fears as the large water tank went down, threatening the building where they had sought safety on the roof, and also after they had left the roof for a more secure place on the old plant; the new roof buckled and the building sagged, threatening the whole structure. Until Saturday noon the situation prevailed, although the receding waters brought renewed hope. Previously, effort after effort, had been made to rescue the men, but boats, rafts and other floats were swept away in the flood and the rescuers lives endangered. With the lowered waters Saturday a boat was sent across to the plant and the men brought over in three trips. Thirty-seven men were on the plant, and aside from weariness and some colds have suffered no other ill effects.

At the Charles Miller Dairy home south of Perry death rode the flood crest. Mrs. Charles Miller and six children were marooned in the house. Dale Miller, Clyde McKillip, Fred Swanson and Nels Nelson crossed the channel in a boat to the house for the purpose of bringing Mrs. Miller and children to the main land. One of the oars broke and the party were uncertain as to whether to attempt a return or not. In the meantime the water rose so rapidly as to drive them to the roof. Marooned on the roof they saw the large dairy barn go down and the cattle swept down the river.

er. Fred Swanson fell from the roof and the watchers saw him swept down the river. The house was swept from its foundation and the party started their journey down the stream. The dairy barn was swept after them and into the house breaking it to pieces. The men tried to care for Mrs. Miller and the children. Miss Elizabeth Shook, a sister of Mrs. Miller, took one of the boys Dale Miller and Clyde McKillip had a child on each of their piece of wreckage and attempted to keep Mrs. Miller and the rest of the children with them. Finally torn apart in the raging stream they saw Mrs. Miller disappear in the current. McKillip and Nadine Lena Miller were rescued Saturday from a tree and Neilson was taken from a tree also. Dale Miller and Charlotte were not found until Sunday. The body of Elizabeth Shook was found on an island south of Bartley and brought here Sunday. All of the party fought desperately to save the lost ones with no thought of their own safety.

Hundreds of stories were rife as to rassing and dead but feelings began to find relief as the waters receded and word was received from missing ones.

With the washing out of roads and bridges across the county the situation grew more desperate as it was realized that outside aid was being cut off. Telephone and telegraph communication went out Friday afternoon. Workers continued their efforts however thru all this time. Efforts of the local broadcast station were successful early Saturday and word was sent out as to the situation. Planes began to land here early Saturday and communication was established.

Interest centered also on highway 183 just south of the city. Part of the road had gone out in the storm of last Tuesday and Friday's storm completed the approaches and embankments to both bridges. Two men marooned on the main bridge held attention. They were able to make a small fire Friday night and remained fairly comfortable. They were finally taken off by means of boats.

Monday afternoon the known list of dead was: Mrs. Chas. Miller, 32, Virginia May, her daughter, 4; Miss Elizabeth Shook, Mrs. Miller's sister, Fred Swanson, Glenn Bell. All were local victims.

In the tornado disaster, the known dead were Mrs. Franz Zander her two sons, and a baby of Mrs. Ross Stratton.

Dead, injured and missing from other counties were numerous, but no authentic lists were received here Monday.

While the people here realized the light and power plant was out of commission for some time, their greatest concern was for a water

supply. Manager Jaquet of the power company, was among the 37 on the power house roof and was the last to leave. Immediately on reaching mainland again he was active in starting plans and operations for the repair of the plant to the extent that some light and power could be had. A large crew was at work just as soon as the water had gone down sufficiently so that work would count, and within a short time encouraging reports began to go out in regard to light and power.

L. N. Foster, water commissioner, Art Ray, mechanic, P. Peterson, and men made an early inspection of the water plant and line across the river and brought the encouraging reports that the line was not damaged. Water for the city depended therefore on power alone.

Large tanks were set up at various points in the city and water trucked to them so that those short of water could go there for a supply. The McCook Ice and Packing Co. announced early that drinking water might be had there and hundreds availed themselves of the opportunity.

Lyman Williamson, state field representative, American Red Cross arrived in the city Saturday to set up an organization for the aid of victims. He was given able assistance by the people of the city and relief was started. Offices were established in the office of County Superintendent Asa Wolfe, who aided in establishing the organization.

Veterans organizations of the city were the first organized and with civic bodies gave valued assistance in patrolling and searching for flood victims.

Monday, Albert Evans, director American Red Cross, St. Louis, arrived by plane, with four assistants and met with the local committee. Organization of the seven counties of this southwestern Nebraska with McCook as headquarters was set up. At this meeting it was reported that one hundred thirty-four families were being given relief. Thirty five of these were tornado victims and ninety-nine flood victims. These families are being helped and it is estimated that a million dollars worth of relief would be available here.

Among the workers behind the lines, commendation should be given the telephone company and operators and the boys of the Western Union. All stuck faithfully to their posts and did every thing possible to get information locally and to the outside world. With all communication outside shut off for nearly 24 hours, it is easy to realize how the stories told outside of this city and vicinity being wiped out could be believed by thousands of friends and relatives. An Associated Press plane left the city at about nine o'clock carrying early information to the outside world as to the true condition of affairs here.

Two trains of the Burlington, reported at first as being lost in the flood were located at Benkelman and here. Passengers were held here until Monday when it was possible to send passengers east by bus where they crossed the various streams on foot bridges and were relayed on to Oxford and other points east where they could get train service. By detouring the hills

and canyons north, a number were able to get through to North Platte late Sunday afternoon.

The airport north of the city, resembled an aviation show Saturday and Sunday, as planes from Topeka, Lincoln, Omaha, Denver and other outside points landed here. The Western Union established service by plane to North Platte and a large force of men cared for the thousands of messages waiting to be sent out and they were dispatched thru North Platte. Don Gibson, George Vaughn, Frank Scott and others were busy on the radio and sent out a large number of messages and information of conditions.

The Citizens Gas Co. maintained an uninterrupted service which made available a cooking service and some light services. Various other light producing devices were rigged up, for local use the old reliable coal oil lamp and tallow candle were in demand.

The Pastime Park suffered heavily. Although seemingly well protected by enforced banks, they were of no avail against such a flood and the entire project was washed out. Mrs. Geo. McClain and others at the Park were taken to a place of safety on the south side of the river.

Southeast of the city, in the vicinity of Ravenswood that community was washed out. The Ravenswood Dairy was wrecked and Glenn Bell the proprietor was drowned in the flood. His family and Mrs. Walt Schuetz and daughter took refuge at the Frank Dudek home. Schuetz, Bell and the latter's hired man, Fred Melvaire of Wray, remained at the Schuetz place too long and were trapped by the rushing waters. Schuetz was the only one of the trio rescued. He had been able to reach a hay stacker and remained on it until Kenneth Barrows rode out on a horse and brought him to safety.

Unconscious From Injuries

Mrs. Laura Spaulding, who was injured in the tornado of last Friday, was brought to the hospital here late Monday afternoon, still in an unconscious condition that had prevailed since her injury.

The Claude Spaulding home is just across the Willow, about 12 miles north of the city, and was in the direct line of the tornado. Mrs. Spaulding has been a partial paralytic for the past year and walks with the aid of a cane only. As the storm came up suddenly, with her husband she was caught in their home. Mr. Spaulding escaped injury but Mrs. Spaulding was blown some seventy-five feet and struck by a cream separator and other missiles. Her wrists were cut and slashed, she suffered from loss of blood and shock. Mr. Spaulding had to go a mile for aid and on account of the bridges being washed out, there was an unavoidable delay in securing medical aid. A physician made the trip from Maywood, and Saturday Dr. Verne Hodgkin crossed the Willow on a rope to her assistance, and Sunday Dr. Leininger landed in plane and gave her attention. By a long auto drive Dr. Hodgkin brought her to the hospital here Monday.

Henry Stoetzel of Dickens, was brought to St. Catherine's hospital Tuesday suffering from injuries received when he was buried for twenty minutes in a cave-in. He was in the employ of the Burlington on the west end and with four others narrowly escaped burial alive. The others were taken to North Platte. Stoetzel is reported as making satisfactory recovery.

Services for Flood Victims.

Funeral services for Mrs. Charles Miller, Jr., her daughter Virginia Mae Miller and Miss Elizabeth Shook, sister of Mrs. Miller were held Tuesday afternoon in the Christian church. Rev. W. S. Lowe of the Christian church and Rev. E. H. Maynard of the Methodist church were in charge of the services.

Memorial services were also held for the four Miller children who are still missing.

Mrs. Miller is survived by her husband and children Charlotte Ruth and Nadine, and Miss Shook is survived by her father, Joe Shook and sister Marjorie of this city and several brothers and sisters.

Burial was at Memorial Park.

Funeral services for Fred Swanson and Glenn C. Bell, victims of the late flood were conducted at the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon in charge of Rev. E. H. Maynard of the Methodist church and the Rev. H. B. Vinnedge of St. Alban's.

Both caskets with draped with flags and surrounded by flowers.

Fred Swanson, 43, was born in Sweden and came to this country in 1910. He served in the navy during the World War. He was well known in this city where he had lived for years, and where in his work as contractor and builder, such buildings as the telephone exchange, the Montgomery Ward, St. Alban's church, and other buildings will stand as monuments to his memory.

Of immediate relatives he is survived by his wife and four children, one girl and three boys, and a number of relatives in Sweden. Masonic services were held. A firing squad of veteran organizations of which he was a member, attended in a body and gave him a military funeral.

Glenn C. Bell who for a number of years past, has conducted the Ravenswood dairy, was buried Wednesday afternoon.

day afternoon. A large number of buddies, neighbors and friends gathered to pay their last tributes. The Revs. Maynard and Vinnedge were also in charge of the service.

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Of immediate relatives he is survived by his wife and three children and relatives at Camp Douglass, Wisconsin. Mrs. Bell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Geise live at Culbertson.

Services were held for Clark Colver and son, George, 7, were conducted at Culbertson Wednesday afternoon and the remains brought to this city for burial. Colver was a highway contractor and traveled with his family in an auto trailer house. They were camped close to the river and their auto was swept away in the flood. Mrs. Colver was rescued and is now at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. C. Rader of this city. The veterans organizations gave Colver a military burial.

Services for Mrs. Zander

Funeral services for Mrs. Franz Zander and her two children, Franz Jr. and Gerhard, were held Tuesday afternoon at the Pade Funeral home. The remains were taken to Culbertson where services were held at the Lutheran church, with burial in the cemetery there.

Mrs. Zander is survived by her husband, her father, Rev. J. Kaufeld of Breman, Kansas, five sisters and four brothers.

Services for Claudine Miller

Funeral services for Claudine Miller, two year old daughter of Chas. Miller, were held this afternoon at the cemetery, with burial beside other members of the family who were victims of the flood.

Friday Tornado Deals Death = Destruction

Three Dead and Many Injured When Storm Sweeps West Side of County

Friday afternoon, adding to the damage and death already in the valley a tornado struck west and northwest of here bringing additional death and destruction. So swift was its action, those who escaped death can attribute it to a miracle. At the Franz Zander home just north of Perry Mrs. Franz Zander and two children were killed and Franz Zander injured severely.

A later survey of the tornado district discloses that it must have originated along the river somewhere between this city and Culbertson. Although seen from here there was no damage here, but a heavy dust storm was felt in this city. The tornado struck first in the Perry district and traveled slightly northeast covering a territory that extended to a width of four miles, and on north far past the Willow.

In its path and reported to the Red Cross here are thirty-five victims who suffered anything from the loss of a barn or garage to their

tire farm house and buildings. There were many injured but all have recovered except Franz Zander and Mrs. Laura Spaulding who are at the hospital. Mrs. Franz Zander and two children and the Stratton baby were death victims of the storm.

Flood sufferers in the trees in the river report that for a few moments it seemed the trees they were in would be blown out of the river. Other refugees report narrow escapes.

Where buildings were destroyed it was a most complete job in general, reducing them to kindling wood and scattering them over a wide territory. Trees were cut off near the ground, or up-rooted. The telephone company suffered a heavy loss as for some four miles their poles were snapped off near the ground. They have placed no estimate on their loss but property loss will total over one hundred thousand dollars.

Storms Sweep Entire Valley

Surrounding Towns and Counties are Victims as Flood Brings Death and Destruction.

Oxford presents the largest list of casualties in the McCook area, due probably to the fact that the high water struck at that point in the night, about 2 a. m. A great number of the people living on the river bottom had been warned of the approaching high water, but most of them were unafraid, due to the fact that the water had never before risen to such a height. Consequently, they were asleep in their homes when the water reached them and did not have an opportunity to get out.

An entire volume could be written on the many stories of people who were caught without any preliminary warning and who were asleep. McCook residents who witnessed the rapid rise of the water here can easily imagine how rapidly it must have risen at that point, especially considering that at Cambridge the exceedingly high flood water was added from the Medicine, which arrived at Cambridge at about the same time as the river water.

Late yesterday seven bodies had been recovered near Oxford, two of them yesterday afternoon, and a reported missing list of 21, the most of whom are probably dead. It is possible that some of them had been rescued on the south side of the river, as there has not yet been any communications established with that side of the river for detailed reports. It was learned, however, that conditions were much worse on the south side of the river.

Find Boats

Boats were found during Saturday night and these were put into service early Sunday morning in taking refugees from trees and house tops. Twenty-one were rescued in this way. Residents of Oxford say that they will never forget the many pitiful cries for help which were plainly heard in all directions, even above the deafening roar of the water.

The property loss at Oxford will not be any higher in proportion than any of the other towns along the river, not nearly as large as Cambridge, which will probably suffer the greatest property damage.

Definite information is hard to obtain at Oxford. The citizens for the most part appear to be more or less befuddled even yet. They know that they have passed thru a terrifying experience, and have difficulty in recalling definite names and experiences. This coupled with the belligerent attitude toward all reporters who have been courteously endeavoring to obtain information for the public makes it a rather difficult task.

The Red Cross is functioning one hundred per cent and the unfortunate refugees are being given needed care.

Casualty List

- Dead**
- Glen Anderson, Holdrege.
 - Leona Appleton, Oxford.
 - Virginia Blawie, Oxford.
 - Emma Williams, Oxford.
 - Mrs. A. C. Dake, Orleans.
 - W. L. Stevens, Orleans.
 - Mrs. Rena Devries, Oxford.
- Missing**
- John DeVries and son, Oxford.
 - Mrs. Herman Fricks, Oxford.
 - Ralph Elanvek, Oxford.
 - Mrs. O. C. Ficks, Oxford.
 - Mrs. Chas. Fricks, Oxford.
 - Mrs. Henry Nermier, 2 children, Oxford.
 - Mart Madison, Oxford.
 - Jimmy Mills, Oxford.
 - Ed Nordstrom, Oxford.
 - Mrs. W. L. Stevens, 2 grandchildren, Orleans.
 - Stevens, Grandmother.
 - Mrs. Jacob Schachtler, daughter and son.
 - Francis Delmont.
 - Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cacy.

Without question, Cambridge suffered the heaviest property damage of any town along the river. Two floods arriving in the town at about the same time, one from the Medicine creek and the other from the Republican, brought water into practically the entire town, with the exception of a short space in about the center of the town, in which the entire population was forced to congregate until the water had subsided.

Old timers report that the water was the highest that it had ever been known to be. Many of the residents in the south part of Cambridge where the greatest damage occurred had been warned that high water was coming, but it was not thought that it would reach the height it did.

The high flood water, which hit at McCook Friday morning, reached Cambridge at about 6:30 in the evening. At about the same time another wave of high water came in from the Medicine at the north as a result of the flood in Frontier county. One Cambridge resident said that a foot rise from either of the floods would have completely inundated the town. The river came up about as rapidly in Cambridge as it did at McCook perhaps a little more so, as it has been somewhat increased by further drainage along the way. Mer who were working along the tracks did not even have time to get out of the low ground, but

were forced to seek refuge on box cars, or in the elevator or trees.

In the north part of town the water did not do a great deal of damage, although it did fill the basements full and was in some of the houses in that part of town for a few inches. However, no houses were moved from their foundations and damaged as in the south part of town. A great deal of mud was deposited in some of the town streets, raising some of them by as much as three feet.

A large bottom boat was built during the night under the supervision of Ernest Moore and this was pressed into service as soon as daylight appeared and by this means there were 76 people rescued from trees and house tops, or any high spot which they were able to find. A great deal of credit for this valiant rescue work should be given to Les Anderson, of Arapahoe, Fritz Seagol, Dale Purdue, Eddon Simon, Justin Hollingsworth and Dr Daily. There were of course, many who assisted in every way possible but this named group apparently were more or less in charge of operations and did the greater part of the rescue work.

Out of a total of 70 homes which were located in the south part of Cambridge, 56 were badly damaged, some of these being taken away completely, many moved as much as three blocks—others turned around—many piled up against each other and smaller buildings scattered about. The flood district in this town has the appearance of a checkerboard which has been badly jarred.

It is truly remarkable and shows some very efficient work on the part of rescuers that out of so many houses and so many people located in one concentrated area that only one life was lost in this particular area.

Rev. Bragg, although listed as missing is quite certainly dead. Mr. and Mrs. Bragg were in their home when the high water hit. They had been up town only a short time before and having been told of the approaching flood had gone to their home to get some things out of the house, thinking they would have time to return to higher ground. They had some of their belongings loaded into their car standing out in front of the house—the car is still standing just as they left it, but the house has moved about three blocks east and is now lodged across the creek and is almost completely buried in debris.

Mrs. Bragg said that as they floated away in the house it had a great deal of water in it. They were standing on a chair and Mr. Bragg was helping to hold her up and she was grasping a light cord. Very suddenly she felt her husband's grip give way and saw him slip into the water right beside her. She feels sure that he died of a heart attack rather than being drowned. Mrs. Bragg was the last of the refugees rescued, and it was necessary to take a raft, go out to the creek then drop the raft down over the creek bank, cross the creek and carry the raft up the opposite bank, then break in the door of the room where she was located. When found she was standing in water up to her chin and was forced to hold her head back to keep water out of her face. Mrs. Bragg was absolutely positive that Mr. Bragg would be found inside the house after the water had subsided. As soon as the water had lowered sufficiently workers went to the house to locate the body if possible. The porch and the entire house was practically filled with debris. This was cleared out and each room thoroughly searched, but the body was not found.

115 HOMES ARE STORM VICTIMS

Damage Runs Much Higher in Flood Area; "Twister" Takes Chickens

Incomplete reports received by the Red Cross indicate that there are 42 families stricken by the tornado, and 73 flood victims. In the tornado area there were 144 buildings that were completely destroyed, and 40 partially ruined.

Residents in that section also lost 3,673 chickens, 20 head of horses, 17 head of cattle, 29 hogs, and an undetermined number of other fowls.

Damage in the flood area ran much higher, with survey parties reporting the finding of more than 100 carcasses in the territory between the West bridge and two miles west of Indianola. Some of the carcasses were lodged high in the branches of trees. The building loss was also far greater.

Following are the names of people who were stricken by either flood or tornado or both. If you know of any others the Red Cross asks that they be notified immediately.

TORNADO

Mrs. Hattie Boner, Sam Burdett, August Cappel, LeRoy Carlson, Henry Cahen, Cronk, Mrs. Susan Dingus Ben Doyle,

Abe Eckhart, Wm. Eiffert, Lester Hayes, Hooks, Wm. Keen, John Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Art Koetter, Bill Koeter, Mrs. Leper, Alex Lebsack, Mike Moore, Phil Moore, Nelms, Otto Poore, Merritt Quick, Albert Rathe, Tom Real, Chas. Shafer, Conrad Shafer, George A. Scott, Shepherd, Ray Sexton, Paul Smith, Claude Spaulding, Ed Steinke, Ross Stratton, Fred Unger, Ralph von Riesner, Adolph Wagner, August Wagner, Franz Zander.

FLOOD VICTIMS

W. Abernathy, Fred Addams, G. J. Armstrong, Eva Baker, Nate Bates, Vaughn Baum, Harold Bennett, Irve Bennett, Otto Braher, Mary Brown, Keith Brown, Orville Brown, Geo. Buzzard, H. Butherus, August Cappel, G. W. Carter, Lee Carter, Louis Colling, Harley Cook, Miss Dingus, Henry Crank, Lester Drake, Frank Dack, Mike Esch, E. W. Gallatin, Mrs. Geist, J. J. Hadley, John Herbst, Henry Herman, John Herman, Brady & Hoffman, John Humphreys, Mrs. Chas. Kahl, George Keen, H. S. Kinett, J. H. Larson, Conrad Lebsack, Ed Lotenberg, Claude McClain, Roy McNatt, Mrs. M. F. Maroon, Byron May, J. A. Middleton, J. M. Millard, Chas. Miller, Ira Neel, Chas. Nelms, Wm. Olson, J. W. Poore, Edith Peters, Forrest Pore, E. C. Randal, J. C. Rice, Walter Schultz, Martin Schultz, Smith, W. A. Smith, Nick Spahn, E. J. Steekmeyer, Harry Stillman, Ethel Stock, M. J. Smith, John Teeters, John Thomas, H. Troxell, Frank Wasson, Grant Watkins, Marion Watkins, Ray Watkins, Chester Wilcox, Roy Wilcox, Edwin Zander.

COCHRAN HERE FOR INSPECTION

Will Discuss Situation After Flight Over Flood Area This Afternoon

Representatives from the flood stricken towns throughout the entire valley will meet with Gov. Roy Cochran Thursday morning at ten o'clock to discuss rehabilitation measures.

The meeting has been called for 10 o'clock at the Keystone hotel and will be attended by at least two representatives from each town probably from Haigler east to Orleans, together with Red Cross officials, Rowland Haynes, State FERA director is also expected to attend the meeting.

Gov. Cochran arrived in McCook this morning with state engineer A. C. Tilley. The governor left again this afternoon to take a plane trip up and down the flood area, and will return tonight.

A short informal conference Wednesday morning at the Keystone, Gov. Cochran and engineer Tilley met with Senator W. C. Bullard, G. V. Casler, and Albert Evans, Red Cross chief in this district. A second informal conference was held this afternoon at the Keystone.

In the morning conference, Gov. Cochran who has just returned from Washington said that he had conferred with Harry Hopkins, federal relief administrator concerning the Nebraska situation. According to the governor, Hopkins expressed his willingness to cooperate in every way to meet the needs.

Discussing the highway situation, Governor Cochran said that in a federal fund there were 10 millions available but that this money would have to be used exclusively on federal roads. State engineer Tilley has started work in this direction.

Concerning the condition of county roads and bridges, the governor said that it might be handled either under the PWA or under Hopkins, or a combination of both. He, however, expressed his confidence that the situation would be met.

"I'm sure that it can be handled," the governor declared.

According to law, money is available for work under the various federal agencies, but little has been allocated for materials. This is expected to be ironed out for this emergency situation so that county and state roads can be repaired.

It is not known as yet how long Gov. Cochran will remain in this area. His presence here, however, relieves the necessity of sending a representative to Washington, and Sen. Bullard said Wednesday that it was very unlikely that he would go.

Red Cross Names Committee Heads; Start Work Now

Asa Wolfe, chairman of the Red Cross presided at a short meeting held this morning at the court house at which plans and work of the Red Cross were discussed. Albert Evans, director of this district, and various business and organization heads were present and took part in the discussion.

Committees named are as follows:

- Housing and used clothing—Miss Katie Reynolds, Tel. 94.
 - Emergency food and clothing—George Hill and M. C. Bulock, Tel. 211W.
 - Survey—Mr. Patton and Mr. Robb.
 - Food and seed—F. N. Jordan, Tel. 49V.
 - Emergencies—H. C. Clapp, Tel. 18.
 - Disposal and search—FERA facilities, Tel. 53.
 - Dept for used clothes—Y. N. C. A.
- The above committees have been designated and given authority to act for the Red Willow County, Chapters, the American Red Cross.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Chamber, McCook, Nebr., June 2, 1935.

The Mayor and Council of the City of McCook met in special session at the council chamber of said city on Sunday, June 2, 1935, at 7:00 p. m.

Present Mayor Lawritson, Councilmen Petersen, Kleven, Ernest, Budig, Norman and Lenhart. City Attorney James and City Clerk Skalla. Absent Councilmen Gasch and Miller and City Treasurer Larmon.

Councilman Petersen introduced a resolution and moved its adoption as follows:

"WHEREAS, there now exists a situation arising from the recent floods of the Republican river, whereby the health of the citizens of McCook is endangered and many are homeless, calling for immediate relief, and WHEREAS, the situation is such that the City of McCook is unable to cope with the situation with its own resources, NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of McCook, Nebraska:

1st: That an emergency exists arising out of the recent floods of the Republican river which the City Council of the City of McCook feels that the city is unable to handle.

2nd: That the City Council of the City of McCook hereby requests the aid and assistance of the American Red Cross, and asks that said American Red Cross take complete administrative and financial control of the situation arising out of the disaster."

Councilman Norman seconded the motion to adopt the resolution. The roll was called and resulted as follows: Voting aye: Petersen, Kleven, Ernest, Budig, Norman and Lenhart, total 6. Voting nay: None. Absent and not voting: Gasch and Miller. The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

Councilman Norman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption.

"WHEREAS, it is desirable that a committee of citizens of McCook, Nebraska, be appointed to act upon behalf of the City of McCook in the present existing emergency arising from the recent

floods of the Republican river, and to cooperate with the American Red Cross in handling the situation.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of McCook, Nebraska; That a committee of seven be appointed by the Mayor to serve as an agency representing the City of McCook in the present emergency arising from the recent floods of the Republican river, and to co-operate with the American Red Cross in handling the situation."

Councilman Budig seconded the motion to adopt this resolution. The roll was called and resulted as follows: Voting aye: Petersen, Kleven, Ernest, Budig, Norman and Lenhart, total 6. Voting nay: None. Absent and not voting: Gasch and Miller. The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

Complying with above resolution, the Mayor appointed the following Citizens committee: W. C. Bullard, chairman, Ed F. Petersen, Roland Larmon, F. N. Jordan, Harold Sutton, Asa Wolfe and M. Campbell.

On motion the Council adjourned.

ATTEST: M. Lawritson, Mayor.
Charles Skalla, City Clerk.

Water Turned On

Altho the water was turned on in McCook at 4:50 this morning, it was shut off later, due to a breakdown at the water plant. However, for a few brief hours early this morning, one had the pleasure of having a faucet respond when turned on.

The street lights were turned on at 3:14 for approximately an hour.

Manager J. R. Jacquet of the light company has one generator working, and the juice, is to be used by the city for the water pumps, and by a list of industries selected by the citizens committee. It is hoped to be able to service other business firms in the near future.

Just what the trouble at the light plant it could not be learned. F. E. Petersen, chairman of the water committee said Wednesday afternoon that he had not been notified as to the cause of the trouble.

OBITUARIES

Frances Maude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shook, was born in Centerville, Ia., May 21, 1908. Was married to Chas. Miller, Jr., January 22, 1925.

Children born to this union were Charles Francis, Charlotte Ruth, Nadine Lena, Virginia Mae, Claudine, and Beverly Jean.

Mrs. Miller became a member of the Christian church in her teens and remained a faithful and loyal member until her untimely death in the flood waters of the Republican river, May 31, 1935. Surviving her are her husband and two children, Charlotta Ruth and Nadine Lena, and her father Joe Shook, three brothers and noe sister.

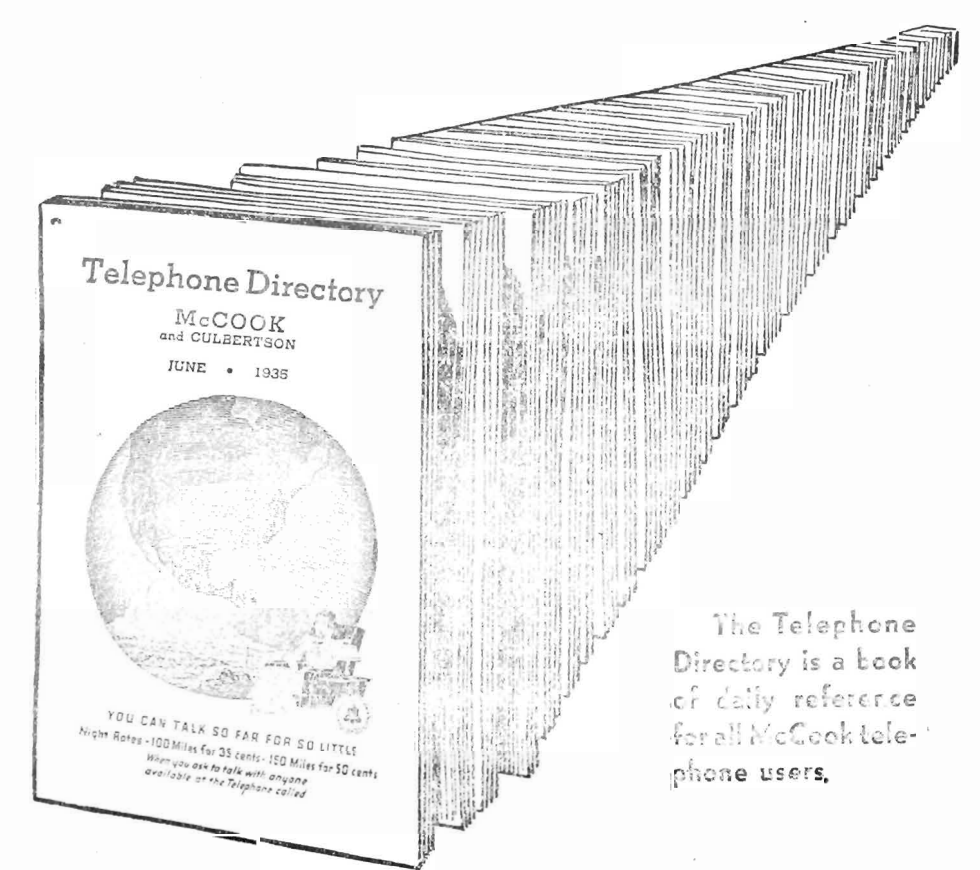
Four of Mrs. Miller's children, Chas. Francis, Virginia Mae, Claudine, and Beverly Jean, were taken in the same flood of waters that engulfed the mother. The body of little Virginia Mae had been found and was laid away beside that of the mother. She was born April 25, 1931.

Miss Elizabeth Ruth Shook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shook, was born in Centerville, Ia., Jan. 27, 1900, and was taken in the flood of the Republican river May 31, 1935. She was a member of the Christian church. She is survived by her father, three brothers and one sister.

All of the above were laid side by side in Memorial Park cemetery, McCook, June 4, 1935.

Sudden Storm

A storm of brief duration hit McCook at 2:30 this afternoon pelting down rain and hail stones. Threatening clouds and high winds had people frightened, and some believed that a small "twister" did hit south of town. The storm delayed the trip of Gov. Cochran over the flood areas, altho it was believed that the governor would make the trip later if weather permits.



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For your information we suggest that you turn to the first two pages of the Classified Telephone Directory, beginning with the yellow sheets in the back of the directory. These pages will tell you how this section is arranged and how to use it to find where to buy commodities or services you may require.

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