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Airplanes Aid In Search For Missing Persons

BULLETIN

The McCook water supply is exhausted. GET WATER SUPPLY FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY AT THE McCOOK ICE PLANT, 102 WEST 3rd.

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Seventy families are homeless at Cambridge—200 were fed today by the Red Cross. Telephone communication has been established to Cambridge, Bartley and Indianola. The George Wing family is reported to have been rescued. There has been some loss of life.

The condition of Franz Zander still remains serious but he was reported as holding his own by hospital authorities, Saturday afternoon. Con Schaffer and Lester Hayes of Culbertson were both reported to be in the hospital. Several of the victims have been released.

Several unsuccessful attempts have been made to locate people supposed to be marooned on the Willow. At press time a party of men were unable to get a boat across the channel. They are still continuing their efforts.

Several bodies are reported to have been recovered in various parts of the flood. So far there has been no announcements of identities, and the reports are unconfirmed.

The "twister" struck at the Hitchcock county line and moved northeastward. It is reported that the Rathe place north of Perry was swept clean. Mr. Adolph Wagner lost his all except the house and that was safe because it was partly underground. Bill Koetter is homeless. Rodger Carlson will have to rebuild. Roy Carlson was a bit more fortunate, in that only the roof went off the barn and the other outbuildings are gone. George Scott says he lost all his buildings except the house. Ross Stratton has everything cleared away to begin rebuilding. Just as soon as the adjuster gets around Ben Doyle, Merritt Quick and Tug Spaulding will do a new job of building everything. Mr. Unger is another who has his house only left. Mike Moore will need a complete set of new buildings while his brother Phil lost only the outbuildings. Art Koetter needs a new barn.

Sam Burchett needs a new roof on his house, will remodel his barn and build a new granary. There is no report from further north. So far as can be learned there was little stock lost on the Willow but the water was the highest, by 10 feet, that it has ever been in the past 65 years.

Hail was reported from the extreme north edge of the county near the Hitchcock county line and more severe on a strip north of Indianola.

National Red Cross material is expected to arrive in Denver, Sunday night.

BULLETIN

Radio bulletins from North Platte at 11:15 o'clock announced the coming of two more planes from there to prepare the landing field for a medical unit of the Nebraska National Guard which is being sent from Holdrege by Gov. Cochran. Requests were also made that Senator Bullard at North Platte be notified of any emergency cases.

Several school houses were washed away in the torrent.

BULLETINS

Planes aid in search for victims—Lincoln, Omaha papers send out photographers for aerial views.

The river is rapidly receding altho the water is still moving along at a rapid rate.

Local wireless operators, after spending the entire night "tapping" out distress signals, finally succeeded in getting a contact with station KOA, Denver early this morning. With transportation and communication cut off, the work of these men has been of the greatest benefit to this community. All credit to Charles Warriner, Jr., George Vaughn, Don Gibson, Frank Scott and Clifford McNeil.

There has been no other communication established with the outside world other than the reports that the airplanes will take back. First radio reports erroneously stated that two "Q" trains were missing, and that 100 McCook people were dead.

L. N. Williamson, field representative of the Red Cross, is in McCook directing relief work.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Steinke and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gillen have all been reported safe. Steinke and Gillen were picked up by rescuers, who brought them to shore, and the two women were reported to be safe on the south bank.

Parks is supposed to have been wiped off the map by the flood.

Three telephone men arrived here by plane from Omaha and Grand Island.

SIDELANCES

The stricken look of the farms—where homes had once been.

The helplessness of cattle and horses caught in the river.

It is believed that several people have taken refuge in trees and islands in the southwestern part of the flood.

The crowds that found themselves terribly fascinated by the flood.

The bravery of Clyde McKillip in saving 7 year old Charlotte Ruth Miller.

The sight of Nels Neilsen getting off of his tree perch into the boat.

The joy that the day was clear.

The expressions of admiration for the skill of Madren and Welch.

The hopeless look of the light plant.

The bravery of those whose loved ones are still missing.