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Evans Not Surprised At Additional Flood Waters Hitting Area

Little surprise at the recurrence of Republican flood waters was expressed Monday morning by Albert Evans, Red Cross disaster director for this area, who said that his past experience had shown this often to be the case. Work, of course, will be delayed.

Reports handed in by Red Cross representatives at their regular conference Sunday indicated that 920 families are registered for assistance. The figure was formerly 935, but transfers cut the total 15. However, Evans estimated that the total would probably be 1250 by the time the deadline is reached. It is expected that the date for closing registrations will be decided upon next Sunday.

Evans said that the work was moving along satisfactorily, and that something had been done for nearly all of the families registered.

The general reaction, up until the time of this last high water, was that the people was settling down, and work was making good progress.

Evans will meet with the lumbermen of the district sometime this week to make plans to bring additional lumber into the district.

Six Towns Ask For Bank Installation

Lincoln—(SCN) — The state banking department has received a dozen applications for chartered small capital banks under a new law permitting the formation of banks with \$10,000 capital in villages of less than 1,000 population. In a single case, however, has the group applying for the charter, already posted its capital. In this case, the application is being delayed sixty days under the proviso of the new law relating to cooperative credit associations.

The act specifies that if a small capital bank is planned in a community where one of the co-operatives is doing business, the co-operative must have sixty days to reorganize into a commercial bank if it desires to do so, before another group's applications are considered.

Locations of the proposed banks were not disclosed.

GET FAT CHECK

The county treasurer recently received a check from the state for \$4,176.79, as the county's share of the state gas tax for May. The amount of this check is said to be well above the average.

Attention Volunteers

Members of the Legion and other volunteers are urged to assemble at the Legion rooms at the court house tonight at 7:30. Units will again be organized in preparation for any emergency which may arise as a consequence of the present flood waters.

Dynamite Approaches

CAMBRIDGE — Approaches to the bridge south of Cambridge which have been filled in since the flood two weeks ago, were dynamited this morning. Dean Holmes, publisher of the Cambridge Clarion, reported at 2 o'clock this afternoon that the river was full, but had apparently caused no serious damage. An inch of rain fell there during the night.

WALLACE RITES

Brief services were held Saturday evening at Riverview cemetery for Mrs. J. B. Wallace, whose body was recovered near Red Willow Saturday afternoon. Identification was made by Culbertson people.

NO DANGER

The village of Parks, inundated by the flood two weeks ago, is reported to be in no danger at this time, altho a five inch rain was reported there. Haigler is reported to have received between two and three inches.

TRACK WASHED OUT

It was reported that 300 yards of track were washed out at Benkelman.

JUNE "COLD SNAP"

A June "cold snap" brought frost and near-freezing weather to Nebraska. At North Loup the mercury dropped to 33 degrees—one above freezing. Frost was reported over much of the eastern third of the state.

NORRIS SENDS CHECK

Mayor M. Lawritson received a check for \$100 from Senator Geo. W. Norris to be used for relief in this section. The check has been turned over to the Red Cross.

COUNCIL MEETS

The McCook city council were meeting in special session tonight to discuss conditions brought about by the flood.

Frederick Marsh who was a patient at St. Catherine's hospital returned to his home today.

Mrs. R. Quinn of Benkelman was released from St. Catherine's hospital Sunday.

LIGHTNING STRIKES

Lightning struck the L. W. McConnell home, 1006 East 1st, Sunday night during the rain storm that drenched McCook and vicinity with an additional .92 inches. The bolt struck in the kitchen and little damage was reported.

Rainfall

McCook received .92 inches of rainfall Sunday night in the downpour that started early in the evening. Rain to the east was comparatively light, but west of McCook an average of an inch and a half was reported from Wray, Colo., to Trenton. Curtis and the Highline also reported rain Saturday and Sunday night to exceed a total of three inches. A five inch cloudburst was reported at Atwood, and rains were heavy in that vicinity. Cloudbursts were also reported at Haigler and Wallace.

Local Ball Team, Sheriff Stranded

Stranded in Trenton by the flood were nine members of the U. C. T. baseball club. The team had played a game at Imperial early Sunday afternoon, and were unable to get further than Trenton on their homeward journey.

The men were: Ed Manley, Elmer Manley, Chet Burton, LeRoy Motter, Richard Dillonbach, Ted Jones, Lloyd Hutson, Virgil Ruppert, and Jack White.

Sheriff Lynn Campbell of Hitchcock county was unable to return to Trenton Sunday night due to the flood waters.

AT HASTINGS COLLEGE

Hastings, June 17, 1935—Three of the students attending the twentieth annual summer session of Hastings College are Miss Wanda Perkins of McCook, Miss Ilo Cottingham, and Miss Mildred Cottingham, both of Culbertson. They all taught during the past year at McCook and are planning to resume their work in September.

PAIR BOUND OVER

Cliff Redd and Fred Stillman, charged with breaking and entering have been bound over to the district court. Both boys are out on bond. They were arrested Friday night by night officer Lou Meissner.

ABLE TO GET THRU

F. A. Boyd, Curtis, was able to get thru to McCook from Imperial this morning. He came by the way of Wauneta and Culbertson and said that it was necessary to drive down the railroad tracks in one place in order to get thru. Gayle Whitman, Wauneta, also was able to get thru.

Mrs. C. Lonsborough and baby daughter, Cynthia Lee returned to their home Sunday from St. Catherine's hospital.

Rains In West Cause Torrent

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their way as they poured into the Republican.

The south fork of the Republican, far over its banks as a result of a five-inch rain at Atwood, connects with the main stream at Benkelman. Water from the Arickaree empties at Haigler while the Frenchman and Blackwood empty at Culbertson.

The western section of the valley received an average of 1½ inches of rain from Wray, Colo., east to Trenton. Cloudbursts were reported at St. Francis, Haigler and Wallace.

East of McCook the Muddy was well over its banks. The stream flows into the Republican at Arapahoe. Water from the north was also pushing the Willow over its banks, altho traffic was still open between McCook and North Platte.

Water was considerably higher than the first flood here May 28, but lacked from four to six feet of being as deep as the torrent that swept down the valley the second time. Houses by the light plant were again flooded and reconstruction work was ruined. Stock losses are not believed to have been heavy. It is still too early to know if more people are missing thruout the flood district.

In McCook, the light plant was again the focal point of interest. Seven men, H. B. Griswold, Robert French, Bob Hiatt, Emmett Rowland, Beverly Heber, Ed Panzer and Al Cook worked at the plant thruout the night.

CONTINUE HEARING

The hearing in the juvenile court involving Ethel Pecich, Ethel Tilson, and Vesper Tilson has been continued over until June 29. The hearing will be held in the district court room at 10 a. m.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Estate No. 2331 of John W. Jones, deceased.

In the County Court of Red Willow County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, to all persons interested in said estate; Take notice: That Nettie L. Jones, the executrix, has filed a final report and account of her administration and a petition for final settlement and discharge as such, for determination of heirs at law of said estate and distribution of the proceeds of said estate as provided by the duly probated will of said John W. Jones, which has been set for hearing before said Court on the 8th day of July A. D., 1935, at two o'clock P. M. when you may appear and contest the same.

Dated June 17, 1935
Fred T. Hanson,
County Judge.
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Flood Waters Reported Receding

RAINS IN WEST CAUSE TORRENT

Two Lives Claimed As High Water Covers Valley; Hits Light, Water

BULLETIN

Reports at five o'clock from Benkelman said that the south fork of the Republican was still coming up, and the river was over its banks. The north fork, however, has returned to its channel. The crest of the flood is believed to have passed, the two channels counter-balancing the flow of water.

The water at McCook was fluctuating. In general the water has been receding, altho temporary rises were reported from time to time. The current is swift, but there does not seem to be much debris. At Culbertson this afternoon, the Frenchman was reported to be slightly over its banks. The water there has caused no damage.

Water was reported to be going down at Straiton Trenton and Culbertson this afternoon. Benkelman was reported to be high yet due to waters flowing in from the south fork of the Republican. It had not, however, reached a dangerous level.

Reconstruction work thruout the entire valley came to an abrupt halt Monday morning as the Republican, swollen by heavy rains and flood waters from its tributaries, turned the mud-caked valley into river bed.

Two casualties were reported as the Republican once again churned and swirled madly down the valley. The body of Mrs. Harold Mosier, daughter of Henry Betherus, Bartley section chief, has been recovered but her daughter is still missing.

The light plant went out between 7:00 and 8 o'clock this morning.

Rain started falling in McCook early in the evening, and word that the Republican had started to rise, was received from Benkelman about nine o'clock. Local police authorities said line calls were immediately sent out to all people living in the valley.

The Frenchman, Muddy, Arickaree, and Driftwood are reported to have swept everything out of

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The Situation at a Glance

Casualties

Two more lives have been claimed by the flood waters of the Republican. The body of Mrs. Harold Mosier has been found, but at press time efforts to recover the body of her daughter had been unsuccessful. While reports were sketchy, it was learned that the tragedy happened last night at a point about 12 miles southwest of Benkelman, where the family had been living in a semi-basement type home. It is believed that the pair were trapped in flood waters which suddenly came upon them from a gully along the river.

Local authorities say that there is no one reported missing from this vicinity.

Highways

The only highway open from McCook is 183 north to North Platte. Traffic may get over this road without difficulty despite the heavy rains.

Traffic east is now tied up at Holbrook. The water is going over a bridge west of Arapahoe, and all traffic is blocked. The Alma and Superior bridges, both owned by the state, are believed to be opened and the bridge at Riverton, a county structure is also open, altho the road is in bad shape. Several people came in from the east early this morning and reported the detour at Red Willow passable. Three busses, however, are stranded along the line from Cambridge to Oxford.

West, the roads are practically impassable altho several have succeeded in getting to McCook from Palisade and Imperial.

The grade on the detour between McCook and Culbertson is washed out. On highway 6 west to Culbertson the grade is washed out between that point and Palisade. On No. 3 west of Culbertson, there are two bad detours and traffic is inadvisable.

To the south, there is of course no way of getting across the river. The temporary road leading to the west river bridge is under way, altho Commissioner Modrell said that he believed that some of the grade is still holding, and that traffic could be routed over there within two days after the water recedes.

Water and Light

An airplane was scheduled to take a member of the city water department over to the south side of the river this afternoon to cut in the power to run the pumps.

J. R. Jacquet, manager of the Nebraska Light and Power Co., said at 2:30 this afternoon that one engine was ready to furnish power any time the water department could use it.

The power, however, will be furnished only to the city and hospital.

A second engine is expected to be cut in within 24 hours. All of this is, of course, contingent upon the water not rising higher.

Six of the men who worked at the plant during the night were taken off this afternoon. Two Westinghouse engineers, who were ferried over, and H. B. Griswold, director of operations at that end remained. An ingenious arrangement whereby a rowboat attached to a pulley was able to breast the stream made possible the removal of the men, and the taking over of necessary supplies. The boat was manned by Max Merrill and Joe Horacek.

The two water tanks are full to capacity, altho the water is being held there in case of an emergency. The water supply was shut off in McCook this afternoon.

The water in the plant rose to about two feet in the new section, men at the plant reported. In the old plant the water was about nine inches deep.

Communication

The telephone company reported this afternoon that they had lost lines crossing the river south of McCook, and also across the Arickaree at Haigler. Otherwise the lines are in good shape.

Telegraph communication was all right to the east of McCook. Breaks in the line were reported last night at points west.

Grades on the C. B. & O. have washed out by the flood waters west, and there is no communication along the St. Francis line. There is also some damage east. No estimate of the damage has been made, and it is not known at this time if there will be any delay in opening the main line on June 20.

FLOOD CHANGES PRESENT NEEDS

Emergency Work Plans Are Changed As Bridges Are Washed Out

Mr. Morrill plans to start west Tuesday morning to inspect the damage caused by the latest high water

The plans of A. D. Morrill, state highway engineer assigned to this district, underwent another revision Monday morning as flood water again tore out bridges, fills and grades.

Morrill had just completed preliminary plans which called for emergency work to be directed towards helping counties finance the reconstruction of bridge approaches and fills, and the building of abutments, when the high water knocked out the bridges. "I'm just going to have to tear up the whole report and start over," he said Monday morning.

It is probable that the funds will in part be used for the purpose, altho much of it now probably have to go toward rebuilding of the bridges.

Under the new set-up worked out by Coordinator Rowland

Haynes, who is again back at his desk in the chamber of commerce office, Morrill had completed his preliminary report which consisted of describing the work to be done; the location; number of non-relief laborers needed; and the number of relief men that could be used. Due to the efforts of Haynes this brief sketch would replace the ordinary lengthy report, and once his ok was placed on the projects, they could be turned over to Avery Batson, and D. F. McCauley of the work division for immediate action.

Haynes said that 100 men with trucks are expected to reach the flood district sometime Wednesday according to word received Monday from John Carnahan, work director. 150 men arrived in the district Saturday, 75 being assigned to Cambridge, and 75 to Trenton.

Worrying J. N. Armour, in charge of the FERA commissary was the problem of getting fresh meat to the camp at Trenton. Other camps are taken care of.