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Crest Passes Omaha-C.B. Area

Rolls Southward With Destruction

Flood fighters squelched a new threat to Omaha Saturday and pressure eased there. But the wild Missouri River — overburdened along 700 of its Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri miles—still mauled the Midwest.

The Missouri's crest, still writing flood history, rolled along the Iowa-Nebraska reaching downstream from Omaha and Council Bluffs, Ia.—the only river cities so far able to strait-jacket the Missouri monster.

The new scare at Omaha developed Friday night just a few hours after the crest of 30.2 had passed. River pressure blew open an underground sewer in an industrial-railroad riverfront area. Water backed up in the sewer, burst through pavement and gushed up and over an estimated 1,000 acres just upstream from Central downtown Omaha.

Unable to seal off the water welling up a full third of a mile behind the levees engineers sealed the sewer at its mouth in the river by dumping in huge steel beams, steel plate, 500 tons of rock and thousands of sand bags. The trick was successful. The flow was choked almost completely and pumps Saturday returned much of the backed-up water to the channel.

Flood-fighting in Omaha and Council Bluffs Saturday had been reduced to largely dike patrolling and sandbag piling.

Engineers said damage to the railyard and industrial section probably would run below \$1 million.

A special session of the Nebraska Legislature adjourned until Monday afternoon after holding a 21-minute session Saturday. The lawmakers were told they could not speed action on a \$500,000 flood relief bill because of a constitutional provision.

Our Honor Roll

The following are some of those who are new subscribers or have renewed their subscription to THE VOICE.

HOW DOES YOUR SUBSCRIPTION STAND?

- Frank A. Peterson
- Levi Whitebear
- Rev. L. S. Goolsby, Kirkwood, Mo.
- Mrs. C. F. Norris
- Korn Popper
- Drs. H. W. Orr and Fritz Teal
- Mrs. T. M. Rayson
- Mrs. K. W. Curry
- Mrs. R. G. Gustavson
- Max Meyer
- Mrs. Fern Hubbard Orme
- O'Shea-Rogers
- Norden Laboratories
- Hallett Bros. Co.
- Union Fire Insurance Co.
- Farmers Mutual of Nebr.
- Mrs. Kathryn Conway, Cheyenne, Wyo.
- Rev. C. H. Nicks, Detroit, Mich.

Bill to Outlaw Racial Segregation on Calendar

RICHMOND, Va. (ANP)—The bill to abolish segregation in railroad travel in Virginia is before the house of delegates. Introduced by Armistead Boothe, delegate from Alexandria, the bill is expected to come up next week for debate. It was approved by the House Courts of Justice Committee, 12 to 3.

On Hospital Staff in Fla.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—(ANP)—The first Negro physician ever to be on the staff of a white hospital in the south was appointed last week here at Mount Sinai hospital, a private institution.

The hospital, which is supported by voluntary contributions, extended staff privileges to Dr. Aubrey W. Henry, 32, who will take care of Negro patients.

Dr. Henry, recently became the first Negro member of the Dade County Medical association.

Liberal leaders, white and colored, in all parts of the south hastened to commend the hospital board and officials for their action. It was considered especially significant that this happened in Florida where hate groups have recently bombed Negro homes in protest against Negro families moving into white neighborhoods.

Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, said it was a demonstration of vision and courage.

NU Student Union Is Free of Debt

Students of the University of Nebraska will burn the Student Union mortgage during the 14th annual celebration on May 2. They have been paying off the mortgage since 1937.

Duane E. Lake, Student Union

Merit System Examinations On May 10th

Nebraska Merit System examinations will be given on May 10, 1952, for several thousand technical and professional positions in the State Departments of Assistance, Health and Employment Security. The Department of Assistance has nine position titles for which examinations will be given, which include Visitor and County Director in County Assistance Offices, and Case Reader and Field Auditor in the State Office. Examinations for the Division of Employment Security's eight position titles include those of Interviewer, Claims Deputy and Accountant. There are fifteen classes of positions in the Department of Health for which examinations will be given. Among these are Nurses, Scientists and Sanitarians.

More detailed information and application blanks can be secured at County Assistance Offices, the Nebraska State Employment Service Offices, or from the Director, Nebraska Merit System, 1306 State Capitol, Lincoln 9, Nebraska.

managing director, said the final payment on the \$258,240 mortgage was made in March, making the Union debt free.

Mrs. Wherry is Honorary Chairman...



Honorary Chairman of the 1952 Cancer Crusade in Nebraska is Mrs. Kenneth S. Wherry, widow of the late Senator Wherry. In the picture Mrs. Wherry is presented with the sword, symbol of the American Cancer Society, by Hon. Edward F. Bartlett, Assistant Secretary of the U. S. Treasury and National Cancer Chairman for Federal Employees of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Wherry's appointment was made by Dana Bradford, president of the Nebraska Division of the Society.

Nebraska's goal for this year is \$100,000. The money is used to carry on the educational and research work of the society. Both Creighton and Nebraska Universities share in the re-

search grants. Fourteen tumor clinics are maintained in the state.

Contributions to the Cancer Crusade may be made to the local unit through your local postmaster or the American Cancer Society, Nebraska Division, 4201 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

President Viewed Omaha Area

President Truman wasted not a moment in soaking up information about the flood at Offutt Air Force Base Wednesday. From the time he stepped off the "Independence" shortly before noon until he took off at 2:12 p.m., it was flood, flood, flood. Most of his time was spent with the seven governors.

President Truman, who surveyed the devastating Missouri River flood from the air and then spent two hours with governors of the seven flood-stricken states here, said:

"It's time for action. We've

fooled around long enough."

The President left Offutt Air Force Base at 8 p.m. for Washington.

The president told the governors:

"This situation is very acute and it is not something new. Last year the lower Missouri Valley had its worst flood in history and now the upper regions are experiencing their worst flood.

"There is no necessity for these things to happen. Gen. Pick and I have been working on a flood-control program to cover an area from Pittsburgh to Denver and from Minnesota to the Gulf. We already have a concrete flood plan for the Missouri Basin."

President Truman, in a wire to Gov. Val Peterson, Wednesday night declared the flooded area of Nebraska along the Missouri River a disaster area and promised Federal money to fight the flood and clean up damage.

Mr. Truman, on his return to Washington after an aerial inspection of Midwestern flood areas, declared: "It was just as bad as it could be."

"What we saw was just pathetic," Mr. Truman told capital reporters. "It makes you feel bad to see people whose all has just gone down the river."

Giants Will Miss Irvin

By AL WHITE

NEW YORK—(ANP)—Baseball fans sure know Monte Irvin.

They have bombarded the Giants offices here in New York with inquiries on the big fellow's condition and officials declare no other player in the history of the Giants has elicited so much sympathy from the fans following an accident.

Every New York sports writer has been going overboard praising the big fellow whose real worth to the team has been shown since his absence. Even his most severe critics now know why Leo Durocher had faith in the big slugger when he looked worst.

And added to the miseries the Giants suffer as a result of Irvin's accident, is the imminent departure of popular "Say Hay" Willie Mays, due to enter the Army in April.

These two holes on the champions will be hard to fill, although the accident and the draft give Hank Thompson a new chance to prove his big league value.

Thompson now may be called to play third base with the other Thomson going back to center field to fill Mays' spot. That still leaves a hole in the strong outfield that clever fielding, light hitting Chuck Diering will fill temporarily.

Right now, it looks like the Giants have the pitching, but the Brooks have the hitting.

Ovr 1,000 Lincoln Men Fight Flood

More than 1,000 Lincoln men have taken up the fight against the rampaging Missouri River.

The Nebraska State Employment Office at 905 O said men were being signed up to go to Omaha to relieve crews presently maintaining the dikes. More than 1,000 Lincoln men were already fighting the flood, according to the office.

Mrs. Belknap Heads Lincoln Church Women

Mrs. L. L. Belknap was elected president of the Lincoln Council of Church Women at the monthly meeting at Elm Park Methodist Church.

Other officers elected, to take office in May, include the following:

Mrs. Carroll Lemon, first vice-president.

Mrs. John Wichelt, second vice-president.

Mrs. H. J. Hauschild, recording secretary.

Mrs. Virginia Johnson, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Ray Becker, treasurer.

Speakers for the meeting were Dr. Otto Hoiberg, University of Nebraska sociology department member and supervisor of community service, and the Rev. Rex Knowles, pastor of the University Presbyterian Student House.

Dr. Hoiberg told the group that adult education is one answer to the problem a woman faces after her children have grown to maturity and her housework has diminished.

The Rev. Knowles stressed the importance of making the Easter teaching a part of everyday life.

Symington Launches 1952 UNCF Campaign

NEW YORK—(ANP)—The 1952 United Negro College Fund campaign to raise some 1,500,000 got off with a bang last week when W. Stuart Symington, at a meeting here, issued a call for support of the fund which aids some 32 private colored colleges.

Speaking before more than 500 persons in the Terrace Room of the Hotel Plaza, the former chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation urged support of the fund's ninth annual nation-wide campaign as a means of tearing down the barriers which forbid Negroes the advantages of citizenship.

Other speakers at the kick-off meeting included:

Harold T. Trigg, president of St. Augustine's college, who described benefits derived from money raised by the college fund; John D. Rockefeller Jr., chairman of the fund's national council; Mrs. Chauncey L. Waddell, associate council chairman and head of the New York women's division; Stanley C. Hope, New York men's division chairman, and Mrs. Louise Morris, head of the Uptown division of the New York campaign