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FLOODS CONTINUE ON REPUBLICAN

Cloudbursts North and West to Cause More Damage,

More eloudbursts and very big rains in every direction, but especially to the north and west last Sunday afternoon and evening brought new floods and a renewed reign of terror along the Republican river and its tributaries and high water in the Bolomon. Prairie Dog and Smoky Hilt river valleys. Although the Republican's new flood was the one but little inclination to plant as that staged a more spectacular display, the other smaller rivers contributed their share of dam-

Floods were heaviest along the course of the Republican and west in Colordo. . The runoff of the Colorado streams cama down the Republican and the river was far out of its banks Monday. The temporary crossings which had been fixed up since the first big flood were mostly taken out and cross-river transportation and communication is again cut off. The crest of this flood lacked but five feet of reaching the crest of the first flood but the streets of Trenten and other river towns were awash again and the light and power plant at McCook, was again flooded and put out of commission: Because of the clean sweep by the first flood little more damage was done and the people-were quick to respond to danger warnings this time. Only two lives have been reported lost this time-Mrs. Harold Moster of Benkelman and her 5-year-old daughter. Betty June.

Prairie Dog creek, running towards the northeast from Colby reached a considerable height be youd Rexford and just about isolated Oberlin and other towns in that neighborhood. Symns-Shafer Mercantile Co, was unable to send trucks into that area yesterday. Beaver Creek at Atwood rose quickly from the effects of a near cloudburst-around Beards ley and water was over the lowest portion of the highway there Monday morning.

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GARDENS ARE DOING FINE.

Large Acreage is Planted to the Vegetables.

Possibly never before has so much acreage been planted to garden in Colby as this year and. seldom have the gardens looked finer than this year, either "To is quite a sight to ride about the town and see the many fine little plots from which people are enjoying fresh vegetables and the public health is considerably improved in consequence.

The gardens are about a month later than usual, for there was long as the drouth and dust kept. coming, but since the rains the people have fallen to with a will. Some had already gone ahead to plant and irrigate their gardens and these are mostly pretty well along. In this class, incidentally, are the community gardens that were sponsored by the KERC and they are bright spots, sure.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS JOIN IN MEETING

Colby to Ask for the Regional Convention.

The public must awaken to the importance of the religious education of the young in the opinion of the state Sungay schoolworker, Dr. Myron Settle, of Topeka, who addressed the county Sunday school convention here Monday.

"In this modern world in which all kinds of thought and practice is changing so rapidly and so radically it more than evenecessary that our young people should be given a more thorough foundation of religious instruction;" ,Dr. Settle said. .

"America has done much for the mental, social and physical education of her children, and all of these things are good." Settle continued. "but if the youth of the land is to be sound in every way a fundamental education in spiritual values is just as necessary as the others. give this education the Sunday schools must become more efficient, must reach and retain the interest of youth and give them something worth while or go out of business for lack of patron-

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An Omen of Sign

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For a good many years the minority socially-conscious men and women of the or have been vexed by the mulishness and of the American farmer, even when his his neighbors was running him steadily the effort to arouse his class conscious a half-hearted effort and already beaten

But these people perked up when son of developing the farm women and child has entered the work and from it has spr 4-H club work and the Womens Units. groups and their marked achievement is person interested in this sort of thing. T groups are doing much to dispel the old farm is only a place for drugery and sull discovering that the farm is the place for he as bright and pleasant and cheerful as of its occupants may elect. They are ma homes of America the most desirable place to live.

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Seven Still Missing and Bodies: Not Recovered

With increasing apprehension Mrs. John W. Mallory read, the story of the disastrous flood on the Republican river recently, especially in the vicinity of Oxford; Nebr., where she has numerous relatives. Her concern was reasonable in view, of the tragedies, for eight persons to whom she is related by blood or marriage are listed among the missing in the last issue of the Oxford paper.

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Not Too Much, Not Too Just About Right.

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PROJECTS' ARE APPROVED.

Three Educational Programs are Working Out.

After considerable delay, Mrs. Hazel Gillette, county director of recreational activities, has finally received official approval of garing of projects upon which she has been working for quite some time. The persons engaged in projects upon a voluntary basis will now be jentitled to some small compensation.

The three projects are handcraft, sketching and physical education for women, taught, res pectively by Mrs. Blanche Smith. Miss Dorothes Day and Mrs.

Evan Mallory.

These three classes will continue to be handled in the recrea dippedos rainger a no moor nois upon which members and prospective members of the classes will be advised. The room will not be kept open continually after this time for the remainder of the summer and the classes will use the rear entrance to gain admission.

Miss Day has a very large class in sketching and has been able to arouse considerable enthusiasm for this type of art. The other classes are smaller but are growing. Mrs. Mallory has a considerable group of children to practice tap dancing and a group for her class in womens physical education. Mrs. Smith's classes in handcraft are moving along nicely.

Mrs. J. S. Flood left Monday morning for her unusual summer visit in Chicago with her son, Ed Flood, and her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Griffin.

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To' make this campaign it was decided to choose a continuation committee with Rev. Bob Groves of the Evangelical church chairman. He appointed Walter Riblett of Gem, C. C. Groves of Levant and H. L. Fryback of Colby to assist him. This committee is to meet Friday evening at the Fryback home to consider details of the campaign. Possibly teams will-be-organized to make numerous visits over the county to the organized Sunday schools.

The convention attracted considerable crowds during the day and evening and proved a thoroughly profitable occasion.

Dr. Settle announced that regional Sunday school convention will be held somewhere in northwest Kahsas this fall and the matter is to be brought to the attention of he convention committee of the Colby Chamber of Commerce to find out if that organization is interested in helping entertain it.

L. C. Voisin, Jay Warner, and Les Carleton are leaving Thursday morning for Osborne where they will join Jim Simpson and several of his friends from Smith Center and St. Joseph, Mo., and go on to Minnesota on a fishing expedition. With the exception of the Colby delegation, the party of men composed of employees of Standard Oil Co.

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Not only did this flood wreak tremendous property damage but the many personal tragedies visited grief upon the people of the valley and to thousands of others all over the country.

BOCK ISLAND RUNNING AGAIN

Service Resumed Monday From this station for June is 2.5 the East,

After ten days of interrupted service. Rock Island, trains came snorting in over their own tracks Monday from the east, but on the previous night a new break showed up on the line in Colorado, so they are continuing to the west over the Union Pacific track via Oakley.

Hopes were high among Rock Island men Sunday that regular service would be resumed with every place passable on the Nebraska division, but the flood at Bethune spoiled this fond hope.

Possibly several more days will elapse before this break is repaired; but it seems good to have the trains coming this far. Service to the west is being kept up by running a stub train from here as far west as it can go. Until Sunday it had gone to Strat-

The most expensive job of line repairing was at Scandia where the work crews have rebuilt the big bridge across the Republican and graded about two miles of roadbed since the flood waters nassed by. It was a quick job under the circumstances and a credit to the road and its crews that they could do so much so quickly.

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The amount that has been celved to date, however, has ample for the needs of all of regetation which is flo ing exceedingly. much rain out here, provid comes at about the right and covers enough territory

TOO MUCH PEED 507

About Half of Government ply Has Been Stored.

After much delay, the s of hay from a division of the eral agricultural administ arrived last week but the r drouth committee, compor-Ross Culshaw, Jack Vawter Francis McKinney problem on its hands.

Only about half of the 19 has been disposed of. Par sold locally and four cars to Goodland. Some of the was rejected and the rema has been stored for the pr will be available should Itneed arise later.

A number of events cons to cause the delay, principal alleged attempt by some ali to unload rotten har on the eral procurement division. supplies were bought in son the northern states.