

Four Drown in Texas Floods

Fort Worth, Tex., May 18 (AP)—At least four persons drowned and 4000 fled their homes here today as the rampaging Trinity river battered down four of its levees and overran a fifth in the wake of a 10-inch overnight rain.

The bodies of four victims were found. Police said 12 others were missing and presumed drowned. Fifteen were hospitalized by injuries.

One of the dead was identified as Dee Pennington, 68, swept away when a rescue boat capsized. The others, two women and a youth, were not identified.

It was the first major flood in Fort Worth since April 24, 1922.

The muddy river knocked out the main city water station, the Holly pumping plant, raising serious health and fire hazards.

To help conserve the dwindling water supply, hospitals cancelled all but major surgical operations. Schools closed because many streets were impassable.

First estimates of damage ranged up to \$2,000,000. A thousand homes were flooded in various sections.

Service Awards by Agriculture Bureau

Washington, May 18 (AP)—The agriculture department gave 100 employes awards for outstanding service yesterday.

Five distinguished service awards and 53 superior service awards were presented at a special ceremony. Awards also went to 40 workers who last year completed 40 years of service with the department.

Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan presented the awards.

Distinguished service awards included:

- Leslie J. Sullivan, forest service, Olympia, Wash., for saving the life of a co-worker.
- Superior service awards included:
- E. Newton Bates, Portland, Ore.
- Virgil R. Carrell, Estacada, Ore.
- Allan W. McCullough, Portland, Ore.
- Walter Wesley McLaughlin, Berkeley, Calif.
- Benjamin R. Phipps, Wenatchee, Wash.
- David Chapma Van Liew, Chelan, Wash.
- Donald T. Lowery, Palmer, Alaska, and Anthony W. Thomas, Juneau, Alaska.

Tanks Are Received

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Boys' Chorus In Concert

The YMCA boys chorus will present its first annual concert at 8 o'clock Thursday night in the Bush school auditorium under the direction of Wesley Bollinger, Willamette university student.

The program will also feature a string ensemble for the university school of music.

Members of the chorus have been selected from the various grade schools. They include Alan Arnold, Edwin Boal, Stephen Clark, Richard Clau, Billy Drakely, Duane Epperly, Carl

Haynes, Stephen Higley, Jerry Jaqua, Donald Lepold, Vern Lentz, Stephen Little, Sylvan Long, Jack Loy, Gary Pierpont, Otha Rouse, Howard Scriber, Robert Simington, Robert Tom, William Wilson, John Wood, Larry Wood, Jim Woolery, and Bob Wulf. The accompanist is Miss Jean Rickle.

The string ensemble will present three numbers. The ensemble consists of Betty Kuhlman, violin; Doris McCain, viola, and Lucy Collins, cello.

Purpose of the concert is to raise funds for music and uniforms.

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