

New Floods Threaten Arkansas; Danger Eases in Battered Texas

By UNITED PRESS
A levee break threatened new floods in Southeast Arkansas, where an estimated one-half million acres of land already were under water, but the flood danger eased today in storm-battered Texas.

Elsewhere in the South, drenching rains Thursday night touched off local flooding and road-blocking earth slides in parts of Mississippi. A battle to save the homes of 1,000 farm residents below Garland City, Ark., from floodwaters suffered a setback Thursday night when the rain-swollen McKinney Bayou broke through a section of the sandbagged levee.

Most Persons Satisfied With Fringe Districts

Corvallis — Most persons are satisfied with the services provided by the patchwork of special districts of urban fringe areas. That's the conclusion of Dr. Russell Maddox, Oregon State college political science professor, who has made a study of the problems and prospects of the urban fringe in Oregon. An interim committee was appointed by the 1955 Oregon legislature to study problems of urban fringe areas. Within the Portland urban area alone, the committee found, there were 127 active, independent units of local government. In seven other areas studied, 93 such governmental units were discovered. "People are familiar with

the results of this arrangement, and they prefer to live with these results rather than risk unknown consequences of new and different systems," Maddox reported. **Serious Problems** Serious problems will probably be handled in the future as they have in the past—slowly and haltingly—but at the same time as swiftly as the bulk of the people demand, he said. With the exception of school districts, the most widely encountered special districts provided water, fire protection, sanitation, and highway lighting, in that order. This order is significant, Dr. Maddox said, because it reflects a characteristic of suburban areas. That is, that needs commonly develop and find expression in action by residents "one at a time."

Five in One Family Have Tonsillectomies

Portland — Tonsillectomies aren't so bad when you can have company. The Stern youngsters of Portland had plenty of company today when all five of them entered Portland Sanitarium to have their tonsils removed. They are Theresa June, 4; Edward, 6; Penny Ann, 7; Raymond, 10; and Shirley, 12. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stern were going to have their tonsils out at the same time but decided to wait until the five little sort throats are cleared up.

\$12,000 Damage in Fire at Portland

Portland — Damage was estimated at \$12,000 today from fire and smoke in a blaze of offices and storage space occupied by Air Filter & Sales Service Co. Cause of the Thursday night blaze was not determined.

Eugene Boy, 3, Drowns in Millpond

Eugene — Three-year-old David Norman Callen drowned in the millpond of the Campbell-McLean plywood plant here Thursday. The boy was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Callen of Eugene, whose residence is near the plywood plant. The boy was reported missing at 3:24 p.m. Eugene police and Lane County Sheriff's officers began a wide search, then started dragging operations in the pond. The body was found about 15 feet from shore about 9:30 p.m.

Lexington, Va. — Half the cars in a 14-vehicle motorcade smashed together in a chain-reaction accident Thursday, injuring eight students and halting a tour of historic spots. The accident came when a chaperone of touring high school students pulled off the highway.



of guardsmen and volunteers who have been fighting to save the levee for more than 48 hours. Officials estimated nearly 10 inches of rain have fallen in Southeast Arkansas in the past week. Army engineers at Pine Bluff, Ark., said about 500,000 acres, mostly woodland, were flooded in the southeast section of the state. A 7.65-inch downpour at Pine Bluff Thursday triggered local flooding, driving about 40 families from their homes and forcing some schools and businesses to close. **Highways Blocked** In Mississippi, heavy rains Thursday night caused local flooding northeast of Greenwood in the Drew and Cleveland areas. Earlier, mudslides rumbled across highways near Vicksburg and Yazoo City, Miss. Highway patrol officials said "hundreds of tons" of earth covered highway 80 near Vicksburg.

Oregon Crimes Top '56 Figure

Portland — Oregon crimes increased in nearly all categories in 1957 compared with 1956, the FBI says. Burglary showed the biggest increase, especially in Portland where there were 2500 in 1957 compared to 2042 in 1956. Oregon had 19,711 major crimes last year compared to 18,248 the previous year. There were increases in murders, manslaughters, robberies, burglaries, larcenies and auto thefts. There were decreases in rapes and aggravated assaults.

There were 24 cases of murder and non-negligent manslaughter in Oregon last year compared to 16 in 1956. There were 775 cases of robbery compared to 369 the year before.

Of the 24 murder and non-negligent manslaughter cases, 20 were in Portland. Of the 375 robbery cases, 327 were in Portland.

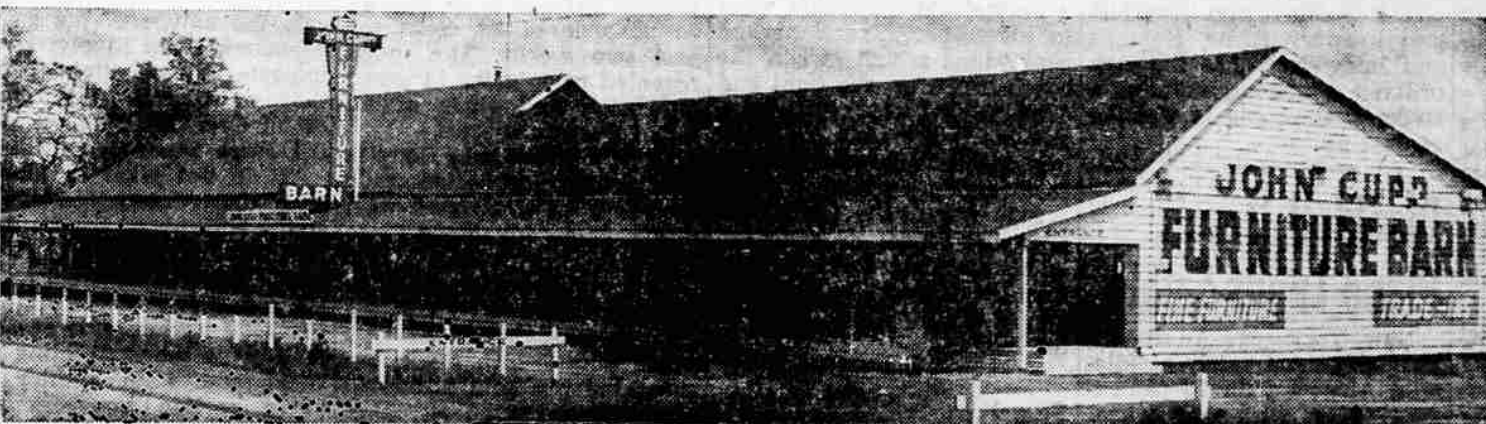
Troutdale-Camas Bridge Said Feasible

Portland — Multnomah county commissioners said today an initial study showed a new bridge across the Columbia river between Troutdale, Ore., and Camas, Wash., to be feasible.

An engineering firm made a preliminary study and Commissioner Jack Bain said government bodies were satisfied that the bridge has "real possibilities." It would be a toll span probably financed with revenue bonds.

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