

# 250 Believed Dead in Wake of Worst Flood to Strike Historic Texas City; Forty Bodies Recovered by Searchers Who Are Handicapped by Swift Current

## MAYOR ROBERTS AND WILSON COUNCILMEN ARRESTED SATURDAY

### Misappropriation of Funds in Sum of \$800 Charged in Warrant Served by Bud Ballew

Mayor Isaac Roberts, R. H. Reed, J. S. Lively and Mont Wallace, city councilmen of Wilson, were arrested late Saturday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Bud Ballew on a charge of misappropriation of public funds.

Ernest St. John, the fourth member of the city council, who, it is said, did not vote for the appropriation, was not arrested with other members of the board.

Preparatory hearing was given the defendants before Justice of the peace Butcher here and they were released on a bond of \$1000 each, to await action of the district court. The charges as set forth in the warrant constitute a felony, attorneys hold, and are punishable by imprisonment from one to ten years.

## Automobile Race from Ardmore to State Fair Plan

### LOCAL DEALERS ENTER CARS IN PROPOSED EVENT WHICH WOULD BE HELD DURING WEEK OF FAIR.

Ardmore automobile dealers, with the assistance of the Chamber of Commerce, contemplate a road race from Ardmore to Oklahoma City, during the week of the Oklahoma Fair, September 24 to October 1.

A race of this sort will be a new thing in Oklahoma, and it is hoped will be made an annual event. Rules have not been thoroughly worked out, but entries probably will be limited to stock cars fully equipped and with drivers representing the companies that own the cars and will be governed by provisions and regulations in effect in races of this class in other parts of the country.

Tom Cooper, president of the Ardmore Automobile Association, is enthusiastic about this proposed race, and says it will be useful in advertising Ardmore and the automobiles. At the same time it will promote construction of good roads between Ardmore and Oklahoma City to a great extent.

The towns between here and Oklahoma City will assist in this event by roping off their streets and protecting the drivers from accident while in the towns' limits.

It is expected that each town will make up a purse for the driver who makes the distance between Ardmore and that town in the shortest time.

Guy Harris, of the Buick agency, stated yesterday that he would enter a Buick; the Ward Motor Company signified its willingness to enter a Humphrey; the Mechanics Motor Company, with Frank Oakley as driver, says it will enter a Paige 66.

If present plans are carried out, these cars will leave Ardmore at intervals of fifteen minutes, and the finish of the race will be at the Oklahoma Fair Grounds, Oklahoma City.

Arrangements are being made with local aviators, Oakley and Askew and with Oklahoma City aviators, Adams and Griffin, to act as observers during the race. There will be a wireless apparatus in the planes so that reports may be made as to the location and condition of each car.

Tom Reel, of the Markham Motor Company, Oklahoma City, has assured the Ardmore dealers, over long distances of the cooperation of the Oklahoma City Automobile Dealers Association. There is to be a meeting of its full membership on Wednesday night of next week, when this matter will be taken up and plans perfected for Oklahoma City's share of the work.

## Cleveland Divides Doubleheader With St. Louis Browns

St. Louis, Sept. 10.—Cleveland divided a double header today the locals winning the first game 2 to 0 and the world's champions taking the second by a 2 to 1. Shocker held the visitors to 2 hits in the first game. Wambagans scored five runs in the second game.

**First Game**  
Score by innings: Cleveland 000 000 000—0; St. Louis 100 000 100—2

Summary: Two base hits, Shocker; double plays, Coveleskie to Sewell to Johnson; base on balls, off Shocker 1, off Coveleskie 1, Merton 1; struck out by Shocker 2, Coveleskie 4, Merton 2; runs, Tobin, McManus, Errors Williams, Gerber.

**Second Game**  
Cleveland 002 010 209—10; St. Louis 000 010 000—2

Summary: Two base hits Jacobson, Jamison; double play, Severed to McManus; base on balls, off Mails 2, Bayne 2, Davis 1; struck out by Vangilder 2, Mails 4, Bayne 2; runs Jamieson 4, Wambagans 5, Speaker, Slater, Jacobson; errors, Jamieson, Sewell, Johnson, Severed, Williams, McManus 2.

## Song and Smile Cast to Air Gives Sunshine Everywhere

"Sing and the sun shines on you."  
"Growl and it starts to rain."  
Now, just watch your step and watch where you go on Tuesday night, September 20, for there will be sunshine and smiles for those who attend the community singing at Central park, and there may be growls and rain for those who stay away.

Mrs. Arthur Kaye of the Philharmonic Club is to have charge of the gathering this time, this being the third of a series of community meetings sponsored by the club. Previous gatherings have been well attended by both city and country folks.

The value of the community singing is evidenced by the effect it had on the soldier while in training, while overseas, on transport, and elsewhere.

Like benefits may be obtained by a community of people who will devote hour or more to services of this kind now and then. Effect may not be noticeable immediately, but once it gets a grip on the soul the benefits are evident in the demeanor of men, woman and child.

Urgent appeals have been sent into the rural communities asking that a goodly number of people come in on that night.

## GALA EVENTS WILL FEATURE EACH DAY DURING FAIR WEEK

### Booster Trip Carried Message and Invitation, So Large Crowds Expected to Visit Ardmore

## BABY CONTEST IS PLANNED FRIDAY

### TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS OFFERED IN PURSES TO WINNERS OF HORSE RACES IN THREE DAYS RUNNING

Details attendant to the opening of the Sixth Annual Carter County Free Fair Wednesday morning are rapidly nearing completion, and the exposition promises to surpass anything previously held in southern Oklahoma.

All entries will be made on the morning of the opening date, and every exhibitor is expected to be at the grounds promptly, and attend to this important detail to avoid confusion.

The judges will begin their work Thursday morning and as soon as they have finished in each department will file written reports with the secretary. The reports will be made public.

Secretary Simpkins says that he hopes all who are to assist in the work will report promptly Wednesday morning, take charge of their special departments, and keep well up with the work, in order that the public may know of the official awards at the earliest possible moment.

The new building at the fair grounds adds much to the attractiveness of the place. There will be minor details develop that will need to be added, but on the whole it will prove a decided improvement; over last year's arrangements when so many of the exhibits were badly crowded in the exhibition hall.

**Livestock Exhibit**  
Some of the best livestock ever shown in southern Oklahoma will be at the fair. Within the past few years stock men of this county have taken a great deal of interest in developing better stock, and the coming show will be a revelation to those who have not kept in close touch with events along this line.

**Club Exhibits**  
The work of the boys and girls club will also be a feature and will reveal the painstaking care that has been exercised by Mrs. Minnie H. Church, county home demonstrator, and John W. Simpkins, county agent, who have striven to make these departments worthy of their efforts.

**Attractive Racing Events**  
Lovers of horse racing are going to have their desire gratified this year, the racing program offered is very attractive, and varied enough to suit lovers of light harness racing, and punting horses. Two thousand dollars is offered in purses for these events.

**Chamber of Commerce Band**  
Several shows have been booked to appear during the fair and there will be entertainment enough for all. The Chamber of Commerce band will entertain festivities each day with good music.

The recent trip of Ardmore boosters advertising the fair, will doubtless prove a most profitable venture. Thousands of people signified their intention of attending the fair, and the president, secretary and board of directors of the Carter County Free Fair association extend a hearty invitation to everybody to come and enjoy the fair, promising to give their best effort toward making the visit of every individual a happy one.

**Baby Contest**  
A novel feature has been introduced into the county fair program, and that is a pretty baby contest that will occur in the woman's building Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when all sizes of children will be brought in review before a competent critic.

The contest rules to govern are that the child must not be over six months old, clothes will not count, and every contestant must be entered in a plain slip. There will be a handsome prize given to the prettiest girl and the prettiest boy, and the prettiest pair of twins. Mrs. Minnie H. Church will have charge of the contest, and all communications should be addressed to her.

The Ardmore Milling Company has donated \$25 in flour to be apportioned as follows: For the best sample of wheat, 200 pounds; the best sample of corn, 100 pounds; the best sample of oats, 100 pounds; the best sample of feed, 100 pounds.

**Philadelphia National Recalls Seven Players**  
Philadelphia, Sept. 10.—Seven players named out by the Philadelphia Nationals have been recalled for the 1922 season. The management of the local club has notified Judge K. M. Lambs, high commissioner of baseball of the recall of the following players who were with the Phillies on the southern training trip and part of the 1921 season:

Pitchers: Station, Wood and Baumgartner from Kansas City; George Morrison from Rochester; Howard Crandall, from Buffalo; John Singleton, from Newark; Catcher Frank Withers from New York and Outfielder Ralph Miller from Louisville.

**Detroit Wins 10th**  
Chicago, Sept. 10.—D. Thompson, a recent pitcher from Victoria, B. C. club, who was on the mound for the White Sox blew up in the tenth inning today and Detroit bunched five hits behind a base on balls and drove him out of the box, winning the second of the series 8 to 4.

The score:  
Detroit 000 000 210 000 5—8  
Chicago 000 010 002 000 1—1  
Summary: Two base hits, Falk, Jones, Yaryan, Hooper, Mostil, Cobb, Sheely. Three base hits, Sargent, Double play, Mulligan to Sheely to Mulligan; Jones to Young; bases on balls, Thompson 4; Cole 2; Struck out by Thompson 4; Cole 2; Connally 1; Runs, Young, Jones, Cobb, Vanech 2, Holmman, Blue 2, Hooper Sheely, Falk 2, Errors Sargent, Yaryan 2.

## Peps and Snappers Meet in Pennant Fight Here Today

The Ardmore Peps and the Paris Snappers arrived in this city at 7:30 o'clock last night, and are all set for play in the second game of the championship series here this afternoon. Sled Allen, pilot of the locals, and Red Snapp, guide of the Paris aggregation, both state that their proteges are "amazin' to go" and will fight hard to take this afternoon's contest.

Only one game has been played in the series thus far, the Peps winning the opening game at Paris last Thursday, September 8, by the score of 5-2. The two remaining games scheduled for play at Paris September 9 and 10 were postponed on account of continued rains which commenced during the closing moments of the game last Thursday.

The management of the local team had completely prepared for the reception of the largest attendance that has yet witnessed a T-O game in this city.

## Vacation Days Are Over With Opening of School Monday

### PATRONS INVITED TO FORMAL OPENING AT HIGH SCHOOL; WARD SCHOOLS SHOW INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE

Vacation has come to an end, Monday morning all schools in the city of Ardmore open for another nine months of school with an enrollment slightly under that of last year, but with an increased number of teachers.

Prospects for a most successful year are bright since the erection and establishment of the Junior High School, more efficient methods, an enlarged teaching staff and the period of desecration on the waste. Members of the board of education have begun to see the results of their labors reflected in a way that works only for the betterment of the community which they serve.

**Registration Is Complete**  
Up to Saturday night a total of 2,754 pupils had registered in the schools. Senior high school has an enrollment of 306; Junior high school, 610 and the ward schools a total of 1,840.

Twenty four new teachers have been added to the corps, among them being Prof. H. E. Bash, principal of the Junior High School and several of his assistants. In all there are 27 new teachers.

The enrollment in the ward schools show a decided increase over last year, regardless of the fact that the seventh and eighth grades were taken from these institutions and added to the junior high school.

**One Formal Opening**  
The Senior High is the only school in this city to have a formal opening this year. The other schools will assemble at the appointed time and work will be started as soon thereafter as the teachers and students become acquainted.

At Senior High the public is invited. The program which will open at 9 o'clock includes introduction of new and old teachers, music by the orchestra under direction of Sol Lowenstein, and several talks by prominent citizens of Ardmore.

Members of the board of education, together with C. W. Richards, city superintendent, C. H. Woodruff, principal, and others will be on the stage in the auditorium at the opening of Senior High Monday.

**REFUSE OIL IS USED ON STREETS OF BENOAT NOW**  
Wilson, Okla., Sept. 10.—Refuse oil is being used on the principal streets of Benoit, a small town near here, after grading is completed. People of that community have worked earnestly for the past several years in an effort to get the roads and streets there put in good condition and hard surfaced. All of the streets in the town have recently been graded and the oil is now being put on them. A few of the streets of Benoit in the heart of the Benoit field have been oiled in a similar manner.

**CARNIVAL TRAIN WRECKS IN CONNECTICUT; 2 KILLED**  
Stamford, Conn., Sept. 10.—Two persons were killed, three seriously hurt, and many others slightly injured in an accident to a car in a carnival train on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad at Norton this afternoon.

**COLONEL GREGORY ISSUES SPECIAL EDITION OF THE ARDMORE STATESMAN**  
Colonel Gregory, editor of the Ardmore Statesman, is to be congratulated upon the special edition of his paper this week. It contained 22 pages, it was liberally patronized by the merchants of the city.

The paper carried some well written stories of the city and of its business enterprises and the paper as a whole is a splendid tribute to the city in which it is published.

## FATTY ARBUCKLE HELD FOR DEATH OF YOUNG WOMAN

### Girl Is Said to Have Taken Several Drinks at Suite of Comedian While at Party Monday

## CHARGES WILL AWAIT PROBE GRAND JURY

### MEMBERS OF PARTY TESTIFY TO FINDING ACTRESS IN ROOM UNCONSCIOUS; FIRST AID UNSUCCESSFUL

San Francisco, Sept. 10.—Rocco (Fatty) Arbuckle is being held in custody pending police investigation of the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, Los Angeles motion picture actress, following a party in Arbuckle's suite in a hotel here. Acting Captain of Detectives Michael Griffith announced today.

Arbuckle in Los Angeles said Miss Rappe came to his apartments to meet a friend of his who wished to model some gowns for her. She had "one or two drinks," he said, "after which she became hysterical." Two other women, who were callers at the apartments, he declared, looked after Miss Rappe, after which she was taken to another room and placed in the care of a physician.

Arbuckle said he had no intimation of her illness was serious until informed last night that she was dead. According to Detective Kennedy, a man who said he was Arbuckle, telephoned from Los Angeles to the detective bureau at 11 o'clock last night and said he would return here today to assist the police in every way possible in clearing up the case.

The police are not considering bringing any charge at present against anybody in connection with the death of Miss Rappe, Kennedy said.

"The situation, however, is an extremely serious one," he said.

Kennedy said he would question all of those who attended the party, including a party Monday night in a hotel suite occupied by Rocco (Fatty) Arbuckle. An autopsy disclosed Miss Rappe died as the result of congested lungs, superinduced by peritonitis. Her stomach was sent to a chemist for analysis.

According to women members of the party, they found Miss Rappe in an unconscious condition and placed her in a cold bath in an endeavor to revive her. This had no effect and she was taken into another room and put to bed. The house physician was called and later she was taken to the sanitarium where she died.

Arbuckle in his conversation with the police last night specifically denied all statements by the other members of the party, saying he was not alone with Miss Rappe at any time and that his conduct at no time was objectionable.

"Arbuckle will not be arrested," Griffith said, "but he will be detained by us until the investigation has been concluded. I have put four detectives on the case. I understand that he is coming up here voluntarily, but he will be compelled to remain until the police are finished with him. At present we are not contemplating any charge against him."

The county grand jury is to start an investigation at its regular meeting on Monday night into Miss Rappe's death and Arbuckle's interest in it, Harry Kelly, secretary of the jury, said today.

The district attorney, who is not present out of the city, will be advised of the circumstances, when he returns, and he will handle the matter before the grand jury. Dr. M. E. Russell who attended Miss Rappe in the hotel following the party and Dr. William O'Brien, who performed an autopsy on her, were called to the coroner's office today to be questioned concerning their knowledge of the case.

## Long Confinement Is Fatal to Girl

Chicago, Sept. 10.—Marie Zumbach, the 17 year old girl, who, it is alleged, was kept prisoner by her mother in a basement from the time she was two months old, cannot be developed by medical science, doctors who have treated her for a year announced today. The girl, when rescued from her dungeon prison could not see, hear or talk.

Thyroid glands from monkeys were transplanted and other operations were performed in an effort to develop both mind and body, but doctors said today the 17 years confinement could not be overcome.

**DR. CUMMINS TO SPEAK IN OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE**  
Oklahoma City, Sept. 10.—Dr. Hugh S. Cummins, surgeon general of the United States public health service, will address the fourth annual public health conference to be held here on October 11 and 12, according to word received today by Dr. A. R. Lewis, state health commissioner.

## LOSSES WILL REACH SEVERAL MILLIONS; RELIEF IS STARTED

## Tropical Storm Does Damage in Caribbean Ports

### FIRST REPORT CAME FROM PORT OF SPAIN, THEN FROM THE WINDWARD ISLANDS; SHIPS ARE WARNED IN TIME

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Sept. 10.—A tropical storm of great violence, which struck Trinidad Thursday, caused two deaths and did damage to shipping estimated at \$150,000. The damage from the storm, which was traveling west-northwest, was principally confined to the harbor. It was the worst storm within the memory of the oldest inhabitants.

**Windward Islands in Path**  
St. Vincent, Windward Islands, Sept. 10.—Considerable anxiety for the safety of vessels in neighboring waters has been caused here by a tropical storm of cyclonic intensity which swept over the Windward Islands today. The storm originated yesterday east of Trinidad and moved west by northwest, its maximum force probably passing near St. Vincent.

Timely precautions prevented serious loss in local harbors. Some cottages were destroyed, and roofs were torn from business houses. Reports from interior districts have not yet been received, owing to the breaking of wire communication.

St. Vincent's sea island cotton crop for 1921 was almost entirely destroyed by the cyclonic storm which swept over the Windward Islands Thursday. The sugar cane fields were laid flat and numerous coconut trees were uprooted or stripped.

Besides destroying the growing crop, the storm did considerable damage to buildings. The public jetty in Georgetown was completely demolished. Victoria Park in Kingstown resembles a devastated forest.

**Haiti Is Center**  
Washington, Sept. 10.—The Caribbean hurricane which, according to dispatches today from Port of Spain and St. Vincent, did great damage to property and caused some loss of life on the Windward Islands and the island of Trinidad was centered today south of Haiti and moving west and northwest, the weather bureau reported. The storm during the next 24 hours will continue to move northward and westward attended by hurricane winds in its center and by gales over the central Caribbean, reaching the western Caribbean tomorrow. Bureau officials will be unable to forecast the exact path of the storm beyond that it would pass.

The storm, first was reported Thursday by the weather bureau, being at that time east of Trinidad. Shipping was warned, which, in the belief of bureau officials, enabled many vessels to hurry from the hurricane's path or prepare to meet it.

**Flood Is Described**  
These were the things visible to the eye when day dawned, cloudy, gloomy and threatening. But what occurred in the blackness of the night when scores of men, women and children met death in the oil coated waters of the flood, as houses collapsed, bridges were swept out, trees and electric light and telephone poles crashed and their wires became entangled with the other wreckage is something that will never be known in detail. Countless acts of heroism are current, as civilians and soldiers, forgetful of personal safety, braved the currents and floating debris to carry women and children to places of safety. Thousands of families along the river were rescued before daybreak, but men who worked the long hours, often neck deep in water, risking their lives almost every minute of that time to save others.

**Babes Swept From Arms**  
And in keeping with such heroic acts, were the tragedies that always accompany a disaster of such wide scope. (Continued on Page Three)

**Business Section Flooded**  
The flood waters from the San Antonio river and from Alazan Creek and small tributaries inundated an area approximately two miles long by one half mile wide including the heart of the business section and a portion of the residence section along River Avenue and adjacent streets as well as the thickly populated west side where today thousands of Mexicans are homeless and the dead not yet counted.

The flood is the greatest disaster in the history of San Antonio. The water rose almost to the mezzanine floor in the Gunter hotel. Such structures as the Brady building, Wolff and Marx department store, Stowers St. Mary's church and school buildings, the St. Anthony Hotel, the Ellis Club, formerly the Travis Club, several hospitals, the central telephone exchange, the City Hall and police and fire headquarters and countless other structures along the low lying river valley were in the pathway of the flood.

**Middle-West States Suffer From Storm**  
Sioux Falls, S. D., Sept. 10.—Seven men were killed at West Sioux Falls and many farm buildings were destroyed in a storm which struck just outside the Sioux Falls city limits late last night. The towns of Ollis, Hartford and East Sioux Falls, are reported hard hit. Telephone and telegraph communication is demoralized, telephone poles and trees are obstructing the roads and making them impassable.

**Omaha, Neb., Sept. 10.**—A tornado struck near Avoca, Neb., last night, according to information received by the Union Pacific Railroad Company from its telegraph operator at Weeping Water. The report gave no details but a dispatch from a newspaper correspondent at Weeping Water, said it was reported heavy property damage was done.

**Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 10.**—Considerable damage is believed to have been done to corn and property over Iowa early today, during a severe electrical and wind storm, which was accompanied by a heavy rain. At Creston, 3.35 inches of rain fell.

**Man Shall be Rewarded for Raising the Largest Family**  
This story will interest only those parents who have raised an exceptionally large family. Of course, prospective family growers will manifest some interest and the public in general will get up and take notice.

To the farmer bringing in the largest family to the Carter county Free Fair next week, Frank Berryhill, tuner and sheet metal worker, offers a galvanized iron, 22-barrel tank. The tank will be on exhibition at the fair grounds, and there will be a place for the head of large families to register.

It is stipulated that the oldest child shall not be over 21 years of age, and if the whole family is present at the fair the contestant will stand a better showing-by representation if not by force. Award will be made Saturday evening, at the termination of the four days' fair.

Mr. Berryhill states that he knows some pretty good sized families in Carter county, and wants to see them all at the fair grounds, and make a few enquiries as to how the provider managed to get by in face of serious obstacles, and the high cost of living. He is willing to donate this tank in order to gain the information.