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Traffic Arteries

LATEST REPORTS

Bridges

ELM PARK—Closed, condemned, barricaded and weighted.
LOUISE—Open to trucks and emergency vehicles.
MAIN—Closed to all vehicles; barricaded.
MARION-SEINE—Open to all essential traffic; military in charge.
MARYLAND—Open to emergency traffic only; diking and pumping in progress at south end.
NORWOOD—Closed to all but amphibious vehicles.
OMAND'S CREEK-ELLICE—Open to all traffic.
OSBORNE—Open to emergency traffic only; water at south end; diking and pumping in progress.
PROVENCHER—Open to evacuee and emergency traffic westbound only, since 7 p.m. Sunday; a few eastbound vehicles allowed to cross after 3 a.m. Monday; ramp shoulders soft, and some water across ramp; maintenance crews believed to be keeping up with repairs.
REDWOOD—Open to all traffic.
ST. JAMES—Open to all traffic.
PROVENCHER-SEINE—Closed and diked with earth.

Subways

ANNABELLA—Closed and barricaded.
ARLINGTON—Open to all traffic; road rough.
BERGEN CUT-OFF—Open to two-way traffic; condition good.
ELGIN—High water; impassable to cars; trucks only.
HIGGINS—Open to emergency vehicles; water level about the same.
McPHILLIPS—Closed and barricaded.
MAIN-HIGGINS—Open to all traffic; condition good.
OSBORNE—Closed and barricaded; water receding slightly; detours possible.
PEMBINA—Closed and barricaded; by-pass possible.
ROSS—High water; passable to trucks only.
ST. JAMES—Open to emergency vehicles only; traffic south side only; water two feet deep; pavement on south side deteriorating.
SHERBROOK—Closed and barricaded.
TECUMSEH—High water; impassable to cars; trucks only.

Streets and Avenues

ARCHIBALD—Open to all traffic; flooded at Mission; passable but rough.
ASSINIBOINE—Flooded and barricaded between Fort and Kennedy.
BALMORAL—Flooded from Whitehall to Broadway.
BELL—Flooded from Main to Wood.
BERESFORD—Unpaved section from Cockburn to Berwick under water.
BERWICK—Passable between Jubilee and Rathgar.
BROADWAY—Flooded between Osborne and Colony; barricaded and diked at Osborne.
DALY—Flooded between Rosedale and Beresford, and Beresford and Rathgar; intersection clear.
CARLTON—Under 10 inches of water between Cumberland and Qu'Appelle.
DUNSMUIR—Flooded between Mayfair and River avenue; passable.
EASTGATE—Flooded.
FURBY—Flooded from Broadway to 100 feet north; barricaded at Broadway.
HARKNESS—Flooded from Mayfair to Stradbrook.
HUGO—Flooded between Corydon and Wellington crescent; passable.
JESSIE—Water has receded at intersection with Osborne; open.
JUBILEE—Flooded between Daly and Cockburn; barricaded against eastbound traffic.
LILAC—Water between intersections from Jubilee to Walker; clear at intersections.
MAYFAIR—Flooded between Main and Harkness; closed.
MIDDLEGATE—Flooded.
OSBORNE—Water now pumped from intersection with Broadway; practically clear.
PALMERSTON—Flooded between Wolseley and Home; passable.
PARKER—Improving; passable from Cambridge to Pembina highway.
QU'APPELLE—Flooded between Edmonton and Kennedy; passable.
RATHGAR—Some water between Daly and Cockburn.
RIVER—Flooded between Main and Wood; barricaded.
ROSEDALE—Some water between Daly and Berwick.
ST. JAMES—Open but soft between Ellice and Portage.
WALKER—Some water between Cockburn and Ellice.
WESTGATE—Flooded.

Shown here is a second dike, built behind the first dike along Tache avenue, protecting the St. Boniface basilica and the St. Boniface hospital. The dike is still holding back the flood waters of the Red river.

City Garbage Trucks Back On Regular Job

City garbage collection trucks have been released from sand and gravel hauling duties, Winnipeg's flood control committee was told Monday.

The trucks will be placed on a 12-hour shift basis in order to catch up with garbage collection services, discontinued near the beginning of the flood emergency.

A. J. Taunton, deputy chief engineer, also reported that engineering crews were busy stoning St. James street to provide a traffice artery from St. James bridge to Ellice avenue.

Other highlights of the flood control meeting included:

1. W. D. Hurst, city engineer, urged that the emergency ramp be retained permanently along Water avenue to the Provencher bridge. "There's a lot of money in that fill . . . seven feet of gravel in parts. I would like to build a retaining wall and side road. It's a natural dike now."

Power Situation Good

2. Power facilities were in good order, both the city hydro and Winnipeg Electric company reported.

J. W. Sanger, city hydro manager, reported hat extra staff was being reduced at the Rover avenue substation and that inspection constituted the major work.

Mr. Sanger also informed the committee that instructions had been issued to proceed as soon as possible with the restoration of water heater service in three north Winnipeg distribution circuits.

E. V. Caton, chief engineer for the Winnipeg Electric, said his main trouble stemmed from flood cut-offs in the suburbs. "We have 3,000 homes disconnected outside the city."

Diesel Connected

3. A new 400 horsepower diesel generating set has been connected to pumps at the McPhillips street pumping station of the city waterworks, Mr. Hurst informed the committee. This would enable the city to keep up water supplies even if the power, in some emergency, were to go, he said.

4. Two engineers of the Bell Telephone company of Canada are helping Manitoba telephone system engineers to evaluate damage and rehabilitation requirements, J. F. Mills, chief engineer of the Manitoba telephone system, reported. The two outside experts, both of Toronto, are M. J. Ackroyd, plant extension engineer, and C. Catto, superintendent of construction.

STICKERS MULTIPLY; POLICE TO ISSUE NEW AUTO PERMITS

All police permit stickers now in use on private automobiles will no longer be valid after 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Chief of Police Charles MacIver announced Monday that new stickers will be issued by the police department to priority cars.

The re-issue of police permits, he said, was being made at the request of Brig. R. E. A. Morton, military flood control director.

"One person was getting by with a permit from the 75th birthday celebrations. Another was using one from a Decoration Day parade," the chief revealed.

He pointed out that trucks, taxis, and vehicles other than private cars will not require the permits.

UKRAINIAN-CANADIANS

A special meeting of the Winnipeg local, Ukrainian Canadian committee, will be held Tuesday night to plan assistance to flood victims. The local has asked those needing immediate assistance to register at the Ralph Brown school, McGregor street and Machray avenue.

Light Rains In Forecast For 48 Hours

The weatherman went as far as he could Monday on the end of a shaky limb by forecasting only light showers for the next 48 hours.

Forty-eight hours, he said, was as far as he would go.

"I'm not too happy about this situation. It isn't too clear-cut today."

Light Rain

Apparently light precipitation has been experienced over cloudy areas of Regina and Saskatoon. This front is moving towards Greater Winnipeg, with a sprinkle here and a sprinkle there.

Other than that and light clouds and easy winds, nothing startling which would affect the flood situation is bound to occur, the weatherman said.

The low Monday and high Tuesday at Gimli, Carman and Winnipeg is 35 and 50.

Ottawa Brigadier Succeeds Malone In 'Crisis' Post

Appointment of Brig. W. J. Megill as deputy commander in charge of emergency planning was announced Monday by Brig. R. E. A. Morton, direction officer of flood control.

Brig. Megill, who is deputy chief of the general staff at army headquarters in Ottawa, replaces Brig. R. S. Malone, who has been called to eastern Canada on urgent business.

A permanent force officer, Brig. Megill joined the army in 1930, attended an imperial staff college in India, and served overseas with the 3rd division.

He was named brigadier in command of the fifth infantry brigade in northwest Europe in 1944.

All Sizes, Shapes, Types And Ages Are Seen Toiling On The Dikes

BY FRANK MORRISS

Working on a sand dike is good for the morale as well as the muscle. In what other circumstances could you see a 78-year-old man disdaining rheumatism and years to help beat the flood waters? Where else could you see a stocky man with a wooden leg, filling bags as he braced himself sturdily on the timber member, shovelling the stuff that would form a bulwark for his own home as well as their neighbors. Where else could you see 'teen-agers sitting down with oldsters and swapping yarns and sandwiches between brief rest periods?

It may be trite . . . and certainly a lot of people are going to tell me it's corny . . . but the fact of the matter is that a crisis has a lot to do with providing a lesson in the eternal brotherhood of man. You don't think of it at the time that you're working but when you sit back, rub sore muscles and reflect on the whole thing it strikes you with the kind of comforting warmth that comes from a hot cup of cocoa . . . or something stronger . . . flowing through grateful veins.

78-Year-Old Worker

Norman Creen, of 11 Lenore street, is the 78-year-old man. He's quiet and you might think, on casual meeting, that he's a bit crabby. Then you realize that it's only because he's busy and also a little impatient that one pair of gnarled hands can't cut enough string for the busy fingers of dozens of other people to tie.

Mr. Creen sat on two old boards at the back of the gas tank at the foot of Lipton street. He had beside him a huge ball of twine and he had taken from his pocket a jacknife which showed signs of countless sharpenings in the interests of sundry household chores.

I'm 78 years old and there's plenty of life in me yet," he told me shyly. "Of course I'm a bit stiff. Would you mind helping me up."

Brief Rest

I gave him a hand and he straightened up painfully and stood on his feet. While others were sipping coffee and puffing cigarettes he had a brief rest of the old muscles, and then in a few minutes he was sitting down in his old position and working as busily as the two beavers who were reputed to be hanging around the gas tank. As a matter of fact, I didn't see the two beavers, but I did see plenty of Mr. Creen.

I saw him Saturday afternoon, I saw him Saturday night. I saw him again Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon. He was one of the first ones to come and one of the last to leave.

A black-haired Canadian-Japanese girl, gay 'kerchief on her head, was laughing and singing with a group of 'teen-agers as they tied up the burlap bags. The roster of nationalities and religions who work side by side on the dikes must be tremendous.

As for the bags themselves . . . hastily assembled, they come from the four corners of the earth. You see names of countries in Europe, in the Pacific, in the United States, and even Hawaii. Bags that held sugar, possibly coffee and any of a number of other foodstuffs are now murky with dirty river water and are helping to protect Winnipeg.

Snappy Oldster

There was a stocky little man who snapped about the place like a drill sergeant. He was all bustle and resolution . . . for this was an hour of triumph for him. He has a long standing grievance that is now triumphantly justified.

"Why," he said, "I served in the first world war and when the second one came along they would not take me for anything. I was too old, they said. Too old, my foot. Why I'm 67 today and I've been on my feet just as long as anyone else and I'm not as tired as some.

I hadn't intended to write a story, I went to the dike at the foot of Lipton street to work. But you can't help it, when you're a newspaperman, noticing dozens and dozens of little things that just shout to be put down on paper.

Optimistic Tulip

For instance, the tulip that is trying to force its way through the soggy ground of the backyard of a home on Wolseley avenue. After finishing the dike at the foot of Lipton, a loudspeaker came around and a voice said that the one near the creek badly needed workers. When I hurried over there I saw the faces of neighbors who had worked in their own area all week-end but were ready to help again.

But I started to mention the tulip pushing through the soil on Wolseley. It stood in the way of men who trudged by with sandbags on their shoulders. Unconsciously, though, they by-passed it with weary feet.

For one thing, crisis or no crisis, they were working on another man's property, and they wanted to respect it. More subconsciously, that tulip stood for something that was beautiful and they wanted it to come up and bloom.

That's how it was with the dike workers. I'm glad I pitched in and tried to help.

Cleanliness Chief Foe Of Flood Water Germs

Precautions for safeguarding health during the flood emergency will be carried each day by the Free Press as a public service.

Parents are warned by health officials that most of the water lying on the streets has been contaminated by sewage or flooded rivers and children should not be allowed to play in this water or mud.

Even small cuts and scratches should be properly cleaned and first aid applied. Children's hands should be thoroughly washed before they eat or touch food. For washing, health authorities say there is no substitute for hot water and ordinary household soap.

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Water standing in flooded basements should be disinfected regularly and health officials advise chloride of lime or javel water.

Solutions made with these disinfectants will also kill odors which may be unpleasant although health authorities say the odors are not harmful.

If you use fresh chloride of lime, mix one pound with a little water in a pail to make a paste. Add enough water to fill the pail and allow the lime to settle. Use the clear liquid—it contains the useful chlorine—and distribute it as widely as possible over the standing water.

Follow the same instructions with javel water, using three pints to a pail of water.

This disinfecting should be done every four days and householders are asked to do the job themselves rather than call their health department.

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Householders rescuing food and drug products from flooded basements or other storage places are urged to make sure the products have not been contaminated.

Health authorities say a good slogan is, "If in doubt throw it out."

These rules are listed:

1. Destroy leafy vegetables, all fresh and cured meats, non-liquid foods such as dried fruits, cereals, shortenings and seasonings.

2. Root vegetables may be used if they are sound, thoroughly washed and cooked.

3. Canned and bottled goods including home preserves, may be used if the seal has not been damaged and if the contents show no sign of seepage. The containers should be washed with hot soap and hot water and sterilized by immersion for five minutes in a chlorine solution. Contents may be boiled as a further precaution.

4. All contaminated drugs and medicines should be destroyed. Do not attempt to replace soaked or loosened labels because unlabelled drugs, even if they are not contaminated, should be destroyed. Do not leave them where they may be found by children.

5. All utensils and dishes should be thoroughly washed and sterilized by boiling or by immersion in a sterilizing solution.

"Common sense and carefulness are the watchwords for health to people in flooded areas," says Dr. Maxwell Bowman, provincial epidemiologist.

Flood-borne sicknesses may enter your bodies on soiled hands, he warned. People whose hands and clothing are soiled from working in flood waters should be careful to wash their hands well before they handle food and before they eat. Cuts and scratches should be cleaned and protected from dirty water and mud by a covering of cloth or tape.

Instructions and suggested health precautions are handed out to people attending many of the clinics for typhoid vaccination in Greater Winnipeg.

The printed slip says:

Typhoid Vaccination

"Vaccination will protect you against typhoid fever. Anyone working in flood areas or living in homes with flooded or plugged basements needs this protection.

"Unless you have been vaccinated within the past 12 months you should attend a clinic or see your own doctor. Three injections—taken a week apart—are necessary for complete protection. Persons unable to return to the clinic where they received their first injection are urged to complete the series of three at the nearest clinic.

"If you depend on well water for drinking purposes, you are advised to boil the well water for 10 minutes before drinking it.

Everyone should be particularly careful to wash his hands thoroughly after working in flood water and before handling, serving or eating food."

Churches Hold Services— Then Back To Floodtime Work

BY THE CHURCH EDITOR

The situation in Winnipeg churches Sunday was aptly summarized by Archbishop L. Ralph Sherman in the city's largest single service — the diocese-wide family service in St. John's cathedral, heard by radio in every Anglican church in the diocese, and with other denominations swelling the great floodtime congregation in St. John's cathedral.

"This," said the archbishop, 'is the third cataclysmic Sunday in my career in the pulpit. The first was the Sunday when the first world war was declared; the second, the Sunday after the second declaration of world war; the third Sunday is the present, when I speak to you in the midst of the worst flood in Winnipeg's history as a city."

Evacuated churches in the flooded area across the Red had installed radios in fire halls and any other available building on high ground. In these, congregations and clergy gathered, their Sunday zeal fulfilled in the midst of a waste of waters.

"This flood," Archbishop Sherman went on, "is not so wide-extended as the mammoth flood of 1826, when the floodtime width of the Red river was 18 miles and its temporary banks nine miles east and nine miles west of the normal channel; but it is an incomparably greater disaster in your packed city of 1950."

St. Boniface Service

The feature of the floodtime service at St. Boniface cathedral, where the whole parish lot is welldiked against emergencies, was the three-hour devotion in the afternoon. Father Leo Blais, the rector, conducted the services, which were well-attended, as the cathedral, in addition to being protected by dikes from Norwood bridge to Hiebert, is on high ground with a well-elevated foundation.

In the hard-hit district of Norwood, there was an inter-denominational service at Norwood Presbyterian, where Rev. D. Warren Campbell, Presbyterian moderator, conducted service. "We are half-a-mile away from the water." Mr. Campbell said: "Norwood United and Norwood Church of Christ were evacuated, I have heard. All the local ministers, including myself, threw off our gowns and started at work on the dikes, as soon as services were over."

The great dike protecting Shaarey Zedek synagogue has held, and a reduced congregation gathered at the Saturday service. "Saturday was the first time I had on decent clothes in a good many days," said Rabbi Milton Aron.

"I am an old army man, and working on our dike was just like being back in the war again. In addition to our regular service, I passed on Brigadier Morton's message to my people—this message regarding additional prayer for floodtime. In our service we used the prayer provided in the Jewish liturgy for Intercession on the Occasion of Floods."

Maryland Bridge

Rabbi Aron added a word respecting one of the city's important dikes: "Since the army has taken over the protection of Maryland bridge, we have reaped the benefit, as the soldiers help us in building up the dike."

Rev. Donald R. Ortner, of Redeemer Lutheran, said in his talk with the Free Press, that his church has also benefited incidentally, from the work to protect Maryland bridge. "The water would have been at our doors but for the big dike."

Another church, hard-hit by the gathering waters, was All Saints. The dike on the west side of Osborne street caused the flood-waters to rise to the steps of the church. In spite of this, the doors stood dauntlessly open at the service hour Sunday morning, in keeping with Rev. Stanley Rider's announcement that in spite of the flood, shortened services would be held in the unheated and unlighted church.

An increase in calls for meals was experienced at the Winnipeg Community church, which serves all denominations. "We served many meals," remarked the pastor, Rev. E. Hale McDaniels, "and it brought back memories of the great depression, when we fed 7,000."

Beds And Meals

West End churches rallied to the need, "Chalmers, Harstone and Greenwood, and other churches set up beds in the church halls, and served food in the churches.

The halls were also used as Red Cross typhois inoculation centres," said Rev. George Dyker, chairman of the Winnipeg presbytery of the United church. Asked as to dike work by United church ministers, Mr. Dyker said: "Immediately the evening services were over, the ministers changed to overalls and boots and went to work on the dikes and in other flood services."

In First Federated Unitarian services were cancelled for the day. "The whole congregation was out on flood relief work," said the minister, Rev. P. M. Petursson: "The Winnipeg branch of the broke into boxes that had been packed for Europe, and diverted the clothing toward flood relief."

QUICK WORK!

This may be a speed record for job tenure. A university girl, Margaret Hill, reported for work one day last week. She was put to work. One hour later the firm, the Beaver Lumber company, evacuated and the new job disappeared.

Food Banks Established In Winnipeg

Food banks sufficient to maintain 75,000 persons for five days have been set up at three points in Greater Winnipeg, J. M. Sinclair, chairman of the groceries division of the emergency flood relief committee, said Monday.

Mr. Sinclair said the estimate was made on the basis of army diet. He stressed there is no need for citizens to hoard food; that food supplies "are sufficient to feed everybody and more coming in."

Mr. Sinclair said there are 577,074 dozen tins of canned goods in wholesale warehouses with shipments continuing. These are exclusive of stocks now in the hands of retailers.

It Hurts Wives Most— They Create The Homes

My wife doesn't cry often—but she did Sunday.

We boated to our flooded Guilbault street house in St. Boniface—it was a shambles.

I didn't care much; possessions don't count for a lot and I'd only paid for the things that lay piled up and strewn around the place.

It was my wife that had put them together originally and made them into a home.

She'd done it twice before during the war in and around London, and had seen the lot broken up when the blitzes forced her out.

This was the third time and it might just as well have been bombs.

What struck me hardest and most was the vast amount of heartbreak that has been suffered by the women of Manitoba over the past few weeks.

They are the ones that have seen their long hours of work go by the board in a brief moment as the river waters took over their homes either in part or completely.

The men were busy, one way or another. They've got to work anyway and more furniture can always be bought for a new place.

But it will take a long time to replace the things women contributed to the wrecked houses in this province.

If I hadn't been so cold, I'd have been awfully mad at someone for this flood.

As it was, I had no waders and walked through the knee deep water with my pants rolled up when the boat grounded. And I couldn't get a taxi back.

And sightseers took pictures of me.

But there are thousands worse off than I—I didn't own the house.

Neither did my wife—but she might well have for the work she'd put into it.

So when she saw it Sunday, she thought about all that, and cried. There were many tears being shed by women like her at the same moment, I guess. The St. Boniface evacuation was in full swing.

So we left the place. Whether we'll go back depends on so many things. Right now the place doesn't seem worth looking at.

Abandon Ship

Maybe I'll just move a truck in when things dry up and abandon ship. Many such decisions will have to be made in Manitoba during the next few weeks. Mine isn't even important.

But whatever happens, I'll never be able to replace the hours of waste labor my wife had put into the three homes we've had.

Maybe there won't be another flood, anyway—you never know your luck.—S. S.

Airlift Turns To Ill, Aged

Emphasis of the R.C.A.F.'s "Operation Redramp" has switched from flying sandbags and equipment into flood-besieged Winnipeg to moving aged stretcher patients out of the city.

Monday, five Dakota aircraft, carrying 15 patients each, all over 70 years, took off from Stevenson field for Regina, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Edmonton and Calgary.

The 75 patients from old folks' homes moved Monday brings the total of such cases evacuated by the R.C.A.F. to 293.

Before beginning to move Winnipeg's aged population, the R.C.A.F. flew into the city more than 1,000,000 pounds of vitally required flood fighting equipment, mostly sandbags, pumps, rubber hose, hip-waders and electrical parts.

Sunday, 164 patients were flown from Winnipeg to neighboring provinces.

Fast Return To Homes May Present Problem

Trouble in restricting an early return of evacuees to now-flooded homes was anticipated at a meeting of Winnipeg's flood control committee Monday.

It was pointed out that the city would need time to take proper sanitation measures before the homes could be re-entered.

Chief of Police Charles MacIver declared however, that he would never be able to curb the influx of evacuees anxious to get back into their homes.

Expect Trouble

"I anticipate a lot more trouble during the restoration period than during the actual flood emergency," he added.

A lot of flood victims were just waiting for the slightest drop in the river level to return to their homes, he pointed out.

"How are we supposed to stop them?" he queried.

It would be dangerous for citizens to return too early to their homes, W. D. Hurst, city engineer, stressed.

Mr. Hurst said the best way to stop over-anxious citizens from returning would be to keep the water shut off in now-flooded districts. The water has already been cut off in evacuated areas.

"They will carry water by the pail," remarked Ald. C. E. Simonite.

"That's okay. At least, it will be pure water," replied Mr. Hurst.

Phoney Evacuees Get Flood Relief; Jailed 6 Months

The maximum punishment allowed under the circumstances — six months in jail — was meted out Monday to three vagrants who pleaded guilty in police court to obtaining food and clothing from the Red Cross under false pretences.

Kenneth R. Ashley, 29, of Calgary, Harry Charles Snider, 28, of Sudbury and Frederick Grant of no fixed address reported to Red Cross authorities they were flood evacuees.

As a result of their story, according to Inspector of Detectives David Nicholson, the men received food, clothing and accommodation at the Y.M.C.A.

"City detectives are now giving the strictest supervision to all Red Cross depots, and other places where food and clothing are being issued, in an effort to stop this practice," Inspector Nicholson said.

13 Schools Remain Open; Seepage Shuts Others

Doors were closed in all but 13 of Winnipeg's schools Monday. Flood waters seeping into school basements and sewage difficulties continued to cut down the number of buildings considered by school authorities to be safe for pupils.

Attendance in the schools still open has fallen steadily with the removal of children from the city, officials said.

Children who have left the city will not be held back because of non-attendance. The provincial department of education has ruled that 135 days will be considered a full school year in view of the flood emergency. Ordinarily a child is required to spend 175 days in school in any one year to qualify for promotion.

Here is a list of the schools still in operation Monday and which will remain open until further notice:

Clifton, David Livingstone, Dufferin, General Wolfe, Gordon Bell, Grosvenor, Inkster, Isaac Newton, Jameswood Place, Machray No. 2, Sargent Park, Sir John Franklin and Model school on Normal school grounds at Tuxedo.