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TORNADO DAMAGE--Lubbock was hit by a killer tornado on May 11, 1970 that killed 26 and destroyed some \$135 million in property. Shown here is the Guadalupe Area of North Lubbock where every home was destroyed.

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City Manager

AN OPEN LETTER TO CITY EMPLOYEES

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every city employee for the outstanding job you have done under difficult circumstances these past few weeks. Your response to the disaster that struck our city was immediate, and you performed admirably in every respect. Never have I seen such effective teamwork function so freely, and I want you to know I am proud to be a part of a team like that. It has been said that "when the chips are down," a man proves his real worth and ability. You did just that as an organization, and I sincerely appreciate the dedicated effort put forth by each individual.

The initial shock and the immediate emergency condition created by the May 11 tornado that devastated much of our city is behind us. But there lies ahead the tremendous job of cleaning up, repairing, and rebuilding a great city.

The task before us will be difficult, but I am confident we are equal to the challenge. With the fine leadership our elected officials have displayed...with the support and confidence of the citizenry...with the positive attitude that prevails in our community.... and with continuing dedication on the part of city employees, we will emerge as a stronger city and a better place in which to live.



W.R. Blackwell
City Manager

Shop Talk

Former television newsman Tom Martin is the City's new Public Information officer.

Tom worked for two years on the news staff of KLBK-TV, channel 13, before coming to work for the city. He is a graduate of Texas Tech with a degree in journalism, and graduated from Lubbock High School. Tom's wife, Karen, is about to graduate from the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing.

The new Public Information Officer will coordinate the releasing of information to the news media, edit and publish the monthly newsletter, present programs on various areas of city government to public groups, prepare magazine articles about contributions of city employees for trade publications and prepare brochures on various city activities.



The new secretary to Mayor Jim Granberry is Mrs. Brenda Mercer. Brenda was formerly a secretary in the City Manager's office, and assumed her duties June 1. Brenda's husband, Roger, is a student at Texas Tech majoring in international economics. The Mercers had a change in their lives on May 11, when their apartment house was destroyed in the tornado. But Brenda is still with us as the new secretary to the Mayor.

Fire



SNORKEL SAVES FIREMEN'S LIVES

Lubbock's newest piece of fire-fighting equipment, the 85-foot long Snorkel, held up the roof of Central Fire Station the night of May 11 and saved the lives of the men trapped inside. Most of the 17 men on duty had taken cover under the nine other pieces of equipment when a killer tornado ripped out the east wall of the apparatus room and dropped the east end of the ceiling on the Snorkel. Had the Snorkel not been there, every man inside might have been killed.

Only two of the men at Central were injured; Dispatcher Bob Rascoe lost his right eye to flying glass after staying at his post to take alarm calls even after the storm first hit, and Capt. Luther Dean, who was struck by flying glass, suffering a cut artery on the right hand.

The Snorkel has been returned to the factory for repairs to the upper boom, and after a shakedown period, will be returned to duty in Lubbock. The snorkel was the only piece of fire equipment damaged.

Library

The Children's Department 1970 summer reading program takes its theme from Holling P. Holling's book, Paddle to the Sea. Registration began on June 1 for the program which will continue through August. Twenty-nine school libraries and the two county branches are cooperating in this year's program, according to Mrs. Platz, Head of Children's Services.

Library hours will be changed slightly during the summer months. The summer schedule is as follows:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday - Saturday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
NO SUNDAY HOURS until September 13

The library was assigned the responsibility of operating the City's Emergency Housing Office following the May 11th tornado. Housing operations were conducted from the Coliseum Business Office from May 12 - 23. The housing office is now located in the Library's Bookmobile Headquarters building in Parkway Shopping Center. Denton Miller, Library Administrative Assistant, is directing housing office operations.

KKPC-TV is offering a series of community service telecasts spotlighting the services of the Lubbock City-County Libraries. These programs are aired each Wednesday afternoon at 3:15. Recent participants include Bill Stewart, Library Director, library staff members and two special guests, Tom Martin, Public Information Officer for the City, and Miss Dorothy Rylander, past president of South Plains Genealogical Society.

The Library, through its Telex installation, verified the safety of one person after the May 11 tornado. The American Can Company in Tampa, Florida, requested via Telex information as to the safety of a relative of one of their employees. Beth Niles, Interlibrary Loan librarian, verified the safety of the individual and sent the Telex message to Tampa. This was an unusual, but effective use of Telex.

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TODAY IS THE TOMORROW THAT YOU WORRIED ABOUT YESTERDAY.

Planning



Bob Hartman is leaving us to start his new duties as Senior Planner with Metroplan — A Council of Local Government in Little Rock, Arkansas. We wish him the best in his new position. Bob had been with the Planning Department for 3 years. He started as an Assistant Planner and was promoted to Associate Planner in September, 1968.

Walter Clayton, Assistant Planner, has been promoted to Associate Planner to fill the vacancy left by Bob. Walter was with the Urban Renewal Agency before coming to the Planning Department as Assistant Planner in October, 1968.



The Housing Standards Department wishes to thank the members of the Fire Department who have helped with the processing of applications for debris removal. Those who worked in this were: Richard Bowles, Garland L. Henderson, Jack Halpain, Leon L. Chapman, Bobby C. Cooper, Leonard Dubose, Charles G. Harvey, Calvin H. Eckles, Nolan Gordon, Othie W. Upton, Willis N. Tyson, Robert D. Stokes, M. O. Johnston, and Art Holly.

Citizens' Traffic Commission

THIS WAS THE WAR OF 1969

Traffic Deaths -56,500
(highest in history)

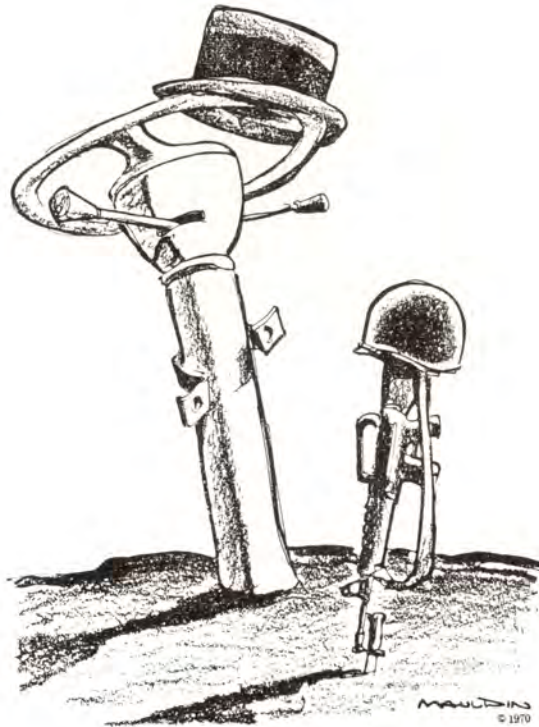
Injuries -4,700,000
(highest in history)

Chief Cause -Speeding

Age Groups -Under 25
more than their share

Road Conditions -3 of 4
accidents involved dry
roads and clear view

Time of Day -Week-end
and after-midnight
accidents broke all
records



DRIVE FRIENDLY

Casualties in The War of 1970 are mounting.
If you drive, if you are a passenger, or if
you are a pedestrian, you are in uniform on
the field of battle.

Due to the recent tornado, the Citizens Traffic Commission will be located in the Accounting Department, Room 206 of City Hall, until further notice. Telephone number 762-6411 ext. 225.

Legal

POLICE BRUTALITY

Some of the ideas stated in this article are taken from an address delivered by N. Alex Bickley, City Attorney, Dallas, delivered at a recent NIMLO Seminar on Urban Violence and Environmental Problems:

It is likely that at the present time the legal department of every sizable city in the country is investigating and trying to resolve at least one suit or claim involving alleged "police brutality". Sometimes the cacophony surrounding an incident where "police brutality" is alleged, flares into a major controversy resulting in injuries and death. Such an incident occurred in Houston in May of 1967. An untrue rumor was spread that a policeman had shot a six year old child. The disturbances that ensued on the campus of Texas Southern University resulted in the death of one policeman, injuries to three others, 144 wrecked dormitory rooms and 488 student arrests.

Mr. Bickley contends that instances of intentional police brutality are almost nonexistent. Often, however, the police receive a distorted picture when the press reports the allegations of brutality but does not report the "facts" as revealed by subsequent investigations. Mr. Bickley states: "The report is always made when the allegations are made. There is never a counter-report at a later time to show that almost 100 per cent of these cases are false allegations. We have been very successful in defeating these claims in The Courthouse, but we have lost them in the newspapers and the news media."

"We must remember that the police often must make a decision quickly under very difficult circumstances. As stated in a recent United States Circuit Court of Appeals opinion: "Officers patrolling the streets at night do not prearrange the settings. They do not schedule their steps in the calm of an office. Things just happen. They are required as a matter of duty to act as reasonably prudent men would act under the circumstances as those circumstances happen." Bell v. United States, 254F.2d 82, Cert. Den. 358 U. S. 885.

Policemen make mistakes, but let us be slow to condemn these mistakes and quick to praise their good work. The protection they provide is essential to a free society.



Spot Light



THE RACE IS ON!

Mayor Jim Granberry, who is well acquainted with a good race, is shown in these pictures as he attempted to win the Governor's Cup race at Buffalo Lake on May 10, 1970. In upper left, Mike Gowen shows the mayor how to start his motor...Upper right, "The Race is On!"..... Lower left, the mayor notices some water in his boat...Lower right, well, the captain should always go down with his ship!

Shop Talk

NEW MAY EMPLOYEES

Sonia Gregory - Library	Laurie Kayem - Animal Shelter
Vicky Crowder - Finance	Donald Rauschuber - Engineering
Patricia Patterson - Tax	Reynaldo Sanchez - Sanitation
Terry Brim - Tax	Pete Alcorde - Sanitation
Linda Favre - Data Processing	Jessie Trevino - Sanitation
Carl Ross - Garage	Jessie White - Sanitation
Jimmy Olivarez - Garage	Nicanor Gonzales - Sanitation
Silbiano Rangel - Garage	Victor Loera - Sanitation
James Smith - Garage	Reynaldo Gauna - Sanitation
Linda Parsons - Garage	Bobby Martindale - Water Distribution
Suzanne Pearcy - Garage	George Hawkins - Water Reclamation
Kathy Jones - Print Shop	John Spence - Fire
William Cox - Traffic Engineering	Kenneth Kirk - Fire
Noble Lollar - Park & Recreation	Terry Ewings - Fire
Pat Shannon - Aviation	Robert Barley - Fire
Adan Trevino - Aviation	Ralph Bowen - Non-Civil Service-Police
Isaac Barraza - Aviation	Edward Vinson - Non-Civil Service-Fire
George Davis - Aviation	Charles Hale - Electric Distribution
Linda Price - Health	Gary Doyle - Utility Collection
Patsy Garcia - Health	Benny DeLeon - Utility Collection
Loyce Johnson - Health	Robert Wright - Street Lighting

Traffic Engineering

Jack Loggins, Traffic Technician for the Traffic Engineering Department is in Evanston, Illinois, attending the Seminar for Traffic Engineering Technicians at the Traffic Institute Northwestern University through June 19th.

The objective of this program is to improve the skills of the technician in the conduct and supervision of traffic surveys, field investigations, data collection and analysis, and the layout and application of control devices. The intent is to provide stronger technical support for engineering staffs, whereby technicians can perform many of the basic traffic survey, analysis and application techniques with a minimum amount of engineering assistance and direction.

City Council



Councilman Hollingsworth, Mayor Pro-Tem Rigsby, Councilman Baker, Mayor Granberry, Councilman Turner,

Recovery from the May 11 tornado was the main theme running through the City Council meetings during May. The Council worked long hours throughout the month, meeting in formal session seven times and meeting countless hours with citizen groups, local, state and federal relief agencies and charting the course for recovery. Here is a summary of the Council's May meetings:

May 12--The Council ratified the Mayor's declaration of a "State of Emergency" the night of the tornado and ratified the curfew imposed on the disaster area.

May 14--The Council requested the Office of Emergency Preparedness to arrange a center for federal agencies to coordinate their disaster recovery efforts.

May 15--The Council reviewed the preliminary census figures for Lubbock and Lubbock County with County Judge Rod Shaw. The preliminary figures showed Lubbock to have 146,379 persons and the county having 175,159. Later that day, the Council authorized City Manager Bill Blackwell to execute applications for federal disaster relief. The Council set up the eleven-man Citizens Advisory Commission to study the impact of the tornado on the city, and to make recommendations to the Council on steps needed to make Lubbock a "Better Place to Live."

May 20--The Council canvassed the results of the May 19 City Council run-off election and Councilman Jack Baker was sworn in.

May 27--The Council held its monthly zoning Council meeting.

May 28--The Council received the report from the Citizens Advisory Commission on plans for the City.

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