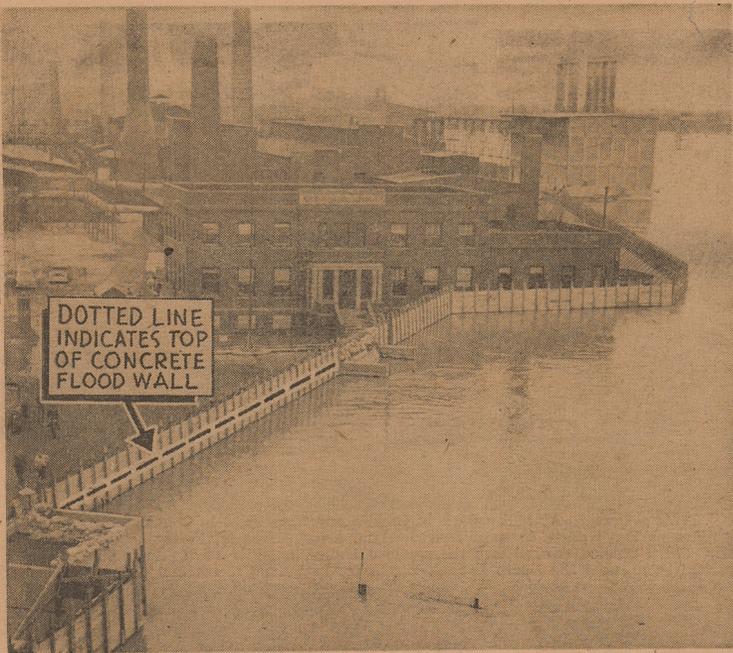


# Flashboards Raised Protection Level on Levees, Floodwalls



Near Peak—The morning of April 17 the river climbed to 30 feet. This scene, looking north from the Ak-Sar-Ben Bridge, shows the water against the wooden flashboards bolted atop the flood wall. The men, trucks and buildings were some 12 feet below the water level.



No Busy Lines Here—Thousands of phones were removed from homes and business houses in Council Bluffs and East and North Omaha in advance of the expected flood. Putting them back after the crisis was a big job.



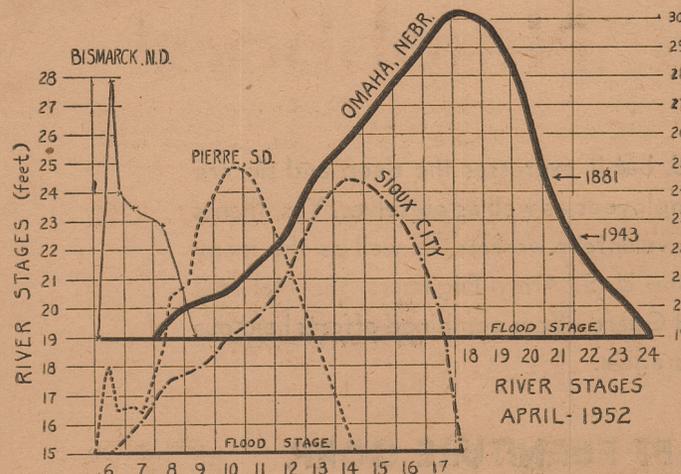
Flashboards Going Up—Near the new water works intake station north of Council Bluffs, carpenters work against the rising river level to drive and brace 2x4's, then face them with long planks. Sandbags front and back completed the barricade. About 800 thousand board feet of lumber were used this way.



Obstinate — Mrs. Mary Kohout, living only 100 yards from the river near the foot of Hickory Street, refused to move. Said she: "What the hell? I ain't afraid of that old river."

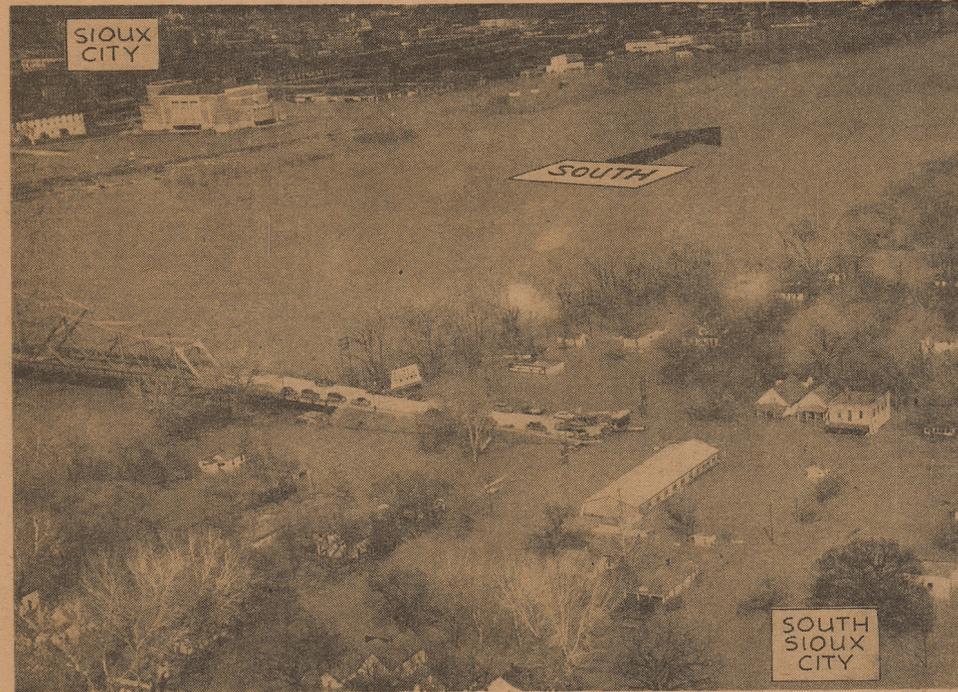


Dry Land Boat—When Red Cross, Bellevue Rescue Squad and Offutt Air Force Base men removed some 20 families from lowlands April 9 the flood had just started. A boat, not needed immediately, was towed over mud roads.



Flood at a Glance—Here is Weatherman E. F. Stapowich's chart of river stages at four major cities during the flood period. The sharpest rise is the one at Bismarck, April 6-7, when an ice jam caused water to back up. There is no direct relation between readings at different cities, since "zero" stages vary.

# Traffic Halts but People Smile as They Fight Back at the River



Crest near—This was the scene in Sioux City and South Sioux City as the river neared its crest. Note the highway bridge blocked by water.



It Could Be Worse—Mid-western people can take adversity with a smile. Like these folks getting off a relief train that carried them from South Sioux to Sioux City.



The Man With a Shovel—Bob Romans, silhouetted against the night sky, symbolizes all the men with shovels who preserved a west side dike at South Sioux City which kept part of the city from going under.



Business—but Not as Usual—Keeping a store open for food customers was no small job. Grocer Jack Engel of South Sioux City is transferring a quarter of beef, boat-delivered from Sioux City, to his car for transport to his store.



"Man, Does That Taste Good!"—Tom Cooper, 69, spent four days, five nights in a South Sioux City attic. He lived on crackers, cold beans, raw eggs. Finally rescued by his son Harold, he relishes a bowl of hot soup.



Deserted Highway—This was the scene near Dakota City, Neb., as the water poured over highways and farms.