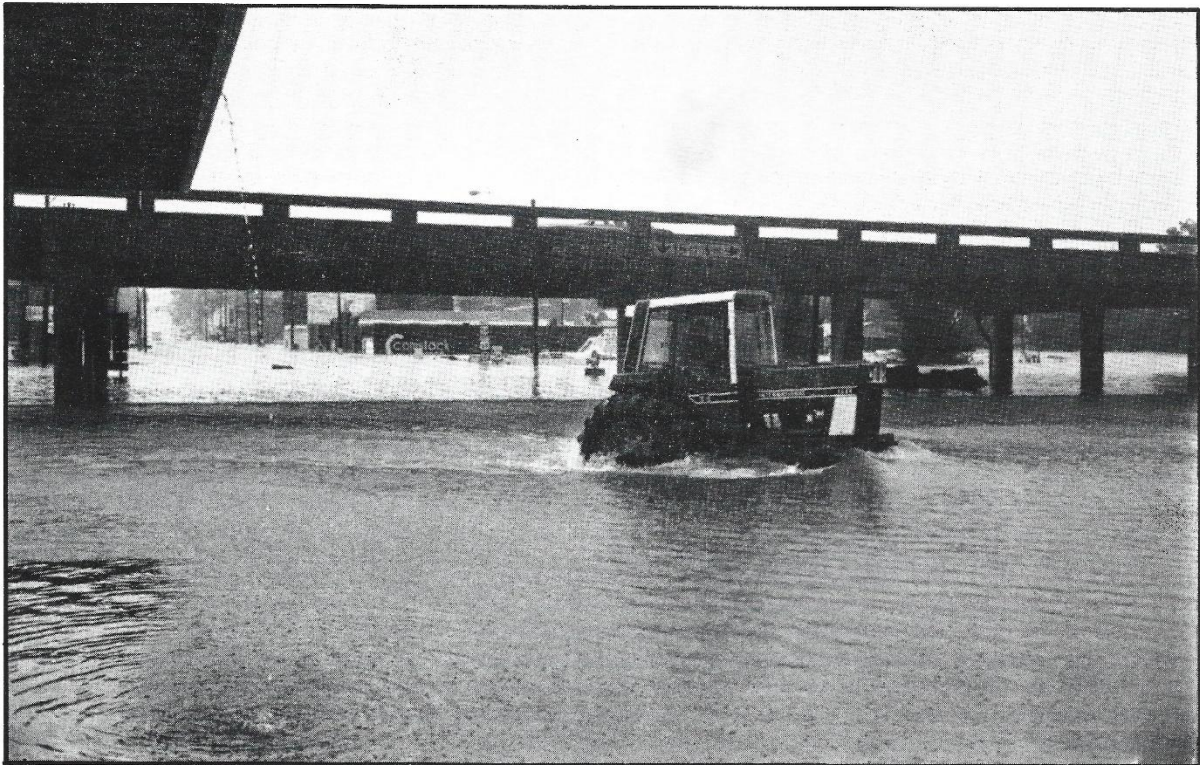


# Wall Street & 69 Bypass



Tom Hill goes home  
after a long day.

John Freed 54-2-38



John Freed 54-1-31

## “86 Flood”

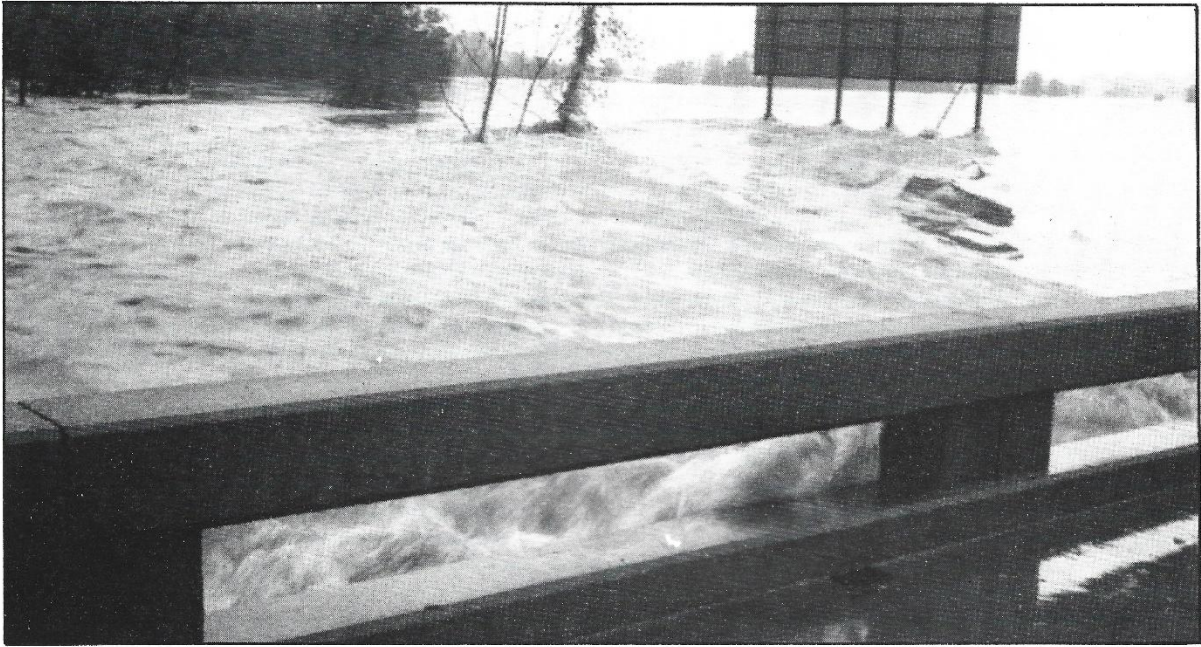
Lois Henderson

The rains came and  
the water rose  
No one could foresee  
the terrible tragedy  
The river will surely stop  
won't get much higher  
But all were wrong  
it got higher-higher  
At Keys, a few men  
tried to save  
But the water rose  
in one big wave

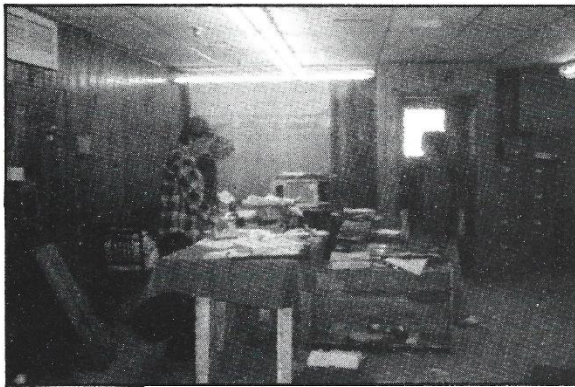
6 foot high in the office  
2 foot high  
in the shipping room  
To clean up this mess  
would take more  
than a broom  
When the water  
went down  
Keys called in  
their crews  
They all came wearing  
boots not shoes  
72 hours was  
all they had  
To keep the material  
from turning bad

The employees and bosses too  
worked day and night  
to save their plant  
Men and women  
working side by side  
And in the end  
they did take pride  
In knowing their work  
was all worth while  
Key Industries would survive  
the terrible, terrible  
'Flood of 86'





John Freed 54-3-1A



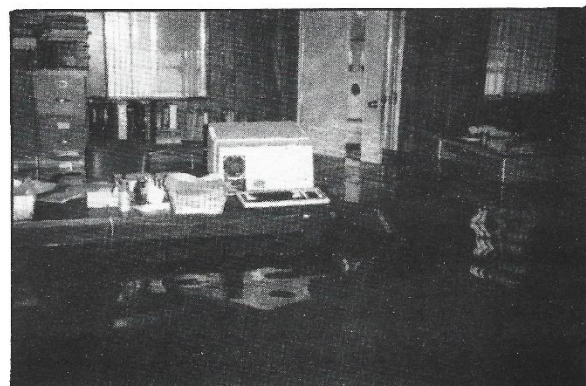
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Betty Walker 48-36



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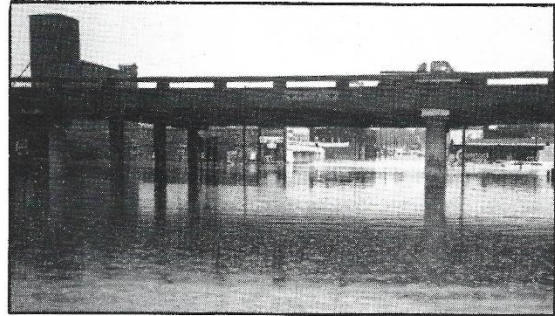


Rikki Byrd

On September 28, 1986 it began to rain and rain. It would slow down and then begin to go fast again. On October 3, it was really bad.



H.A. Law 63-08



H.A. Law 63-8



H.A. Law 63-09

There was floods all over town.

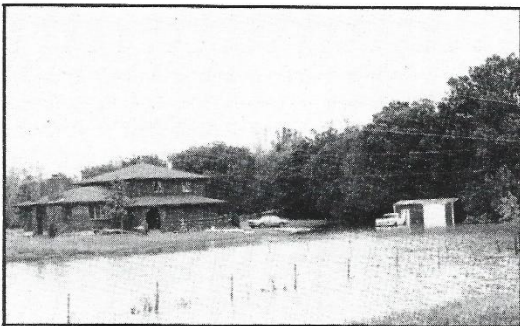


Gary Erie 64-53

Down on Wall Street at Key's there was a big flood there. The water was almost covering the doors at Keys.

And at some places the water was so bad that it covered the insides of some people's houses and they had to stand on the roof of their house. My teacher Mrs. Cowen and her family's house got surrounded with water. She said that the water came up to her stomach and she has a newborn baby and two little girls. Well her and her husband had to carry the kids out to the pasture.

Her husband and kids had to stay out there until someone came to get them. Well, October 5 it stopped and the water was gone down. Mrs. Cowen said that she and her husband had their home almost finished but they had more work to do on it. Some people said they hope this never happens again. They say it is too much money going down the drain. They say that they don't mind it raining but not like that. Today is October 7 and everything is just fine now. The sun is shining today. Let's hope it stays like that.

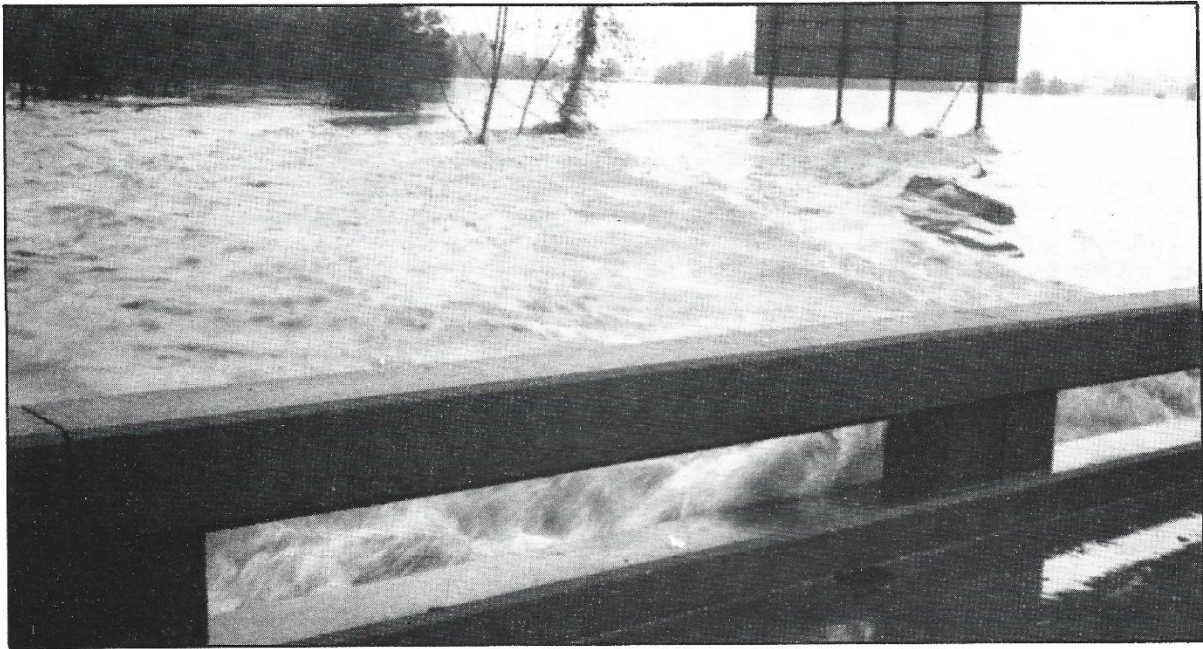


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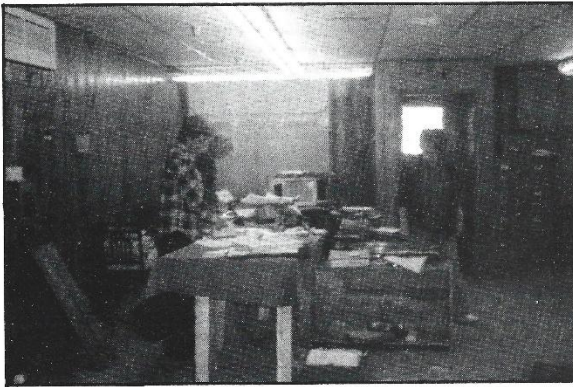


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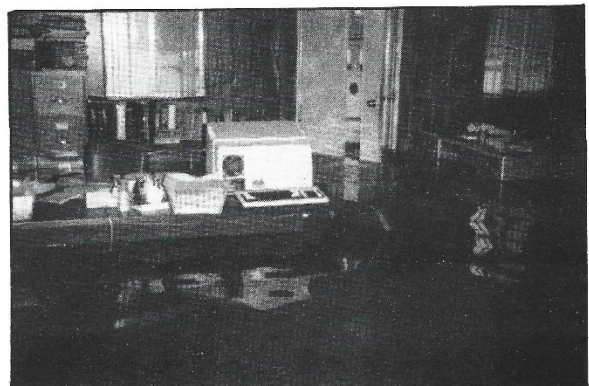
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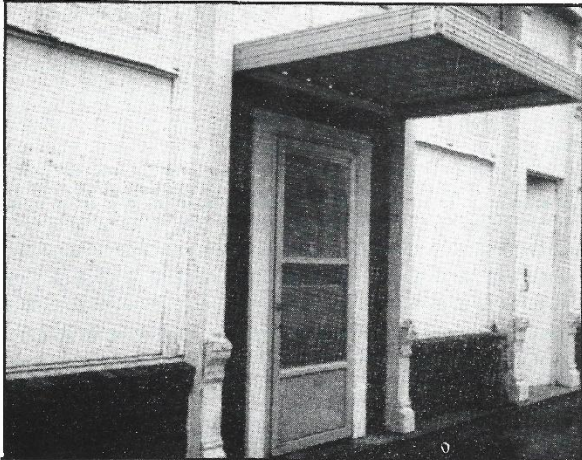


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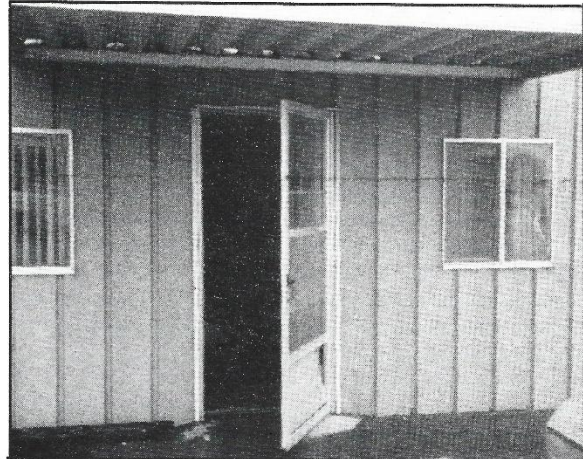


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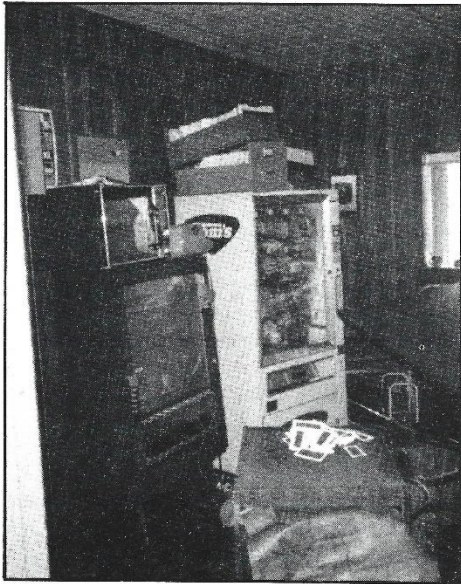




Gary Bukowski 71-12



Gary Bukowski 71-08



Gary Bukowski 71-05

"To clean  
up this  
mess  
would take  
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a broom."  
Lois Henderson

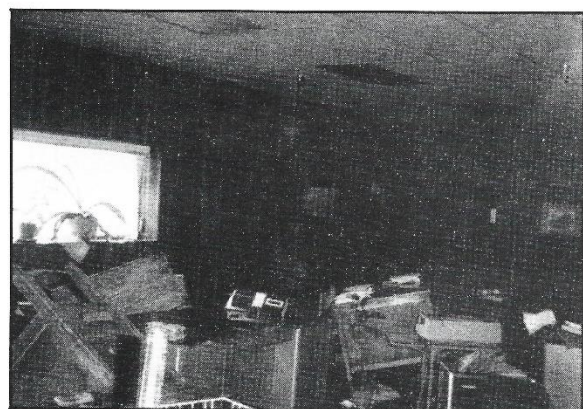
"It was just  
like going  
into a cave."  
-Bill Pollock



Gary Bukowski 71-01



Blackie Richard 57-14



Gary Bukowski 71-09





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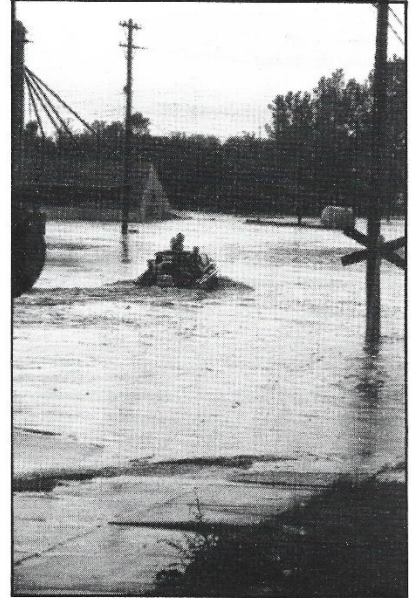
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Robert Squires 37-6  
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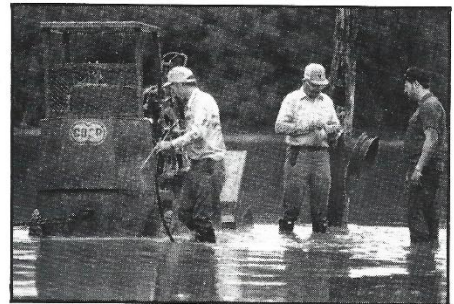
### Regina Cagle

I was scared. My mom works at Co-op. It was under water. My mom had to wade in water up to her chest trying to tie down tanks and pumps so they wouldn't float away.



Shawn Goans 28-3

My dad had to take his boat out and get people out of Midwestern.



Ray Brecheisen 52-3-35A

I was scared because the current was strong and he was out in his boat at dark. He had to do this all for the National Guards to get people out of houses and different places. My mom was scared too because she thought that my dad might get hurt. He knocked a hole in his boat but Midwestern said they would pay for damages. Co-op opened back up and a man from the bank came and congratulated them.





Nathan Lawton 34-02

## Comstock Lumber

John Eric Comstock

The flood was scary, worrying and sad. The water was about 7 feet tall inside. Thursday night was when it was getting bad and starting to flood. My dad and some other guys went down to keep wood from floating onto the highway. Then the water went down and my dad and the other guys went on home. The police were supposed to call if it got high but they didn't.\* The next morning my dad went down and it was high. So, dad and some others got a boat and tried to salvage some stuff but, it was hopeless. There wasn't anything we could do. The glass broke and just about everything floated out the door.

We lost about \$500,000 to \$800,000. We started when the water went down to clean up, and we're still trying to recover and get cleaned up. Everybody, you may wonder what is going to happen. I'm John Comstock's 12 year old son.

Brad Peel

Floods, Floods  
They're such duds  
It rains, rains, rains  
But it doesn't drain  
It makes things soggy  
and easy to tear  
To us kids its just not fair.



Dub Law 63-07

*\*Editor's note: Due to the sudden rush of the flash flood, and the immense traffic problems that resulted, it was not possible for the police to notify the many people who requested it.*





Dave McCord 73-01

“The glass broke and just about everything floated out the door.”



Dave McCord 73-02



Albert Coblentz 22-10

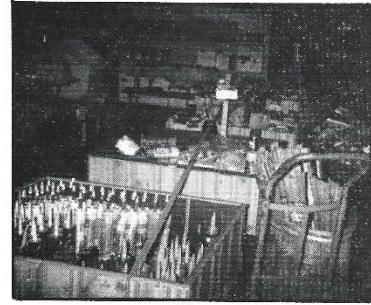


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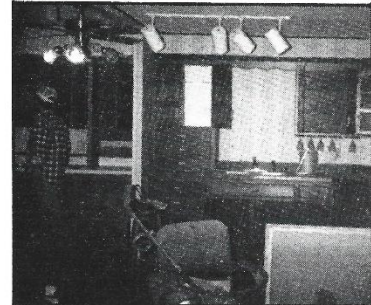




Albert Coblentz 22-07



Albert Coblentz 22-09



Albert Coblentz 22-08

“There wasn’t anything

we could do . . .

We started



Jim Feagins 25-11



Melissa Albers 03-11

when the water went down

to clean up, and

we’re still trying . . .”



# Humorous Signs



Always a complete stop . . .

Peggy Clark 47-09



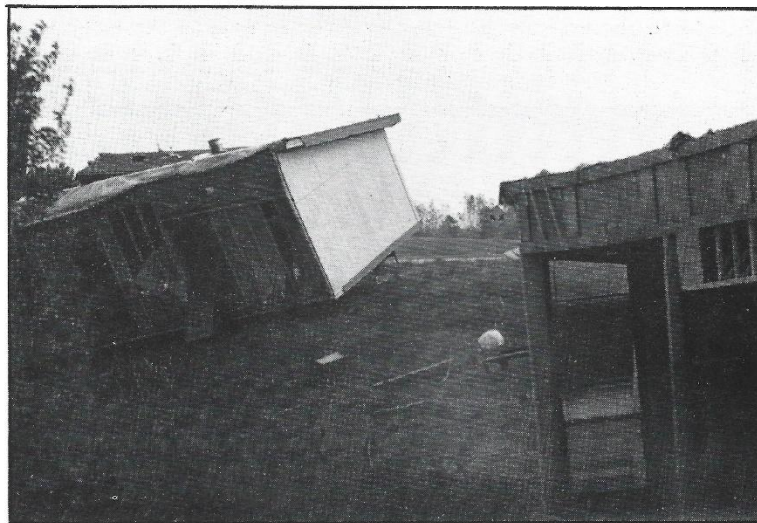
The water went "That-a-way!"

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Flow-A-Way Zone

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Divided Highway . . . Divided Home 21

Peggy Clark 47-05





Strange water rising over Othick Park

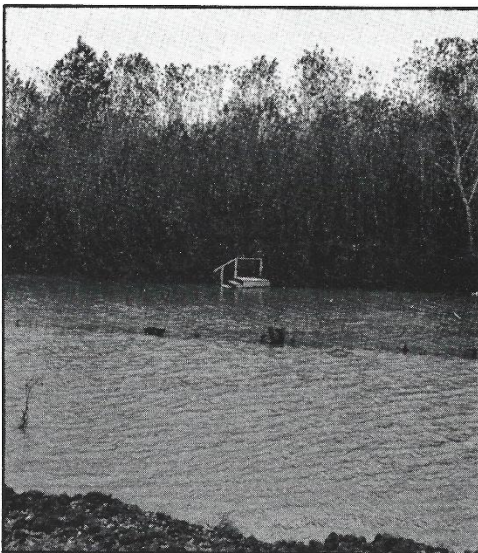
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## Humorous Scenes

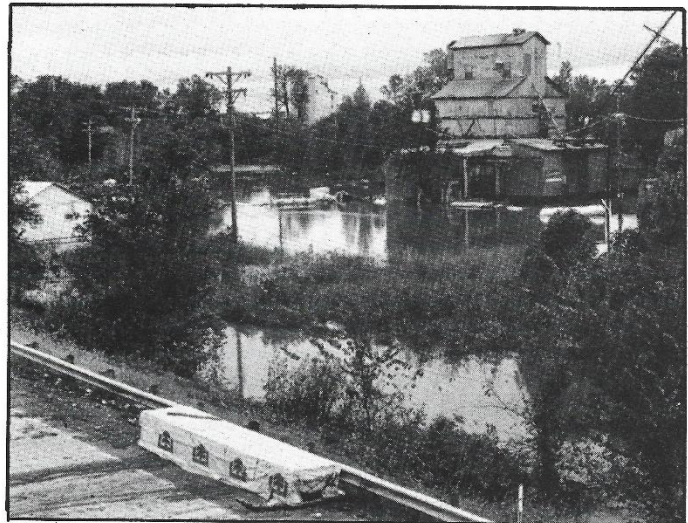


Checking Friday's mail

Teresa Cowan 65-03

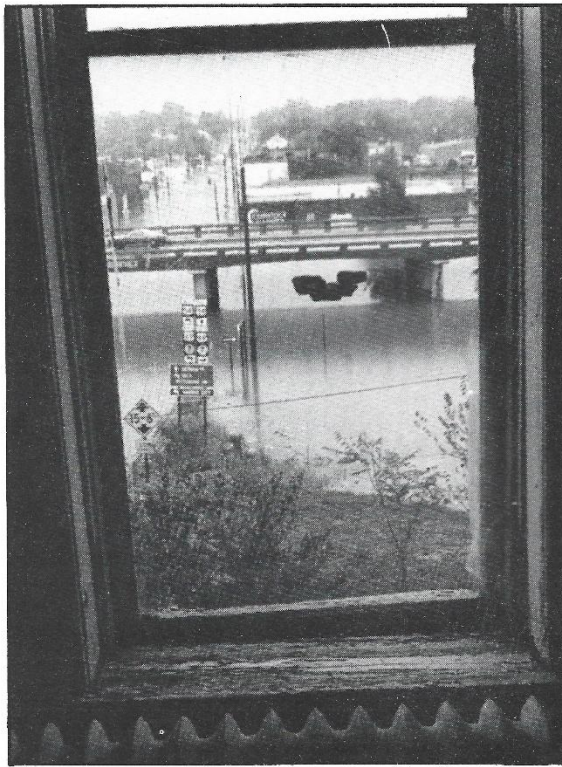


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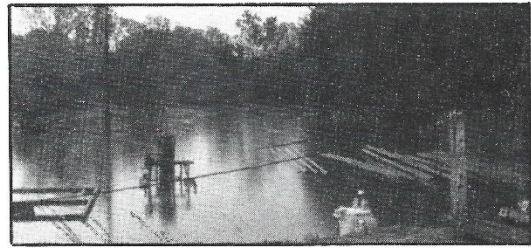
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Tremont's 3rd floor view

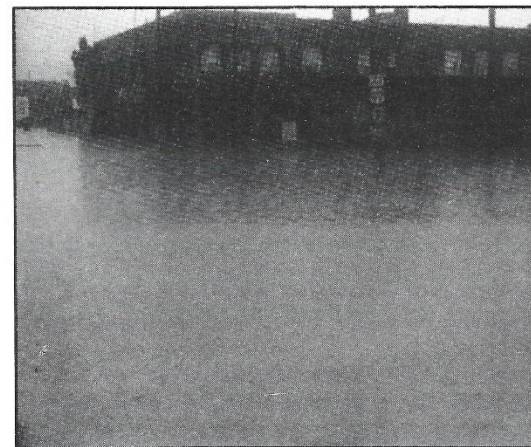
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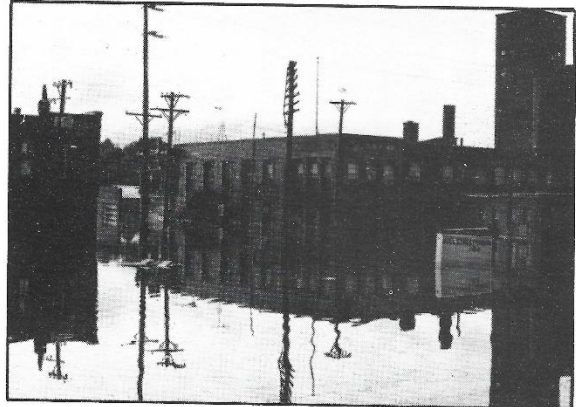


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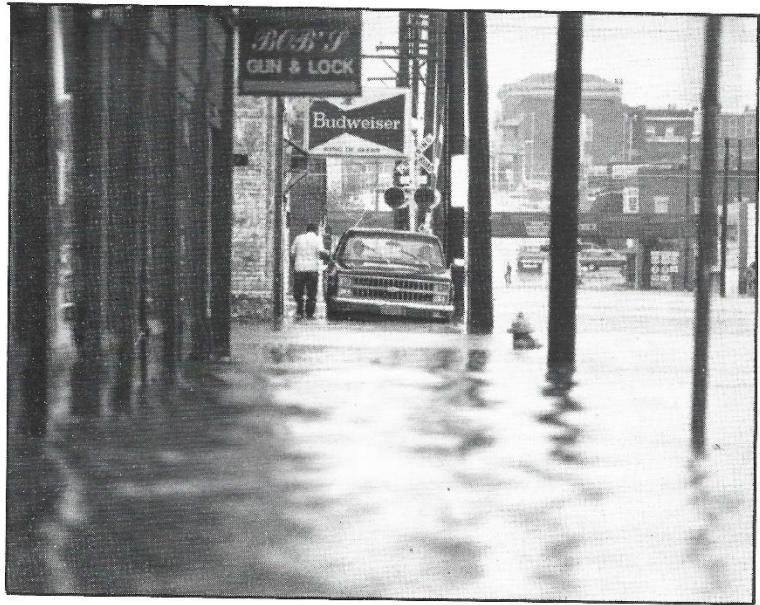
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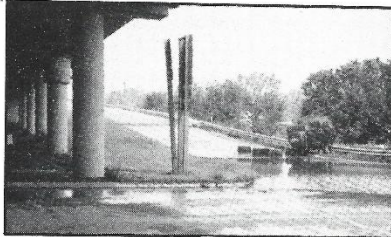
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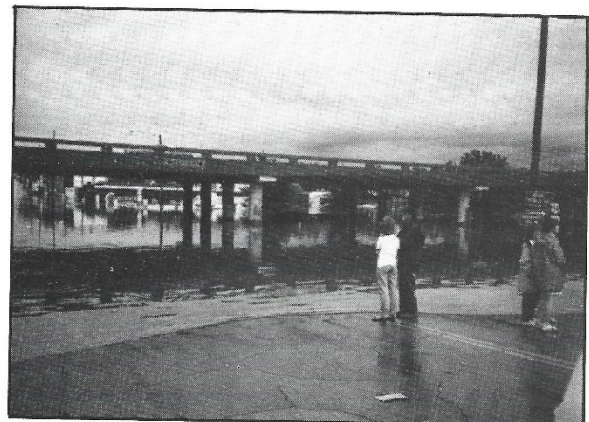
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Lee Alexander 21-2



*“Though no loss of human life was a direct result of the flood of Oct. 3, 1986, it is with deep regrets that the tragic loss of Fort Scott residents Rick Litwin and Doug Bean due to a sight-seeing airplane crash, Oct. 5, 1986, is recalled. The memories we cherish of these two young men would certainly override anything that could be said here.”*

- - John D. Freed  
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