

FLOOD PHOTOS
FOR
VARIOUS LOCATIONS
Mostly Wickenburg
1964 - 1989

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3	June 8, 1963	Proposed Flood Control Program to be Re-Studied	X \$135 Million County Flood Control Program, Construction, Maxwell Dam, Salt and Verde Rivers, Central Arizona Project, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, Flood Control Advisory Board, Salt River
2	July 14, 1963	County Takes First Steps in Comprehensive Planning	X Adoption, Comprehensive Plan, Maricopa County, County Planning and Zoning Department, Brief History of Maricopa County, Economic Trends, Physical Features, Groundwork, Detailed Studies, Donald W. Hutton, County Planning Director, Analysis of Population, Incorporated and Unincorporated Areas, Set Up Guidelines, Factual Information, Ground Water Resource Study, Economic Analysis and Projection for Phoenix and Maricopa County, Western Management Consultants Inc., 1959, Agriculture, Urban Development, Subdivision Growth, Climate, Geology, Topography, Soil, Slopes, Irrigation, Drainage, Flooding, Alluvial Soils, Valley Floor, Fertile, Drainage and Flooding Problems, Increase, Urban Expansion, Preserving Streams, Storm Drainage, Restricting Development, Flood Problem Areas
4	July 18, 1963	Fill On Sols Wash A Project to Reclaim Lost Land Says Stifel	X Flood Control District of Maricopa County , Phoenix, Sols Wash, Sols Wash Park, Arizona Revised Statutes, Chapter 10, Section 45-2341, Article 4, Special Laws Prescribing Penalties (Effective July 14, 1956). Creates, Flood Hazard, Creek Bed, Unlawful, Deposit Debris, John C. Lowry, Chief Engineer and General Manage Town Manager Reuben Stifel, Public Dump, State Highway Department, Constructing, Rail bank Protection, Prevent Erosion, Reclaiming, Land, Town Permitted, Dumping Rubble, Excess Fill Dirt, Behind Steel Mesh, Broken Concrete, Underpass, Rock and Gravel, Grading and Construction Jobs, Dumped Into Wash, Good Fill, Trash, Garbage, Health Department
5	August 22, 1963	Heaviest Downpour In Years Is A Great Treat for Wickenburg	X 24-hour Rainfalls, Since 1951, Wickenburg Area. One and Three-quarters Inch, Weather Bureaus Rain Gauge, Little Damage, Flooding, Ended Drought, Light Showers, Storm, 1.87 Inches, Flying E Ranch, Precipitation, Prescott Highway, Ben McCabe
10	April 20, 1964	These Two Phoenix Youngsters (& Picture)	X Two Youngsters, Phoenix, Mary Caroline and Tommy Keefe, Water, Deep, Wade, Confluence, Hassayampa River and San Domingo Wash
11	July 17, 1964	Control Just Forgotten - Flood Dirties Up Town	X Wickenburg, Slammed, Flash Flood, Digging Through, Mud, Silt, Police Chief Dick Savage, No Danger, Disease Spreading, Flood, Confined, Powderhouse Wash Area, Flood Control, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, Votes, Down, Mrs. C.E. Philbeck, Pet Dog, Washed Away, Roaring Down, Mountains, Heavy Rain, Red Cross, Aid, Trailer Park, Ruined, Sledgehammer Water Blows, Families, Evacuated
12	July 17, 1964	Aid Sought for Victims of Flood in Wickenburg - \$100,00 Damage - Surging Waters Race Down Wash (& Picture)	X Red Cross, Emergency Aid, Victims, Flash Flood, Damage, Home, Trailer Park, Motel, Hassayampa River, Powderhouse Wash, Heavy Load of Silt, Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Philbeck, Retaining Wall Collapsed, Silt-laden Water, 30 Inches of Mud on Floor, Muddy Water, Swept Away Dog, Constellation Road, Desert Cypress Trailer Park, Sledgehammer Water Blows, Stage Coach Motor Hotel, Damaging, Beyond Repair, Six Feet of Water Standing, Wickenburg Mayor Sabin E. Brown, No Luck, Appeal, Flood Control Project, Dam, Control Runoff, Gets Shelved, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, Flood Hazard, Weather Bureau, 1.5 Inches of Rainfall
13	July 23, 1964	Has Flood Control Plan	X Mayor Sabin Brown, Town Council, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, Powder House Wash, Problem, Town of Wickenburg, Acquire Privately Owned land, Councilman Joe Dean, Frank Stanlis, Arizona Supreme Court, State Representative, Attorney General of Arizona, Legal Aspects, Town Manager Reuben Stifel, Herb Cameron, Owner Desert Cypress Trailer Ranch, Flood Damage
14	July 23, 1964	I Was Misquoted Mayor Tells paper	X Mayor Sabin Brown, Issue of July 17, No Luck, Appeal, Flood Control Project, Disaster Area, Phoenix Newspapers, Small Business Administration, Wickenburg, Powder House Wash Flooding, Federal Funds, Reconstruction
6	July 30, 1964	Storm Causes Heavy Damage	X Sudden Storm, Vulture Peak, Rain Torrential, Government Rain Gauge, Widespread Damage, Streets, Water and Sewer Lines, Town Manager Reuben Stifel, Superintendent of Utilities Coney Orosco, Repairing Broken water and Sewer Lines, Streets Blocked by Silt, Rocks, Debris, Rushing Waters, East Wickenburg, Severely Damaged, Flood of July 14, California Highway, Storm, Washes, Subside, Hassayampa River, Under Bridge, Martinez and Sols Washes, U.S. Weather Bureau Temperature and Rainfall Readings
7	September 3, 1964	Washout Repaired (& Pictures)	X Flood waters, Washed Out, Arroyo Diablo, Morristown, Storm, August 25, Road Builders, Gil-Brown Contractors, Damage Repaired, Traffic Restored, Metal Culverts, Replace Old Concrete Culverts, Destroyed, Rushing Waters, Highway 60-70, 3-Barrel Culvert, Washed Down, Dammed Up, Body of Water, Roar
9	September 3, 1964	August Rainfall 3.45 In.	X August Rainfall, Wickenburg, 3.45 Inches, U.S. Weather Bureau's Rain Gauge, Precipitation, Heaviest Shower

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8	September 14, 1964	Initial Survey Work for Flood Projects (Gilbert Enterprise)	X U.S. Soil Conservation Service, Design Survey Work, Construction, Flood Control Protection Structures, Eastern Part, Maricopa County, Maricopa County Supervisor L.A. Pat Riggs, Powerline, Vineyard, Rittenhouse Flood Control Structures, Pinal County, Apache Trail, Supervisors of Pinal County, Flood Control District of Maricopa County, Federal Aid, Purchase, Rights-of-way, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, State Land Department, Land Permanent Easement, Without Cost
15	October 1, 1964	John McCarroll's Hassayampa OW-OW-Owls	X Phoenix, Flood Control District of Maricopa County, Flood Control Report Section II Western Maricopa County Hassayampa River Basin Buckeye Water Shed Centennial Wash Bender Wash Sand Tank Wash, Johannessen and Girand, Consulting Engineers, Engineering Study, Areas of Major Damage, Excessive Rains, Runoff, Adequate Flood Protection, Damage, Minimized, Eliminated, Maps, Charts, Engineer's Recommendations, Disastrous Floods, Sol's Wash, Martinez Wash, Casandro Wash, Powderhouse Wash, Hassayampa River
17	December 3, 1964	Teachers Hear Talk by Mayor	X Wickenburg Classroom Teacher's Association, Mayor Brown, Town Council, Association President Curtis Arnett, Improvement of the Local Sewage Plant, Planning and Zoning Study, Van Cleve and Associates, Development of Airport, Consideration to Flood Control, New Streets, Washed Away, Wickenburg Attractive, Brenda Cutoff, Community Development
16	September 3, 1965	Waters Rise; Two Families Retreat to Wickenburg	X Storm Waters, Flowed, Hassayampa River, Wickenburg, Heavy Rains, Bank to Bank, Receded, .72 Fell Within 30 Minutes, Two Houses, Pepperwood Canyon, Flooded, Four Feet, Electric Power, Shut Off, Heavy Thundershowers, Lower Oak Creek, Verde Valley, Cottonwood, Sedona, Prescott Airport, Payson, Flagstaff, Light Showers, Moisture, Arizona, Precipitation, Tropical Storm Emily, Pacific Born Storm, Baja California, Tucson, Superior, Light Sprinkle, Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport, Hail, Expected, McNary, Kingman, Bisbee, Globe, Safford
18	December 16, 1965	2 Feet of Rain, Maybe, -For the Year, That is - Don't Shoot the Weatherman!	X 1965, The Year of the 24-inch-2-foot Rain, Downpour, 2.96 Inches, U.S. Weather Bureaus Rain Gauge, Wettest Year in History, Volunteer Recording, 1941, Cloudbursts, Washes, Streets, Roads, Washed Out, Leaky Roofs, Material Damage, Storm, Repair Water Lines, Rushing Flood Waters, Hassayampa, Bank-to-bank
19	January 21, 1966	Lake at Fullest Since 1941 (& Pictures)	X Lake Carl Pleasant, Swollen, Runoff, Rains, Hank Raymond, Maricopa County Municipal Water Conservations District, 1941, 120 Feet Deep, New Rains, Release, Water, Spillways, 27-year Old Waddell Dam, Agua Fria River, Frog Tanks, Filled, Every Inlet and Bay, Gene Williamson, Head Ranger, Rattlesnakes, Bradshaw Mountains, Lookout Point, Wind-driven Waves
20	March 4, 1966	River Flow to be Halted by Project	X Water, Released, Salt River Project System, Flow, Granite Reef Dam, Henry Shipley, SRP Assistant General Manager, Release Shut-off, Lack of Precipitation, Watershed, Storms, Moisture, Snow, Weather Conditions
21	March 4, 1966	Voting is Tuesday on Bond Issue	X Wickenburg, Voting Precincts, Flood Control Bond Election, Property Owners, Maricopa County, Flood Control District of \$22.7 Million, Bonds, Arizona, Maricopa Citizens Flood Protection Committee, Sols Wash, Powder House Wash, Salt River Valley Area
22	March 4, 1966	Light Flood-Bond Turnout Predicted	X \$22.7 Million Countywide Flood Control Bond, Maricopa County Officials, Elections Director John E. Burke, Flood Control Plan, Flood-conscious, High-water Damage, Salt River, Flood Conditions, Tax Increase, Bond Issue, Finance Construction
23	June 30, 1966	Reinforces Concrete... Was No Match for the Mighty Hassayampa (& Pictures)	X State Highway Officials, Hassayampa River Valley, Reinforced Concrete Bridge, Hassayampa River, Wickenburg, Completed 1916, Summer Storm, Bradshaws, Flood Waters, Out Went Entire Mid-section, Wrecked Bridge, Flood Subsided
24	October 27, 1966	Flood Control Action Urgent, Planners Say - Six Washes Pose A Threat to Town	X Wickenburg, Plan, Finance, Construct, Own, Flood Control Projects, Wickenburg General Plan, 2-year Study, Town Council, Van Cleve Associates, Scottsdale Consulting Planners, Finance, Town of Wickenburg, Federal Aid, Maricopa County, Court House, Absence of Local Drainage, Flood Control Measures, Drainageways, Flow Through Town, Discharging, Hassayampa River, Floodwater, Originates, Hilly Terrain, Summer Storm, Flooding Occurs, Sols Wash, Powderhouse Wash, Casandro Wash, Sunnycove Wash, Flying E Wash, Eliminated, Construction, Retention Dams, Drainage Improvement Program, Undedicated, Natural Watercourses, Filled, Blocked, Diverted, Clearance, Storm-deposited Sand, Gravel, Debris, Flood Plain Zoning, U.S. Corps of Engineers
25	October 27, 1966	Paving Project Launched	X Fourteen City Streets, Mrs. Dorothy Thrasher, Property Owners, Yost and Gardner, Town's Engineer's, Improvement District No. 5,
26	January 2, 1969	Council Authorizes Feasibility Study of Dam in the Box Canyon	X Feasibility Study, Box Canyon, Hassayampa River, Wickenburg, Town Council, R.W. Hansen and James Wert, University of Arizona, Tucson, Town Councilman Sabin Brown, Councilman Willis Rue, Town Manager Delbert Kirby, Collect, Data, Proposed Dam, Detailed History of Water Flow, Flood Stages, River, Comprehensive Study, Traffic Flow, People, Sun City, Yavapai County

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27	March 20, 1969	Wickenburg S.C.D. Reports - What is a Soil Conservation District (& Pictures)	X Soil Conservation District, S.C.D. Supervisors, Problems, Solutions, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Technical Assistance, Soil Conservation Service, Conservation Plan, Leveling Land, Irrigation Systems, Cropping System, Ben Matthews, Oral Hunter, Wickenburg Soil Conservation District, Vito Georgio, Bill Cress, Delbert Kirby, Jim Farrin, Wes Farley, George Sellers, Marvin Skousen, Soil Fertility, Natural Resources, Farm Land, Recreation, Dams, Centennial Wash, Central Arizona Project, Hassayampa River, Box Canyon, Flood Control, Town of Wickenburg, Public Law 566, HoHoKam Resource Conservation and Development Project, Maricopa County, Federal, State and County Agencies, Improvement, Powder House Wash, Summer Storm, Box Canyon Reservoir, Arizona

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Powder House Wash, Flooded motel building.



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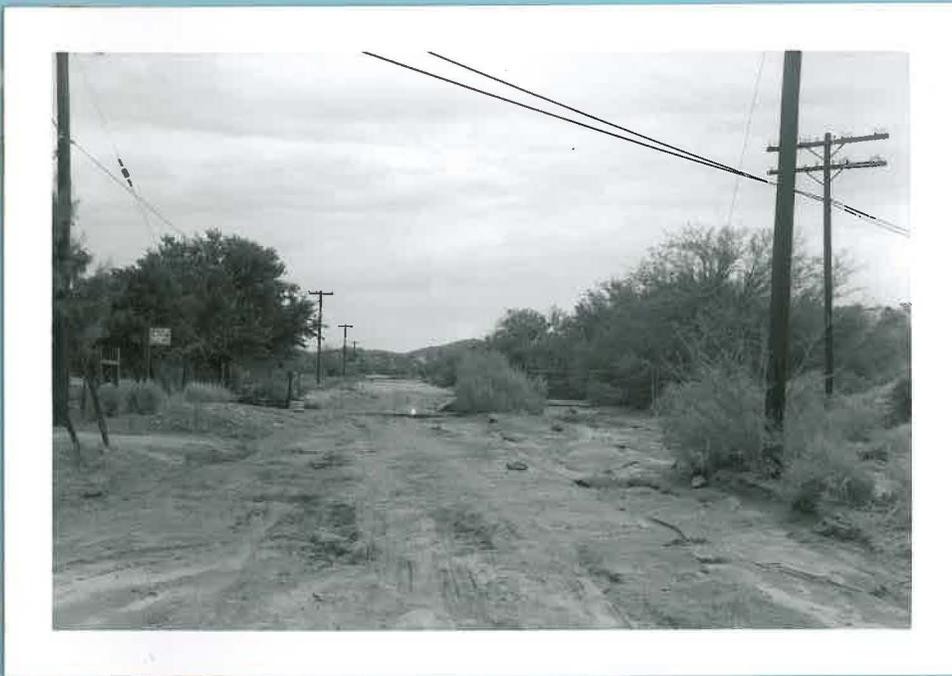
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Powder House Wash



Powder House Wash and
Constellation Road.

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Powder House Wash, high water mark on metal building in photo at left.



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Powder House wash.



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Powder House Wash
Buried car at
Philbeck Residence.



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Powder House Wash
flooded car in
motel yard, East
Wickenburg.



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Powder House Wash

Showing height of flood by
debris in tree.

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POWDER HOUSE WASH

Constellation Road

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Powder House Wash

Flood got up to
bottom of trailer.



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Flood reached
bottom of
trailer.



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Wickenburg Area

Martinez Wash

Looking downstream at outlet
of wash into Hassayampa River.
Note eroded levee on right.



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Powder House Wash

Co. Road Grader repairing
wash out on constellation Road
NE of East Wickenburg - flood
of 7/14.



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WICKENBURG AREA

Powder House Wash, note debris line in tree indicating water depth.



15 3' of sand deposited around residence from Powder House Wash.



4' sand in yard (note buried clothes line pole) from Powder House Wash.

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Wickenburg Area

MARTINEZ WASH

Looking Diagonally
across Road crossing
and partly upstream.



Looking downstream from
point above east Wickenburg
Bulldozer pushing sand to
open channel and build up
levee along sides.

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Powder House wash
looking SW from
Constellation Road
at Wash outlet into river.
Note sand fill pushed off
road.



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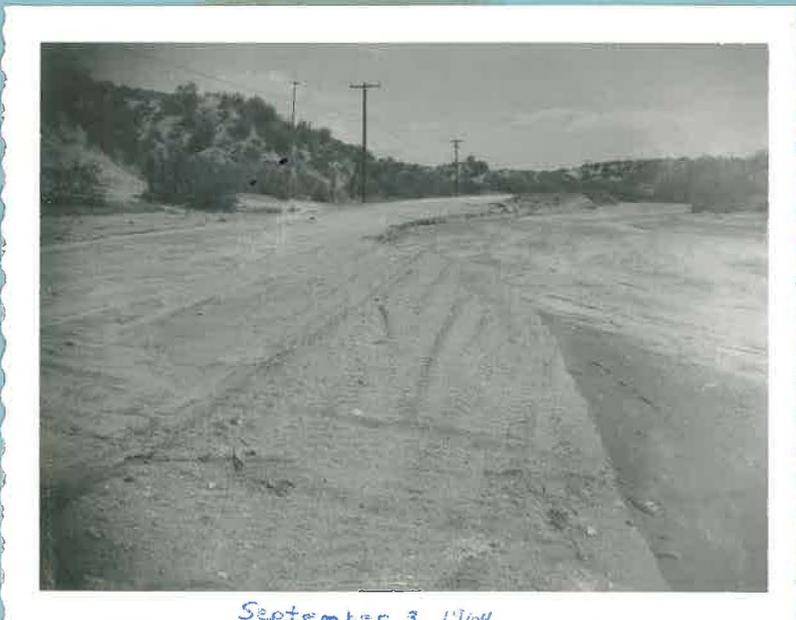
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Powder House wash and
Constellation Road.



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HASSAYAMPA RIVER

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Hassayampa downstream
from Old Hoy Bridge
Est. 200 cfs.

Gage reading 7/30.

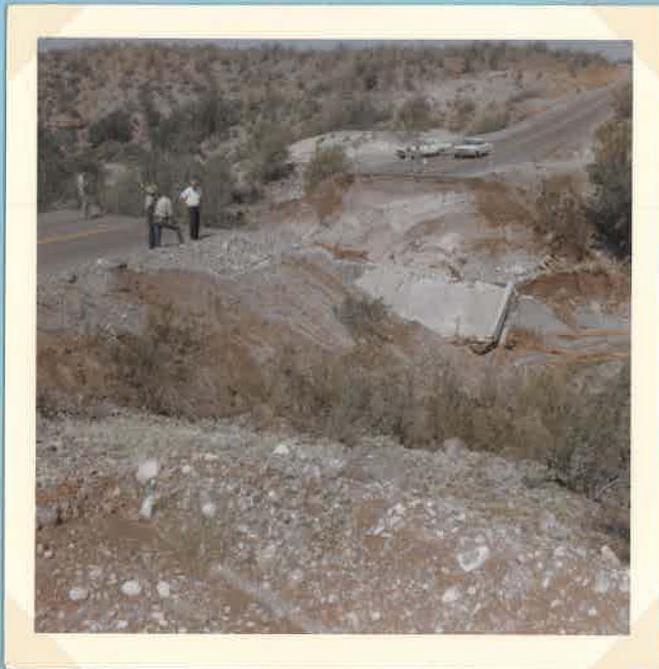
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Road Wash Out North
of Morristown.

Santa Domingo Wash

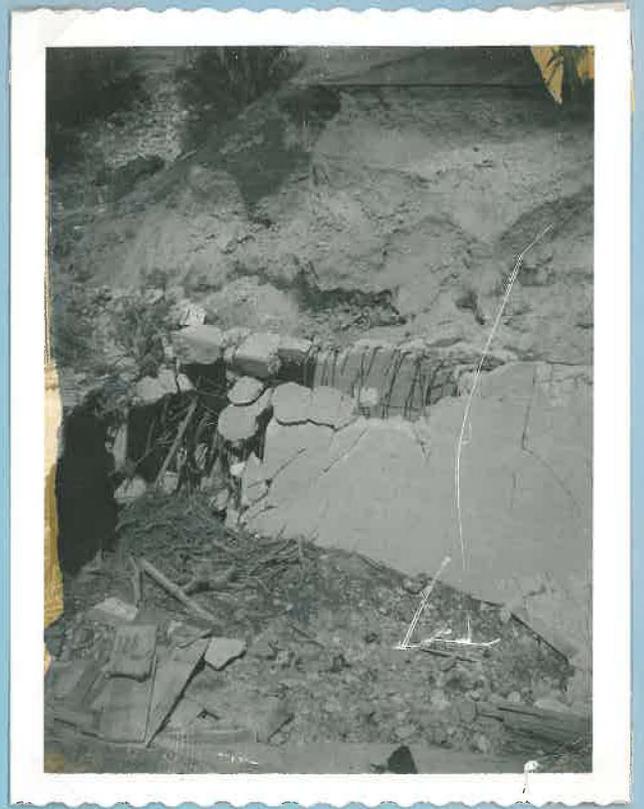


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Santa Domingo Wash
Road Washout on Highway
60-70



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Looking north up Hassa-
yampa River, Sec 22,
6N, 4W.



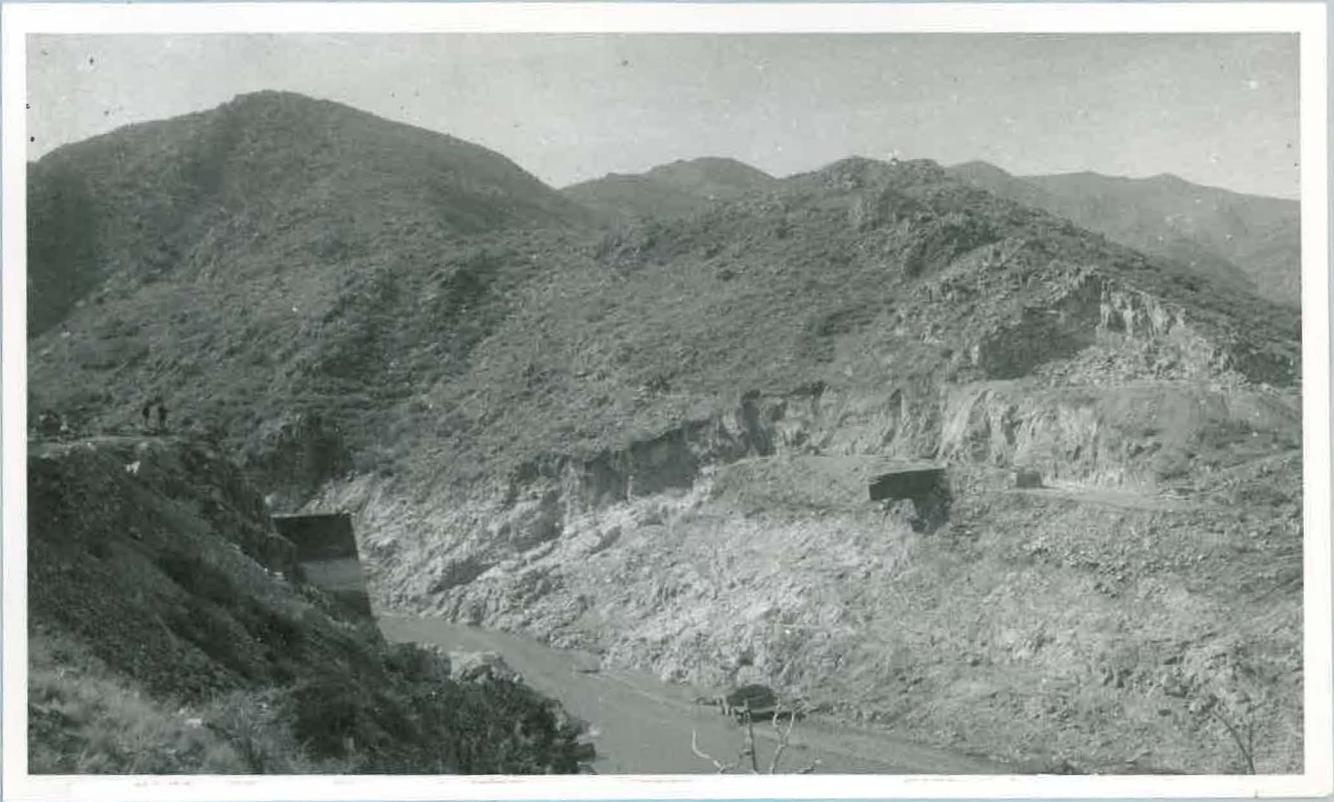
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Looking north up Hassa-
yampa River, Sec 34, 6N,
4W.



Walnut Grove Dam. This site above proposed site at Box Canyon on Hassayampa River - north of Wickenburg.

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HASSAYAMPA RIVER
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Sec. 34, 6N, 4W, looking
north up Hassayampa River.



Looking north up Hassa-
yampa River, Sec. 34, 6N, 4W.



North along Hassayampa River,
Sec. 27, 6N, 4W.



HASSAYAMPA RIVER
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Looking south down Hassa-
yampa River, Sec 22,6N,4W.



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South down Hassayampa
River, Sec 34,6N,4W.



Looking south down Hassa-
yampa River, Sec 27,6N,4W.



HASSAYMAPA RIVER
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North of Wickenburg,
looking downstream.

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Sec. 3, 6N, 4W, off
Highway 60-70-89-93, at
Hassayampa River.

At Box Canyon.

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At Box Canyon.



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Toward Box Canyon.





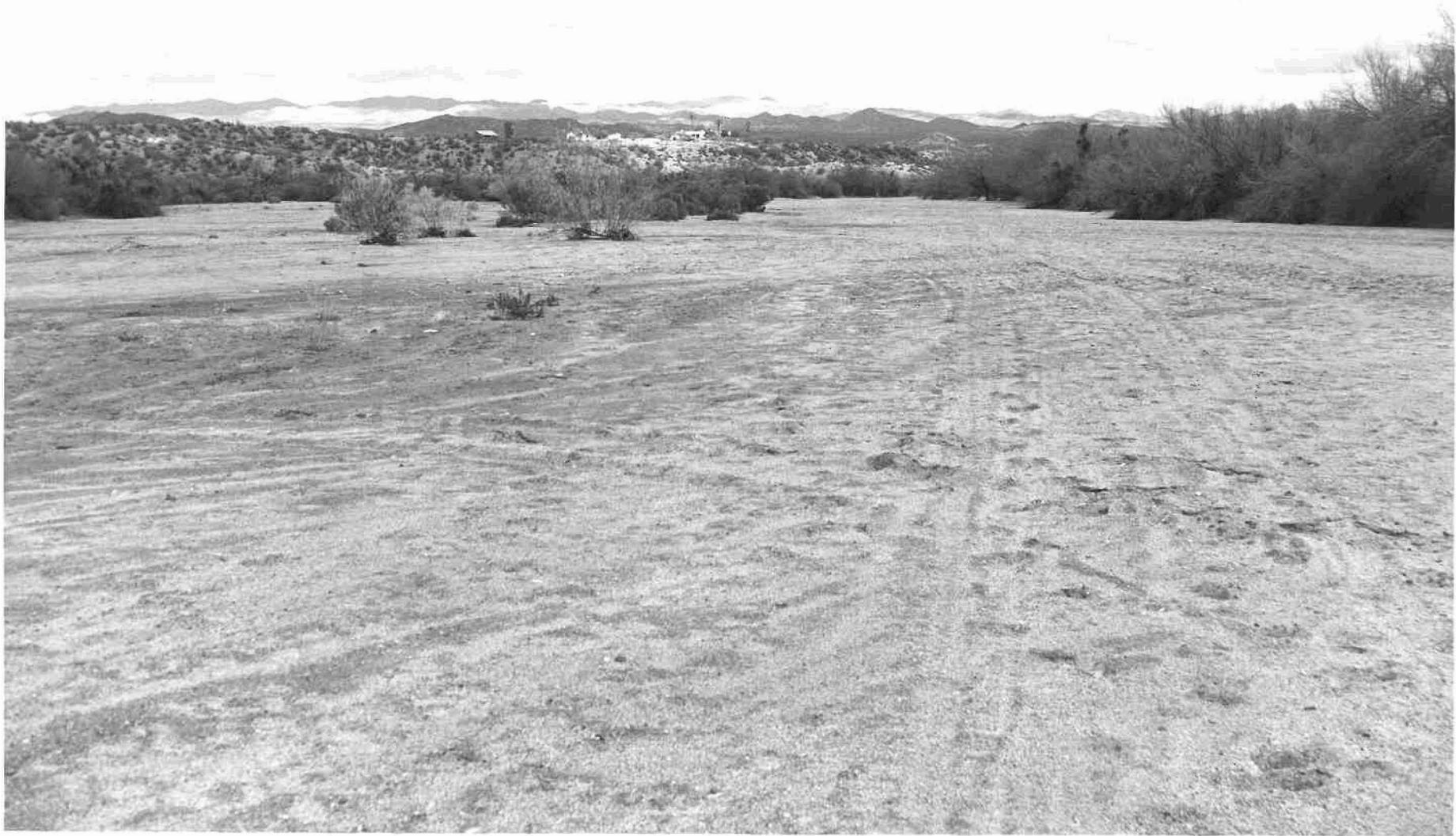
Down stream from Highway 89 bridge crossing Sols Wash



Upstream from Highway 89 bridge crossing Sols Wash



Looking upstream - Sols Wash from point of Flying E Wash entrance into Sols Wash



Looking down stream - Sols Wash from point of entrance of Flying E Wash



Upstream from railroad bridge on Flying E Wash

Walnut Grove Dam. This site above proposed site at Box Canyon on Hassayampa River - north of Wickenburg.



Wickenburg News
**Survey Needs For
Flood Control Here**

Col. John Lowry, head of the Maricopa County Flood Control District, was in Wickenburg Friday of last week to see at first hand the local areas where flood control measures are needed.

He was accompanied on his local tour by Reuben Stifel, Herb Cameron and Hal Warner who briefed him on the local flood situation and pointed out the areas which are repeated problems during floods.

Col. Lowry will report on his findings later, says Mr Warner.

Sunday Republic 7-14-63

County Takes First Steps In Comprehensive Planning

By ROBERT J. EARLY

THE first of a series of steps leading to the adoption of a comprehensive plan for orderly development of Maricopa County has been completed, it was reported yesterday.

Compiled by the county planning and zoning department, the first part of the comprehensive plan contains "a brief history of Maricopa County, economic trends and major physical features that influence physical planning in the county."

County Planning and Zoning

In essence, the report lays the groundwork for followup detailed studies of the various aspects

that make up an overall guideline for orderly development, said Donald W. Hutton, county planning director.

The second major phase of the comprehensive plan, which will be an analysis of population and land uses in both incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county, is already under way, he said.

Principal function of a comprehensive plan is to "set up guidelines for development of the unincorporated area while at the same time keeping up with the trends and annexations of the incorporated areas," Hutton said.

A comprehensive plan also provides factual information "that will be of interest and affect both

public and private development," he said.

The initial report stresses the need for additional studies because in certain areas "sufficient information is not always available to provide a complete analysis for the development of a comprehensive plan."

The report contends these two studies are necessary for development of a comprehensive plan:

—A ground water resource study for the county.

—Extension of the "Economic Analysis and Projection for Phoenix and Maricopa County" prepared by Western Management Consultants Inc. in 1959.

"Ground water conditions vary considerably in depth, quantity and quality from one area to another throughout the county," the report said, adding:

"These conditions create certain problems to agriculture and urban development and play an important part in the preparation of a comprehensive plan."

A ground water study is necessary for an overall plan of orderly expansion because it would serve as a guide in the review of new development and subdivision growth, the report said.

The report also points out the effect climate, geology, topography, type of soil, slopes, irrigation, drainage and flooding have on orderly development.

"Geologic and soil conditions

create limitations for general development on about 45 per cent of the county area," the report said.

"Alluvial soils in parts of the valley floor are very fertile for agriculture but it is these soils that are rapidly being absorbed by urban development.

"A balanced program of agriculture and urban development on these lands would be to the best interest of the county and its people.

"Irrigation is a primary factor in the economic development of the county. Only through irrigation has it been possible to cultivate the desert which provides a variety of agricultural crops with exceptionally high yields.

"Drainage and flooding problems will increase with urban expansion. The necessity of preserving streams for storm drainage and of restricting development in flood problem areas will become more imperative in the future."

Proposed Flood Control Program To Be Re-Studied

Further study of the proposed \$135 million county flood control program, in view of the possibility now of the construction of Maxwell dam at the Salt and Verde rivers as part of the proposed Central Arizona Project, has been asked by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors.

Supervisors have sent the proposed program back to the Flood Control advisory board for further study in view of the fact that construction of Maxwell dam would eliminate the need for some of the projects recommended in the county-wide program.

Expected to be considerably affected if the Maxwell dam is built would be the county-planned projects along the Salt River. Estimated at costs as high as \$60 million, many of the Salt river projects would not be necessary if Maxwell dam is constructed.

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Wickenburg Sun

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Fill On Sols Wash A Project To Reclaim Lost Land Says Stifel

A photograph in a recent issue of this newspaper inspired the communication which follows, written on the letterhead of the Flood Control District of Maricopa County, Phoenix, and dated July 10.

"We have noted with interest the picture of Sols Wash in the July 4th issue of your paper, showing the fill opposite Sols Wash Park.

"For your information, and for such action as your paper or members of the community might wish to take, reference is made to Arizona Revised Statutes, Chapter 10, Section 45-2341, Article 4, Special Laws Prescribing Penalties (effective July 14, 1956) which is quoted here:

" 'A. Whenever it creates a flood hazard in an inhabited area it shall be unlawful for the owner of any creek bed or any other person to deposit debris in such creek bed.

" 'B. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars, by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than ten days or both.' "

(Signed) John C. Lowry,
Chief Engineer & General Manager.

Shown the above letter, Town Manager Reuben Stifel gave this newspaper the following statement:

"Perhaps a few words of explanation in regards to the photograph you published showing what appears to be a public dump in Sols Wash may be in order.

"As you may recall, a few years ago the State Highway Department went to considerable expense in constructing a rail bank protection along the east bank of the Wash. This was done to prevent further erosion and to make possible the reclaiming of a rather wide section of land already lost.

"The town has permitted the dumping of rubble and excess fill dirt behind the steel mesh in hope of preventing any further loss of land. Broken concrete from the construction of our new underpass and rock and gravel from several grading and construction jobs have been dumped in the wash. All of this material has been good fill and will accomplish the purpose for which it was intended.

"Unfortunately some few people have taken advantage of the situation which is almost impossible to keep under constant supervision and have put trash and even garbage in the fill. This we do not condone, and with the help of the Health Department, hope to stop.

With cooperation from citizens living in the area, this land would soon become useful again. Thank you for calling this matter to public attention, for by so doing, the job of policing this project will be much more effective."

Heaviest Downpour In Years Is A Great Treat For Wickenburg

One of the heaviest 24-hour rainfalls since 1951 came to the immediate Wickenburg area the night of Friday, August 16, a downpour that left one and three-quarters of an inch in the Weather Bureau's rain gauge back of The SUN office, caused very little damage from flooding and definitely ended the long drought in this area. With a few light showers which preceded the Friday storm and another the day following, the total recorded for the period was 1.87 inches, and brought the total for the month to 3.08 inches.

It was a spotty storm, Southwest of town, at the Flying E Ranch, reports said the precipitation Friday night was less than one-tenth of an inch. Northwest on the Prescott Highway Ben McCabe measured only .30 of an inch but the next afternoon, in a 20-minute downpour he measured .62 of an

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WICKENBURG SUN

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Storm Causes Heavy Damage



Readers of this newspaper will remember the scene above, photographed the afternoon of March 20, this year, at the entrance of Bill Bass' La Siesta Motel, when two hoodlums tried to run a road block set up by the Wickenburg police department at the east city limits. The flight of the two escapees from a federal youth camp near Tucson in a stolen car, ended right then and there. They

wrecked the car, went to our hospital to be patched up and then to jail. Exactly 102 days after their arrest here, they finally came up for trial in the congested Maricopa County courts. Robert Wilson Hartfoed, 23, was sentenced to 8 to 12 years in the state penitentiary and Sammy Oppenheimer, 20, drew 7 to 10 years. Judge Kenneth C. Chatwin passed out the sentences.

Wickenburg, Ariz. SUN
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Sunday noon's sudden storm rolling in over Vulture Peak was brief and the rain torrential but it measured, officially, only .30 of an inch in the government rain gauge back of The SUN office.

Nevertheless, the storm caused widespread damage to town streets, water and sewer lines, damage estimated by Town Manager Reuben

Stifel at between \$1,500 and \$2,000. Superintendent of Utilities Coney Crocco had his men out even before the rain stopped and they were still at it late Monday repairing broken water and sewer lines and opening up streets blocked by silt, rocks and debris washed in by the rushing waters.

Almost all sections of town were affected in one way or another, Mr Stifel said, but expressed the belief East Wickenburg, severely damaged in the flood of July 14 fared better in Sunday's storm.

At least one automobile was reported caught in a raging wash south of the California Highway and the interior wrecked. Police had no reports of anyone in jeopardy during the storm but many people returning home from church services had to wait for washes to subside.

The Hassayampa River ran strongly under the bridge, fed by the rain and Martinez and Sols Washes. One group of venturesome young fellows rode inflated inner tubes down the river as far as five miles. It was the first navigation seen on the river in years.

Sunday's rainfall brought the total precipitation for the month as of that date to 2.21 inches and for the year to 4.07 inches.

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WEATHER NEWS

TEMPERATURES

(U.S. Weather Bureau)

All readings are for the 24 hour period ending at 8 a.m. on the dates shown.

	H	L
July 23	107	71
July 24	108	65
July 25	101	70
July 26	96	70
July 27	92	70
July 28	102	74
July 29	108	75
RAIN:		
July 22 -	0.09	
July 23 -	0.02	
July 24 -	0.35	
July 25 -	0.15	
July 26 -	0.30	

TOTAL - 0.91 inches. No, it never rains in July!

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Lumber Falls On Simpson

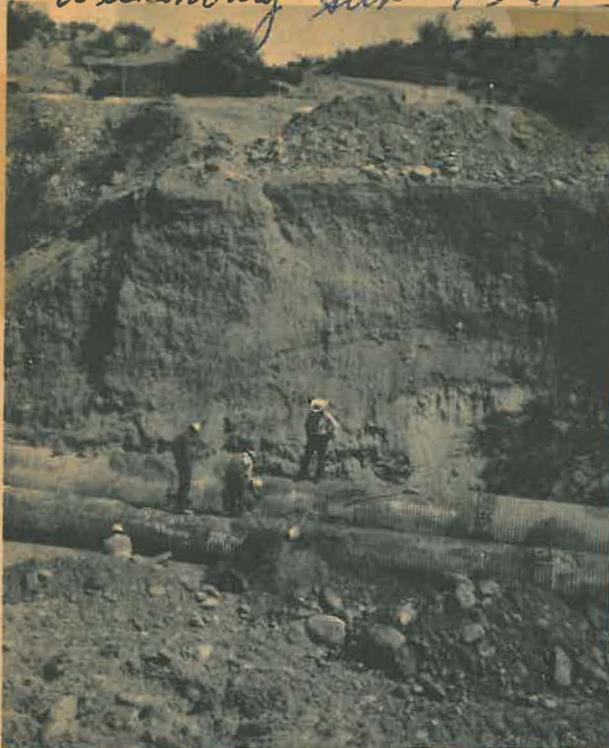
W.D. (Dolph) Simpson, contractor, is in Community Hospital with injuries received last Thursday morning while working on the new Church of Christ which Mr Simpson and his partner Vern Sien are building on Mariposa Street south of the California Highway.

The band holding several fabricated trusses for the church roof became loose and the heavy trusses fell on Mr Simpson who was on the ground at the time. He was taken to Community Hospital where he was still confined early this week. Mrs Simpson said he has five fractured ribs and numerous bruises and abrasions.

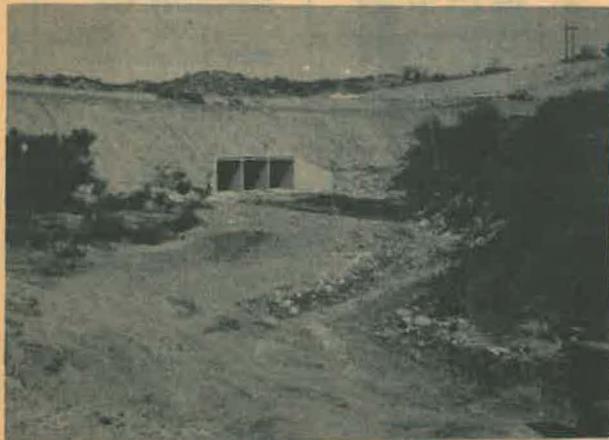
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Washout Repaired

Wickenburg Aug 9-3-64



WITHIN three days after roaring flood waters had washed out 50 feet of the hard-topped detour over Arroyo Diablo two miles west of Morristown in the storm the night of August 25, the road builders, Gil-Brown Contractors, had the damage repaired and traffic restored. Workmen are pictured above as they installed metal culverts in the bottom of the arroyo to replace the old concrete culvert destroyed by the rushing waters. By the end of the work day Friday the washed out section had been filled with dirt and rocks and a new roadway built across the arroyo. —SUNpix.



A NEW but still unfinished section of the Highway 60-70 improvement east of town was put into use last week to carry traffic around the washed out section of detour at Arroyo Diablo. Form lumber used in the pouring of the 3-barrel culvert, above, was washed down the arroyo by the flood waters, piled up against the detour and dammed up a vast body of water which took out the detour with a roar heard for miles. —SUNpix.

*Apache
Sentinel*

September 4, 1964

Initiate Survey Work For Flood Projects

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struction of flood control protection and protection structures in the eastern part of Maricopa county.

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The construction of these improvements will be handled by the Soil Conservation Service with federal funds. The Flood Control District of Maricopa County on such federal aid projects is required to purchase and furnish all the land needed for the rights-of-way for this type of construction.

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surrounding towns.

Wickenburg Aug 9-3-64
August Rainfall 3.45 in.

August rainfall in downtown Wickenburg in August measured 3.45 inches in the US Weather Bureau's rain gauge back of The SUN office on North Washington. Total for the year, to September 1—8.62 inches. A year ago to the same date—10.02 inches, which included the whopping 7.20 inches of August of that year. Precipitation was measured on eight days during the past month, the heaviest shower the 1.03 inches the night of August 25. August had 15 days with high temperatures of 100 degrees or more and four in which it dropped below 90. Warmest reading was 107 August 7 and the low was 57 degrees the morning of August 31.



4-20-64

THESE two Phoenix youngsters, — Mary Caroline and Tommy Keefe, found plenty of water deep enough to wade in at the confluence of the Hassayampa River and San Domingo Wash last Sunday. It was a treat for city raised kids. *Wickenburg*

CONTROL JUST FORGOTTEN *EVENING AMERICAN*

7-17-64

Flood Dirties Up Town

The residents of Wickenburg — large parts of which were slammed by a flash flood — today were digging through the mud and silt, trying to find their belongings.

Police Chief Dick Savage told the Evening American that no deaths were reported and that, so far at least, there seemed to be no danger of disease spreading.

"The flood was confined to the Powderhouse Wash area," the chief said, "an area about 300 feet wide."

But he added bitterly:

"We've been asking for flood control up here for years. The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors always votes it down or just forgets about it. Maybe they're waiting for the whole town to be washed away before they do something."

One resident, Mrs. C. E. Philbeck, wept as she told how her pet dog was washed away in the flood that came roaring down from the mountains Tuesday night.

The Philbecks also lost their car, garage, beds and lawn furniture, so heavy was the water's impact.

Chief Savage said that a fairly heavy rain fell on Wickenburg Tuesday night, just before the flood hit, but that it actually had been raining for two days or so in the mountains.

Because of the flood's being confined to one area, he said, there seemed little danger of infection and none

of looting. The Red Cross, however, sent out an appeal for aid.

A trailer park near the Philbecks' home was ruined, covered with tons of silt. Another motel took the full force of the sledgehammer

water blows, to the tune of an estimated \$36,000 damage.

Today, there still was several feet of water in some parts of the flooded area and many families had to be evacuated.

Aid Sought for Victims Of Flood in Wickenburg

\$100,000 Damage

Surging Waters Race Down Wash

By JAMES C. DOOLEY
Republic Staff Writer

WICKENBURG — Red Cross officials here appealed for emergency aid yesterday for victims of a flash flood Tuesday night which caused damage estimated at \$100,000.

Hardest hit were a home, a trailer park and a motel in the south section of town near the Hassayampa River.

No one was injured authorities said.

Nearly a dozen other buildings suffered varying degrees of damage when surging water raced down from Powderhouse Wash and smashed and washed away buildings, automobiles, lawn furniture and personal belongings, leaving a heavy load of silt in its wake.

More than \$25,000 damage was caused at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Philbeck when a retaining wall collapsed as "wave after wave after wave" of silt-laden water struck their property.

The impact tore away a bedroom wall, and the water washed countless personal belongings away as it raged through rooms and deposited 30 inches of mud on the floors.

Mrs. Philbeck became tearful as she recounted to a reporter how the first wave of muddy water swept away their dog, which they have not seen since.

Mrs. Philbeck said they lost their automobile, garage, beds, lawn furniture, and that they so far have been unable to find any trace of jewelry and silverware.

Last night they stayed with neighbors, but the distraught woman whose husband is ill said, "We don't know what we are going to do or where we are going to live."

A FEW BLOCKS down Constellation Road from the Philbeck home, Herbert Cameron reported \$12,000 damage to his Desert Cyprus Trailer Park, where silt covered large areas of the lawns and roadways. More than 46 trailers were damaged.

Sledgehammer water blows struck the nearby Stage Coach Motor Hotel, damaging 10 of the 13 units beyond repair, causing \$36,000 damage.

Owners Mr. and Mrs. James Vedder said they are going to have to tear all the units down and "begin all over again."

Forty-eight hours after the flood passed there was still

six feet of water standing in some of the lower motel units.

Wickenburg Mayor Sabin E. Brown said the town has had no luck in its appeal of several years ago for a flood control project.

Town officials have asked for a dam at Powderhouse Wash to control runoff.

One of the victims, who said the project "always gets shelved by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors," said that "maybe this time they'll realize this flood hazard here is real."

The Weather Bureau reported 1.5 inches of rainfall at Wickenburg Tuesday night.



Republic Photo by James C. Dooley

MUD IN BEDROOM—Mrs. C. E. Philbeck of Wickenburg examines mud which damaged a bedroom in her house. Mrs. Philbeck estimated damage to her house and car at \$25,000.

ARIZONA REPUBLIC

7-17-64

CONCRETE DITCH LINING — 21,966 ft.
 IRRIGATION WATER
 MANAGEMENT — — — 1,458 Acres
 CONSERVATION
 CROPPING SYSTEMS — — 1,980 Acres
 IRRIGATION PIPE LINES — — 4,048 L.F.

Financial Report

Our District is a non-profit organization, but we do need some operating funds as we belong to the Arizona Association of Soil Conservation Districts, and to the National Association of SCD.

Therefore we ask our cooperators to contribute whatever they can each year to help us stay in business.

Even though we are a state agency we receive no funds from the state. Needless to say we would like to see this changed.



Powder House Wash during a typical summer shower.

tain soil fertility, and will show the farmers' desire to use this irrigation water efficiently.

We, as soil conservation District Supervisors recognize that natural resources are not limited to farm land — they include our total environment. Recreation has become extremely important so we are assisting in several recreation projects. These include the dams on Centennial Wash, proposed recreation along the Central Arizona Project, a dam across the Hassayampa River at Box Canyon.

We are also very interested in flood control so we are cooperating with the Town of Wickenburg on their project under Public Law 566.

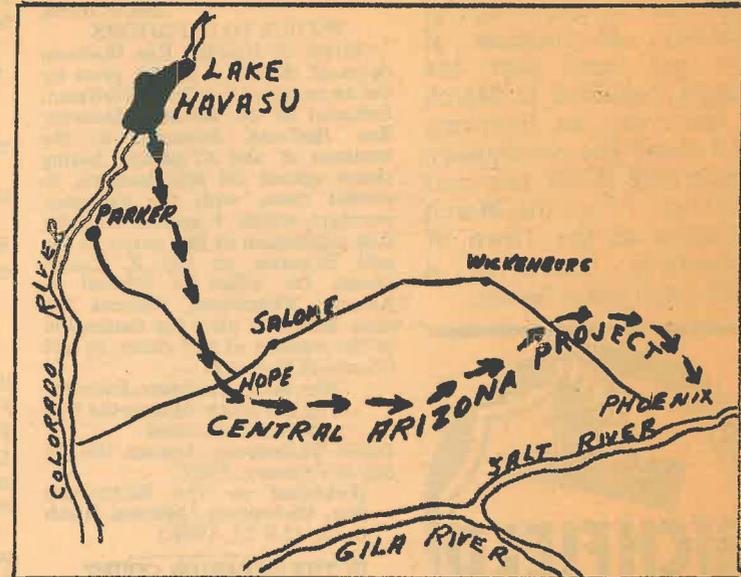
We are co-sponsors of the recently formed HoHoKam Resource Conservation and Development Project which includes projects all over Maricopa County.

We feel that we are a living illustration of "Government By The People" as we coordinate and cooperate with all the Federal, State and County Agencies in the improvement of our surroundings.

We appreciate the assistance and support we receive from all agencies and all the people in our end of the County and hope this will increase in the coming years.

PROPOSED RECREATION LAKE

THE Town of Wickenburg is very interested in the installation of the Box Canyon Reservoir as a recreation lake. It will not only improve the environment for the local people but will attract visitors from all over the nation as they travel through Arizona.



PROPOSED ROUTE OF THE C.A.P.

THE Central Arizona Project will benefit our District by furnishing additional recreation and improving our environment.

Any one wishing to become an Honorary Member of this worthy organization can do so by sending \$5.00 or more to our Secretary, Vito Georgio, Box 1109, Wickenburg.

FLOOD PLAN

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ed in last Tuesday's flood told the Council he had suffered \$30,000 in flood damage in the past 10 years. He endorsed the mayor's action. Cameron, a former mayor, added, "I'm going to be a good boy tonight." He did not amplify that statement.

Has Flood Control Plan

Mayor Sabin Brown read a lengthy statement to Town Council Monday evening in which he reported that he had met with the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors that morning and proposed that the Powder House Wash problem be solved through the combined

I was Misquoted Mayor Tells Paper

Mayor Sabin Brown read a letter he wrote to the Arizona Republic to fellow councilmen Monday evening in which he charged that newspaper with mis-quoting him in its issue of July 17. The article in question said: "Wickenburg Mayor Sabin E. Brown said the town has had no luck in its appeal of several years ago for a flood control project." Brown's letter said he did not say that.

"DISASTER AREA"

Phoenix newspapers, radio and tv stations played up prominently this week an announcement by the Small Business Administration that Wickenburg has been declared a disaster area as a result of the recent Powder House Wash flooding. Federal funds for reconstruction in the area affected will be available at 3% interest, the announcement said.

efforts of (1) the citizens of Wickenburg directly involved; (2) the Town of Wickenburg and (3) the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. He called for a joint venture to straighten out the wash and estimated the cost to acquire the necessary privately owned land would be a minimum of \$10,000.

Following the mayor's presentation to the council, his action was unanimously endorsed on motion of Councilman Joe Dean following which Frank Stanlis, the town's attorney, advised the Council to investigate the legal implications involved, including the individual liability of Council members and a ruling of the Arizona Supreme Court. He also advised the Council to ask the State Representative from this district to ask the Attorney General of Arizona to look into the legal aspects of the matter. The mayor instructed Town Manager Reuben Stifel to write to the legislator.

Herb Cameron, owner of Desert Cypress Trailer Ranch damaged
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WICKENBURG SUN

Wickenburg, Sun 10-1-64
JOHN MCCARROLL'S
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Here are two books.

The one on the right is the Phoenix telephone directory. It contains 768 pages, plus cover.

The one on the left is titled: "Flood Control District of Maricopa County." Sub-title: "Flood Control Report Section II Western Maricopa County Hassayampa River Basin Buckeye Water Shed Centennial Wash Bender Wash Sand Tank Wash."

The authors are Johannessen & Girand, Consulting Engineers, Phoenix, Arizona.

The pages are not numbered. We do not have time to count them. You can see for yourself that the book is a little larger than the Phoenix telephone directory.

We quote from the introduction: "This report is submitted . . . in conformance with the engineering study agreement made between the Maricopa County Flood Control District and the firm of Johannessen & Girand Consulting Engineers, Inc. . . ."

We quote further: "The purpose of this engineering study and report was to determine the areas of major damage due to excessive rains and runoff, and to determine the most feasible means by which adequate flood protection could be provided for the areas of concern whereby damages could be minimized or eliminated."

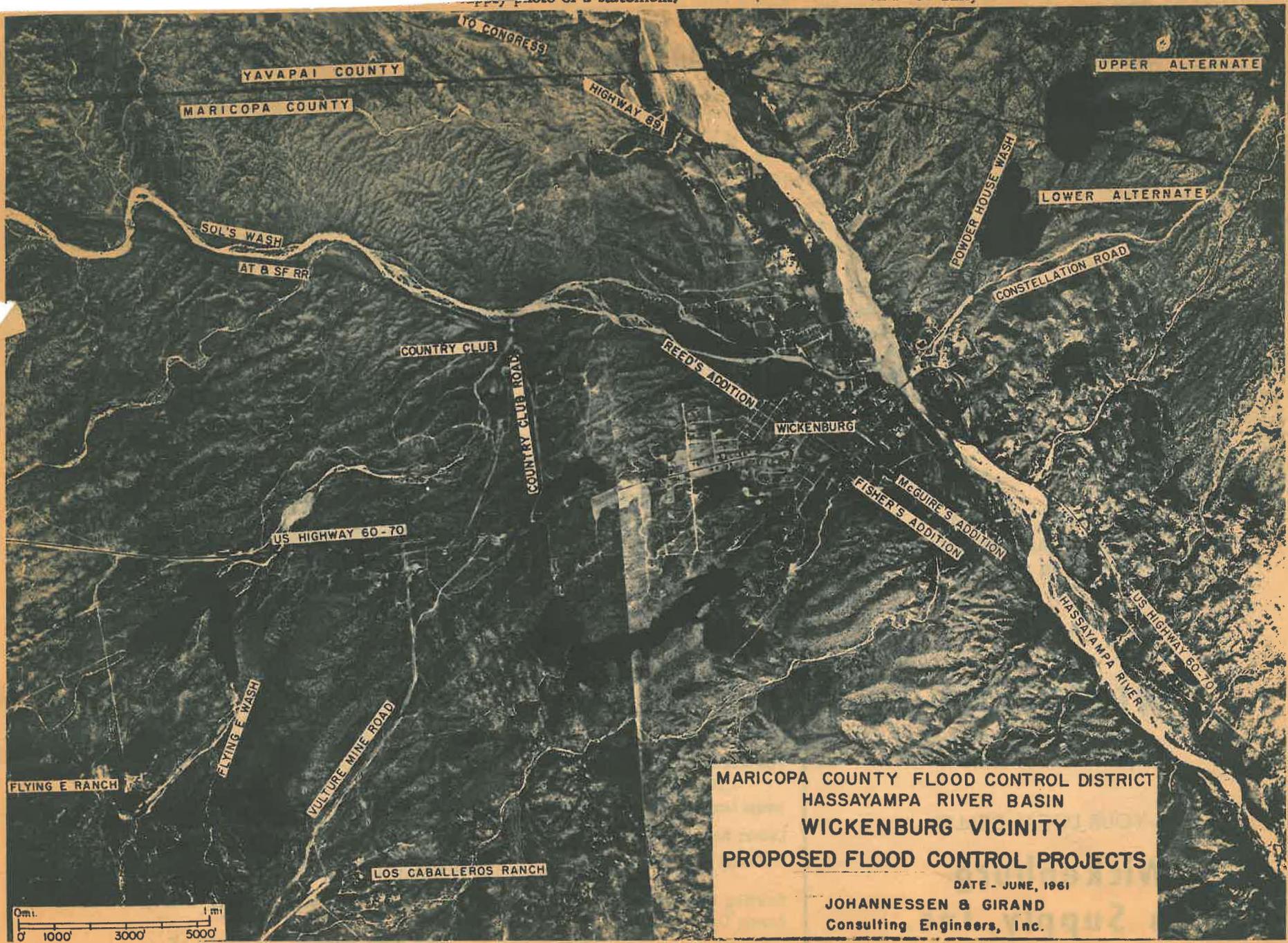
The book is profusely illustrated with maps and charts in support of the engineers' recommendations for measures to protect the residents of this entire area from disastrous floods on Sol's Wash, Martinez Wash, Casandro Wash, Powderhouse Wash and even the Hassayampa River.

The book must represent the expenditure of thousands of taxpayers' dollars.

And yet not ONE SINGLE recommendation of the engineers has been carried out—not even initiated, in fact.

Why not?

May we suggest that, during the next 34 days, you ask those candidates for public office who have been in a position to do something, just why no action has been taken on this matter of such vital importance to all of us living here in Northwest Maricopa County?



10-1-64 Wickenburg SUN

Waters Rise; Two Families Retreat At Wickenburg

9-3-65

Storm waters flowed in the usually dry Salt River at Wickenburg this morning, and occupants of at least two houses were forced to flee as heavy rains hit the area.

The water was running bank to bank at 8 a.m., but receded within a few hours, police reported.

WICKENBURG received .56 of an inch of rain between 8 and 9 p.m. after .72 fell within 30 minutes earlier yesterday.

Police said two houses in Pepperwood Canyon, east of the Wickenburg city limits, were flooded, one to a depth of four feet. A foot of water covered the floor of the other house. Electric power in the area was shut-off to avert danger of elec-

tion shortly before 11 a.m. Observers said chances for rain in the city appeared to be increasing.

Above-average rainfall and below-average temperatures are forecast for Arizona during the next five days.

The weatherman, who expects Phoenix temperatures tomorrow to range between 72 and 94 degrees, said readings across the state will average six degrees or more below normal at least until Wednesday.

August Rainfall Table, Page 2

trocution. For a while the water threatened to flood a trailer court.

Heavy thundershowers late yesterday in Lower Oak Creek and the Verde Valley left 1.04 at Cottonwood, .90 at Sedona, and .64 at Prescott Airport, where the 24-hour total was .70.

AT PAYSON, .70 fell between midnight and 1:30 a.m. today to bring the 24 hour total to .95. Flagstaff reported a total of .24 after several light showers.

"Moisture continues to pour into Arizona from the southwest," the weatherman said.

The precipitation is a side effect from tropical storm Emily. The main force of the Pacific-born storm was about 90 miles off the west coast of Baja California today, moving northward at about 3 miles an hour.

TUCSON, with below-average rainfall so far in 1965, received .35 yesterday afternoon. Superior reported .24 this morning.

A light sprinkle was reported at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport

Hail is expected to be part of the precipitation picture between McNary and Prescott. Low temperatures forecast for tomorrow include:

McNary, 50; Cottonwood, 60; Kingman, Bisbee and Globe, 62, and Safford, 67.

Fair Weather Starts To Break Up In U.S.

By the Associated Press

The fair weather that covered most of the nation in midweek was breaking up in several areas today.

There were showers in the Central Plains and in the New Mexico-Texas border area.

WEATHER

United States Weather Bureau

Sky Harbor Airport

Teachers Hear Talk By Mayor

Appearing before the monthly meeting of the Wickenburg Classroom Teachers' Association recently Mayor Brown discussed problems and plans of the Town Council. The 22 teachers present found his talk stimulating since the association president Curtis Arnett pointed out that the economic livelihood of a community is of direct concern to the teachers of that community since it bears a direct relationship to the children of that community.

Mayor Brown presented the 5-point program now before the Town Council as follows:

- (1) A follow through and improvement of the local sewage plant.
- (2) The planning and zoning study being carried on by Van Cleve and Associates.
- (3) Development of the airport 16 miles west of town.
- (4) Giving consideration to flood control before paving new streets which might be washed out by a rampaging wash before the concrete was well set.
- (5) Keeping Wickenburg attractive both tax-wise and in appearance.

He pointed out that proper planning will keep the town's economy diversified and will help fill the gap created when the Brenda cutoff is completed sometime between 1968 and 1975.

"Community development is big business," the mayor said. "We must know our assets and liabilities and be able to sell the advisability of light industry to ourselves before we can sell it to others."

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*Wickenburg Sun
12-16-65*

FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT 6-66
3325 W. Durango
Phoenix, Ariz. 85009

2 Feet Of Rain, Maybe

Don't Shoot The Weatherman!

—FOR THE YEAR, THAT IS

Will 1965 go down as The Year of the 24-inch—the 2-foot Rain?

It's beginning to look that way.

Last week's downpours, beginning Wednesday and continuing off and on through Saturday measured 2.96 inches in the U. S. Weather Bureau's rain gauge back of The SUN office on North Washington Street.

Added to the 19.40 inches previously recorded for the year to November 30, the total precipitation for the year through Saturday night was a whopping 22.36 inches,

far and away the wettest year in the history of the Weather Bureau volunteer recording station here. Back in 1941 total rainfall measured here was 18.51 inches, the previous record. At times during last week's storm some of the downpours could easily have been classified as near-cloudbursts. Although most washes ran and many streets and roads were washed out—we hear leaky roofs were rather prevalent—material damage from the storm was negligible. Town crews were called out twice to repair water

lines severed by rushing flood waters. The Hassayampa ran bank-to-bank for several days but caused little damage other than that in the vicinity of the highway camp, reported elsewhere in this issue.

Although indications pointed to clearing weather Sunday, which could hold throughout the rest of the month, anything can happen, weatherwise, in a wet year like this one. Another 1.64 inches of rain between now and December 31 and 1965 will be referred to as The Year Of The 2-Foot Rain.

Lake at Fullest Since 1941

Lake Carl Pleasant, swollen by runoff from recent rains, now holds water for a potential \$7.5 million in crop production.

So said Hank Raymond, engineer for the Maricopa County Municipal Water Conservation District, of which the lake is a part.

The lake, at its fullest since 1941, is 120 feet deep.

New rains, depending upon amount, temperature and runoff, could trigger the release of water through the spillways of the 27-year-old Waddell Dam. In that event, communities in the path of the Agua Fria River would be alerted, Raymond said.

The west side of the lake, including the county's picnic and beach area along Frog Tanks, is temporarily closed. The picnic area is flooded with a foot of water. Water lapped at the door of the concession stand, which has been closed. The once sandy beach is also under water.

Seldom-Seen Sight

The bumper storage, estimated at 158,000 acre-feet, has filled every inlet and bay, providing a scenic and seldom-seen sight at the lake.

Measured rainfall on the lake in 1965 reached an astounding 19.84 inches, compared with a total of 8.62 in 1964. The greatest momentum came in mid-December, and at one time the water was rising at a rate of one foot an hour. Normally a good runoff might raise the level a foot in a 24-hour period, Gene Williamson, head ranger at the recreation area, said yesterday.

"There has been an increase of rattlesnakes in the area," the ranger said. "Some have come in on driftwood, and I killed four on the lake. We caution everyone about the snakes."

Bull Stranded

In a sidelight, the rangers have taken time to care for a bull stranded on a small island in the lake.

"The bull was discovered about three weeks ago by some duck hunters," Williamson said. "We went out by motor boat and found that the bull had eaten all the vegetation on the island."

The island, about a quarter-acre in size, is surrounded by 15-foot-deep water. At periodic intervals the rangers make hay to the stranded animal.



Lake Carl Pleasant With The Bradshaw Mountains In Background From Atop Lookout Point



Ranger Gene Williamson Surveys Water At Doorstep Of Closed Concession

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Republic
Photo-Feature
By Thelma Heatwole
★ ★ ★



Water From Wind-Driven Waves Slops Over Top Of Waddell Dam Spillways

River Flow To Be Halted By Project

Mesa Tribune
3-4-66

Water releases on the Salt River Project system were shut off today, but flow in the river is expected to continue at least two or three days before stopping below Granite Reef dam.

In making the announcement, Henry Shipley, SRP assistant general manager, noted the release shut-off is due to lack of precipitation on the watershed, plus larger water orders than had been anticipated.

Other factors in effecting the shut-off, said Shipley, were that some predicted storms over the water shed did not materialize; those that did had only small quantities of moisture; and the snow on the watershed was drier than had been thought.

Providing weather conditions remain normal, the shut-off of water releases is expected to continue for at least two weeks, said Shipley.

Voting Is Tuesday On Bond Issue

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Wickenburg voting precincts 1 and 2 have been consolidated for the special flood control bond election next Tuesday, March 8, and voting will be in the County Building at the west end of the underpass.

At the election real property owners of Maricopa County will be asked to approve or reject the issuance and sale by the county's Flood Control District of \$22.7 million in general obligation bonds, with the stipulation said bonds will be issued only when needed and in amounts that will not cause the District's bonded indebtedness to exceed three per cent of the assessed valuation of taxable property in the county.

The polls Tuesday will be open from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Eligible to vote is any adult taxpayer who owns real property within the boundaries of Maricopa County and who has resided in the county for a year or more and is a duly qualified elector. This last means his or her name is on the current voter registry. Under Arizona's community property law, both husbands and wives are eligible to vote.

According to the Maricopa Citizens Flood Protection Committee, two areas in the Wickenburg vicinity
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Gazette

Light Flood-Bond Turnout Predicted

Outcome of a \$22.7-million countywide flood control bond election March 8 will be decided by 20 to 25 per cent of an estimated 150,000 eligible voters, Maricopa County officials predicted today.

ELECTIONS Director John E. Burke said the anticipated ballot total of 30,000 to 37,500 is based on past performance of county voters in bond elections, and appraisal of an organized campaign being waged

by supporters of the flood control plan.

"Our estimate of the total number of votes may be too high," Burke pointed out.

"However, a lot of people are flood-conscious as a result of last month's high-water damage in the bed of the Salt River. There also are owners of county property which was untouched by flood conditions, and others who have expressed disapproval of a tax increase."

IN ANY CASE, a great deal of interest in the bond issue proposal is being generated, the elections official said.

According to elections department figures, 31,863 (12.7 per cent) of 250,000 eligible voters cast ballots in 1961 when a \$22.8 million bond issue was approved to finance construction and other costs of the county complex, a new county hospital, facilities for the auto license department and other county structures.

VOTING

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designated as Sols Wash and Powder House Wash are scheduled for attention if the bond issue passes. By far the largest share of the funds are earmarked for Salt River Valley areas.

Opponents of the bond issue are stressing that \$22.7 million will prove only a drop in the bucket in providing adequate flood control while proponents have devoted their efforts largely to minimizing the cost to the individual taxpayer of the bond issue.

It is this newspaper's belief that real property owners will have to do some thoughtful soul-searching when they go to the polls Tuesday.

Reinforced Concrete

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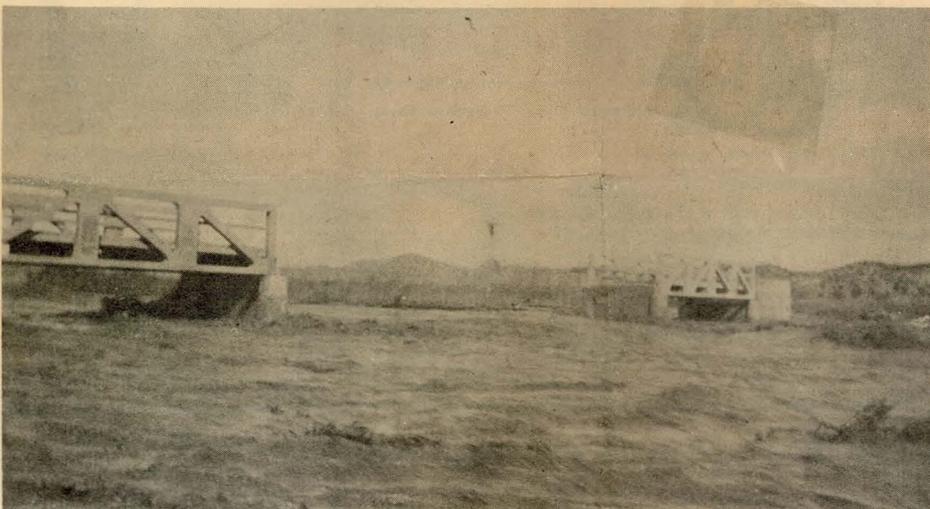
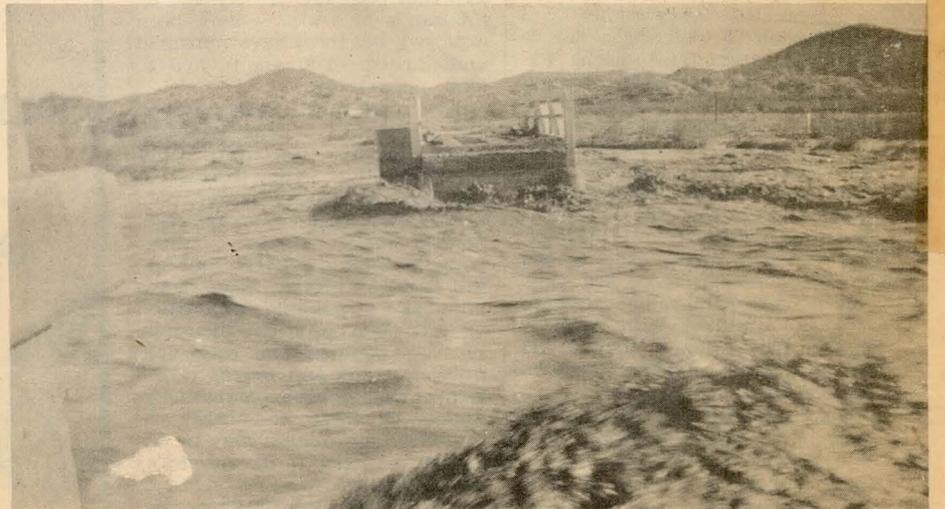
Mighty Hassayampa



PRIDE of the state highway officials and of all the Hassayampa River Valley was the handsome, sturdy reinforced concrete bridge spanning the Hassayampa River at Wickenburg (left.) It was completed in the early months of 1916.

THEN came the summer storms over the Bradshaws and the upper reaches of the Hassayampa, down came the surging, broiling flood waters and out went the entire middle section of the new bridge.

FROM The SUN's files come these old photographs showing the raging waters at the height of the flood and, below, right, two Wickenburgers looking over the wrecked bridge after the flood had subsided.



Flood Control Action Urgent, Planners Say

SIX WASHES POSE A THREAT TO TOWN

Wickenburg should proceed immediately to plan, finance and construct its own flood control projects, declares the Wickenburg General Plan representing a 2-year study of the community.

Paving Project Launched

Fourteen city streets, or portions of streets, are included in the street improvement proposal now being undertaken under the auspices of the Town Council. The first step, the circulating of petitions to property owners involved, is now underway with Mrs Dorothy Thrasher in charge of that endeavor. Fifty-one percent of the property owners involved must sign the petitions in order to complete this first step.

Town Hall officials estimate the cost to adjoining property owners will run approximately \$7.50 per front foot for paving and curbing. That cost, if the venture succeeds, will be spread over 10 years, possibly longer.

Many legal steps involving public hearings, advertising for bids, awarding contracts, etc., will have to be taken before the actual paving of the streets gets underway, assuming of course that all goes well.

Here are the streets which have been incorporated in what Yost & Gardner, the town's engineers, have designated as Improvement District No. 5:

All parts of La Paloma Drive, Avispa Street, Pa-
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FLOOD CONTROL
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plain zoning, based on studies and recommendations already completed by the U. S. Corps of Engineers, will restrict future development in areas where flooding creates danger and undue financial hardship for the general public as well as the individual property owner.

It was made by the Van Cleve Associates, Scottsdale consulting planners and was financed at considerable expense by the Town of Wickenburg with some federal aid.

Obviously, it is up to the Town Council to follow through with the General Plan's recommendations. Local flood control projects will have to be paid for by the town's taxpayers, despite the fact that every property owner in Maricopa County will this year pay 46 cents on every \$100 of assessed valuation for flood control. There has been no indication from the Court House that Wickenburg will get any of this flood control money back, at least for a long time.

We quote, verbatim, from the Van Cleve planners' comment on flood control locally:

The absence of local drainage and flood control measures is a serious local deficiency.

Several major and many minor drainageways flow through town, discharging into the Hassayampa River. A high volume and velocity of floodwater originates in the hilly terrain surrounding the town, and with every violent summer storm, flooding occurs along Sols Wash, Powderhouse Wash, Sunset Wash, Casandro Wash, Sunny Cove Wash and Flying E Wash.

Major corrective measures are required outside the corporate limits.

Although major flooding in Wickenburg can be eliminated only through construction of retention dams beyond the town limits, a general drainage improvement program is seriously needed in town. Drainageways are undedicated, and natural water courses have been filled, blocked and diverted, so that floodwaters flow between lots, across lots, along streets, and occasionally through houses. Clearance of storm-deposited sand, gravel and debris alone is a regular and sizeable public expense.

- Wickenburg should proceed immediately to plan, finance and construct its own flood control projects, giving first priority to improvements within the corporate limits.

- Such a plan should be followed by a long-term construction program which will insure steady progress toward elimination of flooding conditions.

- Meanwhile, the adoption and enforcement of flood
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COUNCIL AUTHORIZES FEASIBILITY STUDY OF DAM IN THE BOX CANYON

A feasibility study of a dam in Box Canyon on the Hassayampa River north of Wickenburg was authorized by Wickenburg's Town Council at a special meeting the afternoon of December 24.

The study will be undertaken by two authorities in that field, R. W. Hansen and James Wert, both affiliated with the faculty of the University of Arizona at Tucson. The feasibility study will not, however, have any official connection with the U. of A.

The cost of the study is not to exceed \$1,700 under provisions of the Council motion which authorized it,

made by Town Councilman Sabin Brown and seconded by Councilman Willis Rue. It was adopted unanimously by the full council.

Messrs Hansen and Wert advised Town Manager Delbert Kirby that the study will be completed and made available not later than February 1, and perhaps even sooner.

The two men, each of whom holds a Ph.D. degree, will collect all available data having a bearing on the proposed dam, its construction, a detailed history of water flow, flood stages, etc., of the river itself and a comprehensive study of traffic flow, present and projected

involving the number of people throughout this area, from Sun City north into Yavapai County and west and south far beyond the confines of the Wickenburg town limits.

Mr. Kirby explained that no governmental lending agency, without whose assistance the dam could never be built, will even consider the project unless application for financial assistance is accompanied by a feasibility study such as has now been authorized.

"And," said the Town Manager, "we certainly want to know if the town should go into it before the Town Council takes definite action."

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Irrigation Water Management

What Is A Soil Conservation District ?

A Soil Conservation District is a legal subdivision of the state, just as any town or city is. It is governed by elected officers who serve without pay. Their payment is the satisfaction they get from conserving our natural resources.

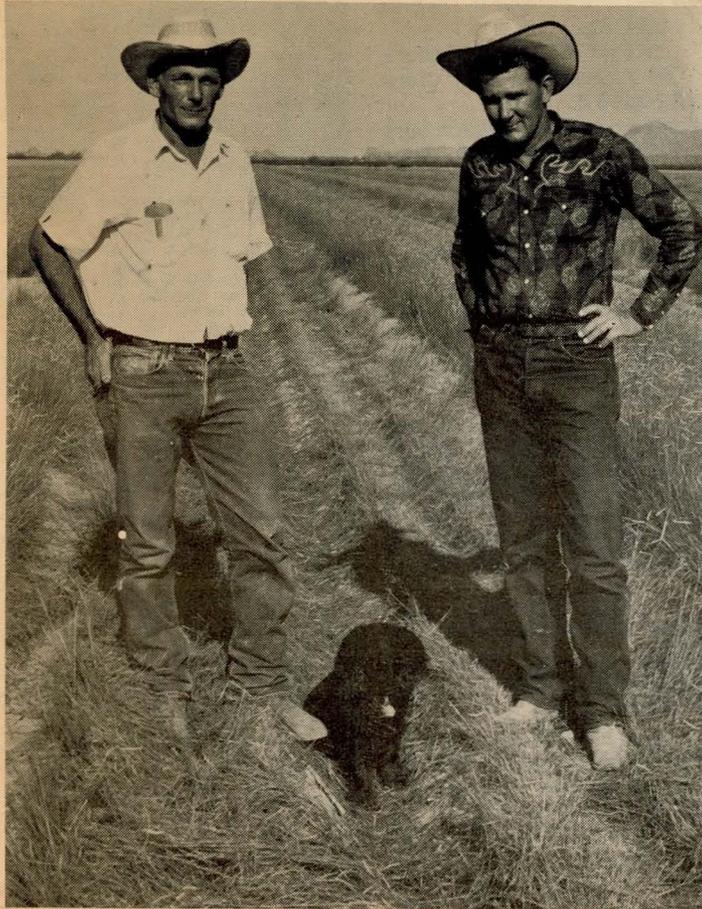
The S.C.D. Supervisors work out a long range program listing the problems in the District and possible solutions. Then they enter into an agreement with the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, whereby they obtain technical assistance from the Soil Conservation Service, in applying the Conservation practices.

This assistance is usually based on a conservation plan, which is approved by the supervisors. It may consist of Engineering Assistance in leveling land, or installing irrigation systems. The Plans generally include a cropping system that will main-



THE efficient use of irrigation water ranks high on our District Program. We realize that water is a very scarce resource and that it is very expensive.

Technical assistance in applying only the proper amount is available from the Soil Conservation Staff in Phoenix. Jim Ferrin is the District Conservationist, and his staff includes Wes Farley, George Sellers and Marvin Skousen.



BEN MATHEWS, Chairman, and ORAL HUNTER, Member, of Wickenburg Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors. Other members are Vito Georgio, Secretary; Bill Cress and Delbert Kirby.

Conservation Accomplishments

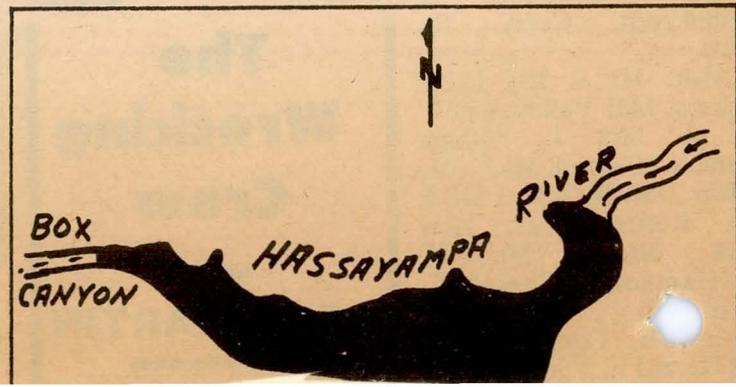
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FARM CONSERVATION

PLANS _____ 21

LAND LEVELING

146 Acres



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Taken at 4:00 Saturday afternoon (Sept 5). The river started to recede shortly afterward.

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The devastating Hassayampa has all the appearance of a quiet, peaceful lake in this photograph of Max Kirkpatrick's horse operation between Chestnut St. and Remuda Ranch.



Wickenburg Sun, 9/10/70

Rescue operation on Chestnut St. Eight-year-old Marie Hopkins is carried by Earl Herber who clings to cable stretched just above the rushing waters. Dave Underdown (left corner) is holding to the cable. Other volunteer helper, center, is not identified. Marie is the daughter of Mrs. Pat White, waitress at the Bar 7 Restaurant.

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Another view of Chestnut Street at the height of Saturday's (Sept 5) flood.



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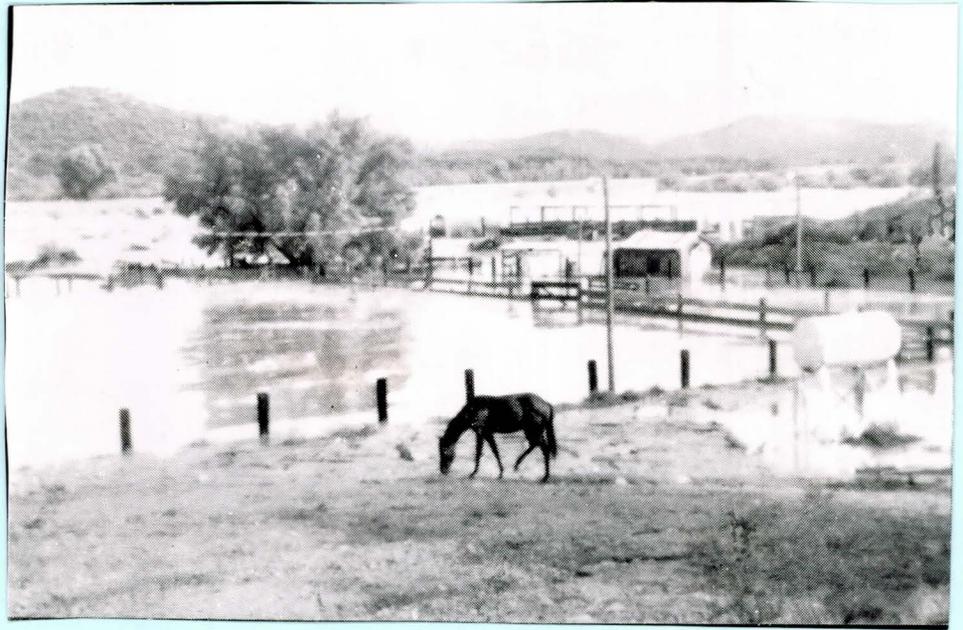


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Home of P. L. Kinnick, disabled World War II veteran, once stood on this spot along the Phoenix Hwy near Monarch Wash. Now it is gone, washed away and shattered into kindling wood against the thicket on the far left. Remains of camper in center background.

Wickenburg Sun 9/10/70

Cut Rock Ranch corrals flooded.



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Wickenburg Sun 9/10/70

Roadside park on Phoenix Hwy in shambles. Surfaced roads gone, trees and shrubs uprooted and fireplaces demolished.



Wickenburg Sun 9/10/70

Pickup truck of Mayor Brown's
Wickenburg Plumbing is here
seen as it was about to be
carried under the bridge. The
truck would up off shore near
Watkins Chevrolet.



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Wickenburg Sun 9/10/70

This home and yard on Chestnut
Street caught the full fury of
the raging waters which left
behind trash and refuse, as
this Sunday morning photo shows.



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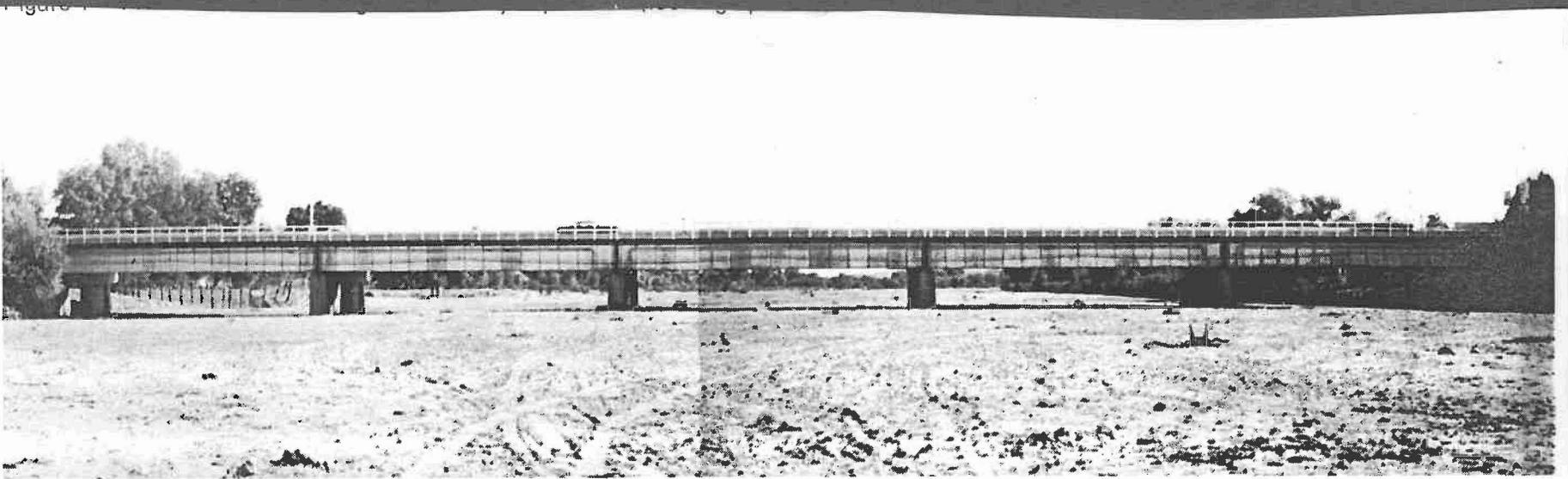


Figure 2 — Highway 60, 70, 89, 93 bridge over Hassayampa River (looking downstream at river mile 47.63).

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