

# Dale Miller Is Rescued; Rests at Gillettes

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## He and Nadine, Next Oldest Daughter of the Charles Miller Family, Saved; Rescues Cheer City, Vicinity Following the Floods

Dale Miller and one of the girls of the Charles Miller, jr., family have been rescued, according to Charles Miller, sr., Dale's father, tonight.

Dale, it was said, swam to the south shore of the river and obtained help to rescue Nadine. Dale is resting at the Gillette home, it was said. Several men, including Jack Wright, from this side of the river went across in boats to assist in the rescue.

Electrical service by Monday night is a possibility that engineers, experts and local power company men are hoping to achieve.

Five feet of debris was being shoveled out of the plant in 24-hour shifts. Crews of men were being put on as fast as possible. Radio messages to all parts of the nation were bringing experts, expected to arrive Sunday.

H. C. Griswold of Summit, N. J., is one of the experts here and he is the one who voiced the belief that the generators may be dried out and the motors working by Monday or at least by Tuesday. Superhuman efforts are being put forth. Others here now are Robert Protheroe and C. Talsma.

Rescue of several persons marooned in trees and at the light plant brought joy to communities stricken by the worst flood in the recorded history of the Republican river today.

Four persons who were marooned throughout yesterday afternoon and last night in the rain-drenched darkness as the river's roar beat about them.

The rescued:

Mrs. H. Dinges, about 70, south of Perry.

Charlotte Miller, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, jr.

Nels Nielsen, about 49, McCook.

Clyde (Clitch) McKillip, 34, of McCook.

Nebraska Light & Power company employes who were removed from the marooned plant by boat this afternoon.

Lawrence Gillen and Harold Steinke, taken from the river island by Jack Wright and party.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wing, Lula and Alvy and Fred Wray, taken from trees south of Indianola by boatmen (accounting for all Indianola people).

Martin Peterson who swam from tree and aided by ambulance party.

Missing were: Mrs. Charles Miller, jr., Fred Swanson, Elizabeth Shook and four other children of the Miller's; Charles Frances, Virginia Mae, Claudine and an infant.

All these save Mrs. Dinges were in the Miller farm house when the deluge crest ripped up this home with scores of others which floated in the chocolate flood the entire sprawling length of the Republican.

The Miller house stood out for nearly an hour. Occupants had taken to the roof when it gave.

When the structure collapsed, Nielsen swam to a tree. He hung there in a crotch from about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon until he was relieved at 7:30 a. m.

McKillip, clutching little Charlotte to him, also took refuge in a treetop.

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McKillip was so near exhaustion from his vigil in the tree top that he could hardly muster strength to clamber into the boat. Throughout the night, as the wind raged and hail and rain beat down on his perch, he had to cling to the little girl.

Mrs. Dinges, who lives with a niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Schultz survived a night of fearful exposure on the roof of the home. Theirs is the first farm north of where the Miller farm buildings once stood.

McKillip's first remark to those who came to take him away from the flood, which had subsided by at least three feet from its peak, was, "You really look like a couple of angels to me."

He spoke to the youths most responsible for the rescues—Craig

## Zander's Condition Said Critical; Others Better, Report Doctors, Hospital.

The condition of Franz Zander, injured in yesterday afternoon's twister, was reported today to be slightly improved but still critical by the doctor who is ear- for him. Zander's wife and his two children, Franz, jr., and Gerhart, were killed by the wind.

Mrs. A. E. Rathe and her two children Lawrence and Gladys, injured and treated at St. Catherine's hospital, were on the road to recovery. Lon Schaffer and Lester Hayes, two others injured in the twister, were also improving, the hospital reported. Martin Polfis and his four children, Thomas, Wallace, Eileen and Norvell, were on the road to recovery.

The condition of Mrs. Johanna Moore injured when the home of her son, Mike, was crushed about her, was said to be satisfactory. She was believed to have been suffering mostly from shock.

A number came in to the hospital for first aid treatment of minor injuries after the wind storm but their names were not obtained at the hospital.

### BOY IS RETURNED

TACOMA, Wash., May 30—(Via Press-Radio Bureau) George Philip Weyerhaeuser, kidnaped son of a wealthy lumber family, was released this morning on payment by his parents of a \$200,000 ransom.

Welch and Clinton Madron.

These two, in a frail canvas canoe, braved waves which tossed their craft like cork, threaded their way through floating logs and other debris and enthralled scores who watched their progress from the highway to the north of them with their daring and superb skill.

Another hero of the flood was Paul Wilson, who swam to the power plant yesterday afternoon with a line for a breeches buoy, which carried two men to safety before its supporting power line posts collapsed.

Many bodies, it seems almost certain, will eventually be recovered from the river, which was still running at above flood stage at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Jack Jefford, pilot of a plane which swung over the stricken region to gain a survey of relief needs for the Red Cross, sighted the body of a woman on a small island, he reported here.

Glen Bell of Ravenswood dairy cannot be accounted for.

All Bartley people were accounted for.

The true picture of the region's condition will reach the outside world tonight as United Press and other news services sent newsmen here by air this morning.

These reporters saw miles of Burlington track washed out, highways which cannot be travelled for days, tangled telephone and telegraph wires. They saw damage which will run well above a million dollars.

Many homes in Indianola, Culbertson, Trenton, Stratton and elsewhere could not yet be occupied today. Scores of dwellings in these towns were evacuated yesterday.

The huge pipes carrying McCook's water supply across the river withstood the flood.

As soon as emergency pumping equipment can be hauled to the wells full water service can be restored, it is hoped.

Fifty men were organized early this afternoon into detachments to scour trees, roof tops and debris for marooned people. All reported they found nothing.

Three men seen from Perry on a raft reportedly made their way to the south shore of the river. When communications are restored it will probably be found that many now missing also crossed safely.

Five Culbertson men got through to McCook this afternoon and reported that the Red Wallace family of south of there was missing.

Six other men, they reported, were marooned on a bridge near there but as far as they had been able to check, no others were missing.

As airplane flight of "Babe" Horn, McCook, and Roy Brown, Palisade, over the area to the west brought the following reports.

One drowned at Parks, the three-year-old daughter of Archie Burke.

A Mr. Pettit, his wife and six children were found drowned in their home at Doane, between Parks and Benkelman.

A report of eight deaths at Benkelman.

Buildings at Parks, Benkelman and Trenton heavily damaged.

Rock Creek dam, earlier reported broken, holding.

Water was being supplied to McCook residents at the ice plant after city standpipes were exhausted.

Trenton was reached by air and the following reported: Mrs. Stonesifer two dead, body recovered, and two of her children missing. Others missing: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thomas (south of town); Spencer Thomas and wife; Mr. Culver and son; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith and baby; Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Murtha, sr.

Mrs. Culver was located alive and a rescue attempted.