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NEWSLETTER

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TIME & PLACE 4:00 P.M. June 5, 1996
Crown Point Conference Room off Pioneer Parkway.

PROGRAM This will be an organizational meeting of the new president. We want as much input of members as possible as to the direction the historical society takes. Committee heads and members are urged to attend. New committee appointments will be discussed.

DUES

Our attendance to the notice of Annual Meeting and the change in the frequency of the newsletter has caused a glitch in reminding you of the dues being due. If your label shows that your membership "EXP 5-96", please forward your \$5.00 individual or \$6.00 family membership for the coming year.

FLOODS

For the next few issues of the newsletter we will cover floods in Johnston. Your help, in documenting the flood of '93 will be of help in preserving this historical event, is solicited. Please submit stories, pictures, etc.

On the reverse side of this paper is a map compiled in 1956 of the Des Moines River and Beaver Creek Floods. The heavy contour line showing most of Kinsey Cemetary to be at an Elev. above 850' The lighter lines would be the 840' contours.

At the time the map was made the interstate was under construction. As you can see from the inset Figure 1, we would be off the chart on the '93 flood. Figure 1 is taken on the Raccoon River at 18th St (Fleur Dr). The 1947 flood was the worst at that time on the Raccoon. The 1954 flood was the worst flood on the Des Moines River up to 1993.

93°45' 42'30" R 25 W R 24 W 1°40'50"

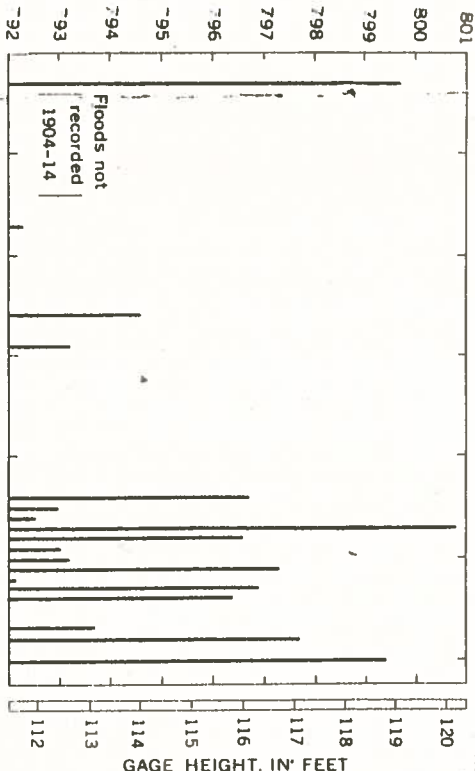


FIGURE 1.—ANNUAL FLOODS ABOVE ELEVATION 792 FEET, 1903, 1915-60. WATERWORKS GAGE AT SOUTH WEST EIGHTEENTH STREET BRIDGE ON RACCOON RIVER AT DEER GROVE

