



1948-1957

The fifth decade of the

Kansas City District

World Events

1948

- Flood Control Act, Section 205, authorizes Corp of Engineers to transfer funds to small flood control projects not specifically authorized by Congress and it establishes emergency fund to be expended under supervision of the Chief of Engineers, when local cooperation is obtained.
- Kansas City District completes Kanopolis dam.
- Corps of Engineers and the Department of Agriculture clarify their roles and responsibilities in a Memorandum of Understanding for a restudy of the Osage River basin.
- Work begins on the Missouri River Levee System, which was authorized in the 1944 Flood Control Act.

1949

- Soviet atomic explosion.
- Kansas City District is assigned military mobilization work at heartland Air Force bases.
- Office of the Chief of Engineers approves the use of quarry-run stone as an alternative construction method for river improvement structures.

1950

- North Korean forces launch invasion into South Korea.
- Engineering training is resumed at Fort Leonard Wood
- Congress passes Civil Defense Recovery Act. and the Korean War expansion program presents new challenges to the Kansas City District.
- Program of navigation channel improvements is scheduled for completion during fiscal year 1959.
- The Osage River basin plan, developed under guidance of a coordinating committee named by the governor of Missouri, is submitted to Congress.

1951

- The Chief of Engineers officially assigns the Kansas City District to a military mission.
- Catastrophic flood in lower Missouri basin produces discharge of 636,000 cubic feet per second at the river's confluence with the Mississippi. Extensive damages result in the nation's first \$1 billion flood.
- Greater Kansas City Flood Prevention Committee hosts Emergency Flood Conference.

1952

- A new flood emergency frightens a "flood shy" public in the Kansas City area, at Riverside area, levees and floodwalls damaged the previous year withstand the new crests.
- Construction begins on Tuttle Creek Lake, a key unit in the Kansas River basin system.
- Kansas City District places Harlan County dam in operation.