Basements of several Lake-side homes were flooded by late afternoon yesterday after a steady rainfall which began at 9:28 a. m. and was recorded at 2.12 inches at 6:50 p. m.

Heaviest downpour during a five-minute period was recorded at .22 of an inch between noon and 1 p. m., according to H. G. Carter, U. S. meteorologist here. Torrential as it might have appeared, however, the fall was not a record-breaker, Mr. Carter said. He compared yesterday's heaviest fall with .59 of an inch during a five-minute period on Aug. 18, 1908.

A Lake Superior northwest storm warning was hoisted at 7 p. m. yesterday, with winds southeast to southwest at 20 to 30 miles per hour, and with a wind-shift from north to northwest at 40 to 45 miles per hour, slowly moving eastward.

Today's forecast calls for showers and cool temperatures, with fresh to strong winds. Yesterday's high was 65 degrees and low 59.

Meanwhile, the Associated Press reported last night from Grand Forks, N. D., that harvest fields were under water and considerable damage to streets and sewers resulted when more than five inches of rain, believed to be the heaviest ever recorded there, fell Tuesday night and early yesterday. County AAA officials there said the fields were so wet that it may be a week before harvest can be resumed.