

High Winds Hit In Weatherford, Loss Is \$20,000

7.25 Inches Deluge
Geary, Flood Threat
Rises Anew in State

A flood threatened Kingfisher Wednesday morning as a result of torrential downpours that added up to eight inches of rain in southern Blaine county.

Flooded creeks, cities and highways were left in the wake of the storm that wrecked main street buildings, hangars and airplanes in Weatherford about 5:30 p. m. Tuesday.

High winds demolished four airplanes and unroofed two hangars at the airport three miles northeast of Weatherford. Damages to the hangars and planes were placed at \$20,000.

Windows Are Smashed

Along Main street the front windows and the rear wall of the Howard Kappel produce house were blown out and the roof of the Southwestern Auto Supply building was damaged. Rain accompanying the storm in that area brought the 24-hour total to 3.4 inches.

About the same time the area between Watonga, Geary and Kingfisher was deluged by rainfall which in Geary was officially measured at 7.25 inches at 10 p. m. and the pounding rain continued past midnight.

Francis Purdue, Kingfisher county sheriff, reported 10 city blocks in north Kingfisher were under water at midnight and approximately 100 persons had been evacuated from their homes.

"It is the worst storm I have ever seen in this area," Purdue said. He estimated 7 inches of rain fell between 7 p. m. and midnight.

Highways Are Blocked

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Sheriff Suspends His Chief Deputy

ROSS BIGGERS, Oklahoma county undersheriff, was suspended Monday by Sheriff Dick Strain as an aftermath of a gambling raid early Sunday. The game folded up hurriedly soon after Biggers ordered deputies to raid it. Playing had stopped when officers arrived.

Strain suspended the undersheriff "pending completion of a personal investigation" of the circumstances of the raid. He said Biggers was lax in the performance of his duties because he sent the raiders out and then went home himself.



—Daily Oklahoman Staff Photo
Ross Biggers

Biggers, a veteran of 17 years in the sheriff's office under three different sheriffs, took his suspension philosophically. He completed his day's work before leaving the court house.

"I'm not mad or disgruntled in any way about this," the undersheriff said. "Anything the sheriff does that he believes will further the efficiency of his office, is all right with me."

Biggers remarked that he was leaving the office as he entered it 17 years ago "without a blemish on my record." He blamed circumstances for the fact that the blame for the abortive raid fell on his shoulders.

"I've done my job to the best of my ability as long as I've been on the sheriff's force," he declared. "That's all I know how to do and that's all I did in this instance."

The raid was on the Jungle club, 100 S. May. A Daily Oklahoman investigator was playing in the dice game. It was suddenly cashed out soon after the Oklahoman requested the sheriff's office to raid it.

Biggers said Monday that his presence in the office when the call came from the Oklahoman newsroom was an "accident." He had stopped by the office, he said, to do

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Guard to Draft Eligible Rush to En

Funds for Training
Inadequate;
Units Are Sw

The national guard Tuesday clamped the number of reserve state organizations as draft eligible guard units through Oklahoma with application enlistment.

Men between 19 are members of guard or organized before the president's bill will be exempt.

The Oklahoma national guard authorized full strength was limited to a total personnel. Ground-force guard now have 6,812 on their list 3,020 vacancies.

Air Unit Limited

Air national guard authorized full strength were limited to a total units now have 630 on leaving 323 vacancies.

The action limiting taken, according to Brig. Gen. Kenny, state adjutant order to keep the aggregate the guard within the funds available.

Navy and marine reserve being invaded by draft ing to avoid 21 month place no limit on recruitment.

Funds Are Insufficient

"We feel all the units filled easily now," Kenney.

He added congress does not provide sufficient funds to maintain units at full strength. Training were based on normal recruiting.

He said several hundred guard units throughout Tuesday.

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Rain Drenches City

Meanwhile, in the Oklahoma City area a light drizzle which had produced only .04 inch of precipitation up to 12:30 a. m. gave way to a driving rain accompanied by considerable lightning.

Morrison B. Cunningham, city water superintendent, late Tuesday night discounted any possibilities of trouble along the North Canadian in this area on the basis of his early information. He said he had been up the river almost to Geary Monday night and that there was no flow in the river between Geary and Yukon.

The arid condition of the river bed will absorb a tremendous amount of water before the crest gets to Oklahoma City, Cunningham pointed out. He added, however, he had men checking the river again Tuesday night and would have a more accurate picture by Wednesday morning.

Despite the downpours the weatherman stuck to his forecast that most of the state, except for the east, will begin to see clearing skies Wednesday.

Cooler temperatures are expected in the north and east sections. Oklahoma City should have fair skies and a cooler temperature with a high of about 85 degrees.

Flood Warnings Issued

Flood warnings were issued Tuesday afternoon to residents in the Verdigris river bottoms and farmers began moving livestock to higher ground.

At Coody's Bluff, four miles east of Nowata, the river started running across U. S. 60 Tuesday afternoon and continued to rise about eight inches an hour.

California creek flooded U. S. 169 for about one-fourth mile at a bridge three miles north of Nowata. SH 10 east of Lenap; at Cedar creek was blocked as was SH 28 north of Coody's Bluff and south to Chelsea.

The Caney river was rising at Bartlesville and was expected to cut U. S. 75 and U. S. 60 during the night. A crest of from two to five feet above flood stage was expected.

The state highway department also reported U. S. 66 might be flooded during the night by overflowing creeks west of Vinita.

SH 20 was closed east of Skiatook. At Miami, above Grand Lake, a rise

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City Man Cleared

—Daily Oklahoman Staff Photo
Ross Biggers

Twister Wrecks Nebraska Train

One Man Is Killed, Six Hurt by Wind

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., June 22—(AP)—A tornado swept through southeast Nebraska into Iowa Tuesday, killing one person, injuring six and toppling six cars of a freight train off the track.

Four of the injured were in the caboose of the freight train.

The dead man was Harry Badberg, 31, Talmage, Neb., farmer. He was jammed between a fence and a pump when the wind hit his farm home. He died in a Nebraska City hospital.

The trainmen were injured when the wind knocked six cars of a Missouri Pacific freight train from the track a mile and a half south of here, but left the engine, tender and two other cars standing.

Hospital attendants here identified the injured crewmen as William Jones, 39, brakeman; W. H. Allen, 61, conductor; Carl Dildeen, 21, brakeman, and H. B. Sturms, 47, brakeman. All are from Falls City, Neb. Hospital attendants said their condition Tuesday night was "fair."

The other injured were Wesley Garlipp, 14, Cook, Neb., farm lad and Mrs. Anna Johnson of Emerson, Iowa.

Talmage fire chief Lynn Howe who saw the storm from a field, said it formed near Cook, about 15 miles southwest of Talmage. He said he saw a big funnel-shaped cloud "which whirled one way, then the other way. It was moving fast in a northeasterly direction," he said. Nebraska City is about 40 miles south of Omaha.

Meanwhile southwest Nebraskans were breathing easier as high waters along the Republican river subsided. The crest of high water passed the site of the Harlan county dam late Tuesday and project engineer C. H. Wagner said the water was a full six feet below the danger point.

Garment Executive Dies

KANSAS CITY, June 22—(AP)—George Allen Barton Jr., 55, vice-president of the Donnelly Garment Sales Co. here, died Tuesday at his home in Johnson county, Kansas.

New Soft Coal Talks Started

Lewis Wins Victory On His Pension Plan

WASHINGTON, June 22—(AP)—John L. Lewis and soft coal operators broke up a negotiating session Tuesday night without comment. They set another meeting Wednesday morning.

The lack of comment from either side on the way the talks went may indicate progress. At least the negotiators were smiling when they left and there was no sign of a new break in the talks.

Lewis, the first to leave, referred newsmen to coal operator spokesman Charles O'Neill.

O'Neill then said: "We'll meet again Wednesday."

The renewed negotiations had been suggested by a presidential inquiry board earlier in the day. Both sides told the board they were willing to resume talks and the board suggested they try for an agreement before the board makes its report to the White House late Wednesday.

The conferences were resumed just eight days before the present work agreement ends.

Presumably, the talks concerned Lewis' proposal to put the \$100 monthly pension plan for retired miners into effect immediately and agree to make any pay concession negotiated later retroactive to July 1. That was his price for keeping coal flowing while a new contract is worked out.

The new talks followed by a few hours a sweeping court victory for Lewis.

Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough had just upheld the \$100 monthly pension plan that Lewis wants for aged members of his United Mine Workers.

No Sale on Smokes

LONDON, June 22—(Special)—Two American students, who flew to London for a cycle tour around Europe, had to pay \$48 duty on 1,600 cigarets on arrival here. They went back to London airport and tried to sell the cigarets to customs men without having any luck.

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Lt. Col. C. A. Rovetta spector for the Oklaho serves, said his office building will remain. p. m. each day fro the president signs th care of the applicant.

Other Vacancies

The marine reserve infantry battalion, has 200 vacancies here and ber in Tulsa, Col. R. joined Tuesday, and vacancies will be filled

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Strain Aids

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Storm Strikes Weatherford

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of four to seven feet was expected on the Neosho river.

The lake, which has risen more than two feet since Monday, continued to rise from six to eight inches an hour Tuesday afternoon.

A. J. Hickerson, head of the U. S. engineers' reservoir operation substation and in charge of flood control operations, said the lake would be allowed to fill considerably before flood gates are opened.

"We won't release any water from the lake until we see that it won't do any damage downstream," he said.

At Tulsa, the sluggish Arkansas river, fed by a brimming Cimarron, was expected to crest Wednesday at from seven to eight feet, barring further rains. The crest is considerably below the 12-foot flood mark.

The floods are a result of rains ranging up to seven inches in Kansas Monday night.

At the same time lightning and heavy rain lashed the northeastern Oklahoma counties. At Vinita 6.01 inches of moisture was measured for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m. Tuesday morning.

D. J. Tuepker, district manager of Public Service Co. in Vinita, reported lightning struck two oil circuit breakers and caused about \$7,500 damage.

Later, the entire city was blacked out for about 15 minutes when all three power transmission lines were knocked out.

Rainfall at Nowata over the 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m. Tuesday morning totaled 5.3 inches, the second five-inch rain to strike the area since 1940.

The storms in the central and northeast missed sodden Seminole and Wewoka and late Tuesday flood waters that had been threatening the areas had receded.

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