

# HYDRO REVIEW

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## Election Dates Ready

Tuesday, July 6 is the primary election day on which date both Democratic and Republican voter will go to the polls to choose their candidates for the general election in November.

All voters of both parties are urged to vote, whether they are particularly interested or not. Don't wait for special invitation to vote. It is the duty of every citizen to vote in order to express his own opinion in the selection of candidates.

The Caddo county ticket will have only eight contests, six of the candidates being unopposed. For sheriff, Ty Yount, incumbent, is opposed by I. H. "Slim" Thompson, Anadarko. For county clerk, Sam Wall, incumbent, and Ray Oliver are pitted against each other, and for county assessor, W. B. Coleman, the present assessor, is opposed by H. L. Feagins, Gracemont, and Harold Gregory, Anadarko.

Harold "Slush" Rodrick, Carnegie is in the race against Walter Morris, incumbent, for his second term as state representative, place No. 2, and Herbert Meeting Jr., running for county attorney, has as his opponent James F. Hanger.

In district 1 George Clark and Fred Bright, Hydro, and C. A. Catin, Binger, and Frank Duncan, Binger, incumbent are in the race for county commissioner.

Russell Glass, running for reelection as court clerk, has one opponent — T. C. Compton, and Frank Limerick, county judge, asking for re-election, is opposed by Dewey Hodges, Anadarko.

Wayne Brewer, for state representative, place 1; Don Baldwin, for state senator; Maxine Frey for county superintendent; and Vernie Bailless for county treasurer, have no opposition.

All the above candidates are democrats.

On the Republican side Herb Scarth Hydro, is unopposed for county commissioner, district one, and George Bryant, Carnegie is the only candidate for sheriff.

George Young, El Reno, and Charles E. Simon, Carnegie are opposing each other for the candidacy for congress, sixth district.

Ross Rizley, Guymon, congressman for the 8th district 8 years, is the leading Republican candidate for the United States Senate.

Leading Democratic contenders are Robert S. Kerr, Mac Q. Williamson, Gomer Smith and Wilburn Cartwright.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In Blaine county there is one contest on the Republican ticket and one on the Democratic that concern the south end of the county.

Mamie Pitts, Republican incumbent, is opposed by Agnes Stahlheber, of Geary, for court clerk. Louis Woodruff and Roy C. Boecher, democrats, are in the race for state senator.

In the 7th district, Victor Wickersham, Democrat, is opposing Preston Peden, present congressman, who unseated Wickersham two years ago.

Go to the polls and vote Tuesday.

## Cemetery Flooded Graves Falling In

The two cemeteries north of Hydro were flooded during the big storm and at least 200 graves have fallen in, most of them exposing the boxes, Elmer Whiteley, one of the Masonic trustees said Wednesday. Whiteley spent the day working with Cal Simmons in the Masonic cemetery and found that the job of filling the graves is too big for two men.

## Trains Resume Schedules On Railroad Here

Westbound Rock Island train No. 111 passed through Hydro Wednesday at 4:30 p.m., the first train to go over the tracks since a week ago Monday, J. O. Owen, local agent, reported Wednesday evening. The east-bound train, No. 112 was due to go through at 8 p.m. Repairs on the tracks and the building of temporary bridges where two steel bridges were washed out by the flood, have kept eight gangs or about 250 men, busy day and night. Portable light plants have made night work possible.

A temporary bridge was built at the mouth of Deer Creek near McCool where the big steel bridge was washed out. Two steel girders, one 80 feet long and one 44 feet long disappeared in the flood and have not yet been found. The bridge caved in when a 44-foot pier washed out of line and the fill washed out leaving a hole 40 feet long and 20 feet deep.

Three miles east of town a hole 175 feet across and 30 feet deep washed out and took the track with it, while 3 1/2 miles east a fill 30 feet across and 10 feet deep was washed out. A washout 10 feet deep 2 1/2 miles east took 150 feet of track at the east end of the bridge, and at the west end, the track washed off the fill for 1600 feet with deep holes dug in the fill. A 100-foot bridge was built there. Washouts west of the bridge at the mouth of Deer Creek delayed work trains from getting pile drivers to this bridge.

Two miles west of town the track was washed out for 450 feet and three miles west a hole 20 feet wide and 10 feet deep was washed out at the west end of the bridge and at the east end the washout was 40 feet wide and 20 feet deep. Near the end was another washout 20 feet wide and 10 feet deep.

Other smaller washouts took the track up and down the line.

The men have been using four work trains, twelve bulldozers and two pile drivers and have completed their work in record time.

The above information was given to the Review by Mr. Owen.

## Traffic On Highway 66 Resumed Monday

Traffic on State Highway 66 was resumed early Monday, the first Greyhound bus going through at 7 a.m. All westbound traffic had been routed south from the Hinton Junction to highway 41 and eastbound from Clinton to Hobart on 41, since the flood that washed out a fill and 30 feet of paving a short distance east of the wye, and half a slab and the fill east of the Rock Island underpass between here and Weatherford.

State highway crews worked feverishly for nearly a week filling the enormous gaps, which will be covered with concrete later in the summer. The roadbed was still soft when the first cars went over.

Drivers were permitted to go back and forth between Weatherford and Hydro only upon urgent need.

## Park Fund Slow But It's Sure

The park improvement fund has now grown to \$178.96, which is still \$121.04 short of the goal. Latest donors are Frank Duncan, county commissioner, \$5; Alvin Davis, \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kimble, \$1.00; and Frances Felton, Oklahoma City, \$2.00.

## Reward Offered For Recovery Of Body Of Truck Driver

Search for the body of D. C. Bates, Yellow Transit truck driver, missing since the Deer Creek flood, was continuing Thursday morning as relatives and friends, doggedly determined not to give up till he is found, spurred on the searchers by offering a \$100 reward. All the other bodies have been found and the damaged cars accounted for.

Volunteer searching parties have been combing the creek and surrounding territory almost constantly since the flood subsided, but no trace of the missing man has been found. A water-soaked match folder, with the name of the Yellow Transit Company on it, was found Tuesday near the spot where the body of Gary Friesen, one-year-old victim, was discovered Saturday, and relatives hope it may be a clue.

Bates' 17-year-old son, Kenneth, Oklahoma City, and his brothers, C. T. Bates, Oklahoma City, and Kay Bates, Arkansas City, Kansas are still searching, assisted by anyone who will volunteer. The relatives will not give up the search till every possible chance for the recovery of the body has been tried, they said.

The seven members of the Friesen family were buried at Corn Sunday.

Ellis Kirks, owner of the green Fraser car pulled from the creek Wednesday, was found buried in the mud not far from the car a short time afterward and his body was sent to an El Reno funeral home and from there to Henryetta for burial.

Mrs. Ethel Scarlett was sent to her home at Amarillo, Texas, for burial. She had been for some time at Weatherford with her husband, who was foreman in charge of the construction of a new grain elevator there. She was timekeeper for the company and was a passenger in the car of her employer, Don L. Walters, returning to Weatherford.

When their car was submerged both climbed to the top of a bridge railing, but were swept off. Walters grabbed a telephone pole and clung there all night. He did not see her after she was swept from the rail.

James Dunn, the negro found buried in the mud near the Greyhound bus in which he was a passenger, was said to have been sent to Amarillo.

Woodrow Kimble, Pete and Melvin Horton and A. C. Sanders said they and others plead with all the drivers to leave their cars before they were submerged and said they had plenty of time to get out.

## Mrs. J. P. White Dies At Weatherford

Mrs. J. P. White, a former Hydro resident, died Monday night at her home at Weatherford, after having been ill for ten years or longer, after suffering a paralytic stroke.

Funeral services were held at the Weatherford Methodist Church, Rev. George Baker, the pastor, officiating. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery, Weatherford.

Bearers were R. B. Hoston, E. L. Nickel, Clyde Williams, Ray Bloom, Charlie Bloom and Homer Moore.

Among the relatives coming from a distance were Mrs. White's step-daughter, Mrs. J. Rollo Breed, Kansas City, and a grandson, Scott Mabry, of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mrs. Jennie Piper, Weatherford, had been her nurse and housekeeper throughout her illness.

Mrs. White went to Weatherford with her first husband, J. B. Seiter, in 1899, and after his death lived in Oklahoma City.

## Reconstruction Of Streets Begun Here

### HARDSURFACING WORK TO BEGIN ON HIGHWAY 41

The earth will begin moving July 12 on State Highway 41, Caddo county's \$215,000 road improvement.

State Highway Director H. E. Bailey has signed a work order for the McConnell Construction company of Muskogee, to start operations on that date.

A little more than eight miles of asphalt paving on an asphalt stabilized base and a bridge is involved in the contract, awarded by the state highway commission June 8.

The job begins at the Washita county line and proceeds east through Eakly toward Binger closing a gap that gives the road complete paving from Binger to beyond Sayre, Beckham county, where it connects with east and west US 66 and north and south US 283.

### Red Cross Units Neighbor Towns Give Aid In Flood Area

Red Cross workers, business men, CEC employees, doctors, nurses and citizens of neighboring towns rushed to the assistance of the flood victims on highway 66 when they learned of the disaster that had taken eleven lives, injured scores of people and cut Hydro off from the area so that no help could be given by the town.

News of the catastrophe was taken to Binger by tourists who turned back and were routed south to highway 41. As soon as the Caddo Electric Co-op headquarters at Binger received the word, the women employees went into action in their electric kitchen and prepared sandwiches, coffee and doughnuts donated by Binger business men. All working crews available, including two radio units, were sent to Hydro and flashed the news to the daily papers and called for help in surrounding areas.

Doctors, nurses, ambulances, blankets, medicine and food were rushed into the area by Binger, Hinton and El Reno and the bodies of the dead were taken to Hinton, and the injured were given first aid and taken to El Reno, Hinton and Weatherford hospitals.

Del Carey, of Binger, son-in-law of Mrs. Sallie Lassiter, Hydro, discovered the bodies of the Friesen family in the car.

Red Cross units from El Reno, Anadarko and Hydro set up their canteens and served sandwiches, doughnuts and coffee every day to refugees and parties searching in the creek and lowlands for the bodies of those lost in the flood.

Mrs. Roy Felton, chairman of the local Red Cross unit, said the Caddo and Canadian county units rendered inestimable service throughout the period when they were needed most after the flood.

### Three Cars Damaged In Highway Accident

Clarence William Foster, Oklahoma City, was charged with reckless driving by Highway Patrolman Charles Dawson, before Charles H. Hatfield, justice of the peace, after a three-car accident two miles east of here on highway 66 Wednesday morning.

Foster, driving a '47 Mack truck, struck a state highway department dump truck driven by Vern Bowen, Gracemont, and a '41 Oldsmobile sedan driven by Edwin Schoop, of Maywood, Ill., when he attempted to go around the Schoop car.

Hydro is digging out of washed-in mud and sand in some places and filling up gaping holes, ditches and caverns in others, trying to repair the inestimable damage done by the 19-inch rain that fell a week ago Tuesday night.

The city council members, upon whose shoulders rests the responsibility, for making repairs, are considering ways and means of raising enough money to put the streets back. At a meeting of property-owners held Friday night it was decided to hold a bond election and in the meantime make temporary repairs. A committee composed of C. E. Frost, George Pope and Cody Thomas was appointed to assist the council. V. G. Burgman, asked about the road problem in Blaine county, said the Blaine county farmers will take the responsibility for the roads in southwest Long township.

Upon investigation, the council found that bonds cannot be voted to build or repair city streets, even in an emergency and other plans will now have to be formulated.

County commissioner Frank Duncan and Tommy Moran, county engineer, met with the council Monday night and offered their services. Mr. Moran made a survey and submitted a tentative estimate of the cost of filling the washed streets.

Mr. Duncan placed a bulldozer and carryall, with a man to operate them, at the disposal of the council Tuesday morning. The half-mile of road from the school building east to the W. J. Slemper farm was the first project started and the road was opened Wednesday.

Joe Turner, Binger is operating the machinery and the city will pay the labor and fuel bill. Use of the machinery will cost nothing, Mr. Duncan said. Two county maintainers will be brought in as soon as the roads in the rural districts have been repaired, Duncan told the council.

A plan advanced by George Pope to lower all the streets and use the extra soil to help fill the cavities, will probably be used and will keep down the expense.

W. J. Boucher, former Hydro business man, now of Guthrie, gave the council permission Wednesday to take soil from the street along his lots on South Broadway and level the sides of the street to the sidewalk. The T. J. Hughes Lumber also gave permission to take dirt from the embankment west of the yards, John Stange, city mayor, said.

The General Construction Company is grading and preparing the west end of Main street and the block west of the T. J. Hughes lumber yards for blacktopping. The entire blacktopping program as originally planned will be carried out, Mr. Stange said.

### Friesen Child Found Bates Still Missing

The body of Gary Friesen, one-year-old son of Harvey Friesen, Weatherford, was found by volunteer searchers late Saturday evening where it had been left by receding waters among some oats bundles south of the feed lot on the Woodrow Kimble farm. The body had floated in a south-easterly direction across a field and the orchard and was located about a quarter of a mile from where the baby had floated through a window of the car in which his mother, sister and brother and three other relatives were drowned.

The body was taken to the Lockstone Funeral Home, where it was prepared for burial with those of the family for whom