

# Flooding Pinpoints Hot Issue

By Len Green

The floods which staggered McCurtain County the past few days pinpoint the issue which will probably decide how goes McCurtain County in Tuesday's US Senate race.

The building of Lukfata Dam on Glover has long been a "hot potato" politically.

And, while both candidates in the race support flood control for the Glover, their positions are far enough apart to have sparked considerable fireworks.

Dewey Bartlett, the Republican candidate, has announced that while he considers flood control the prime issue, he favors several smaller upstream and tributary dams, instead of the Lukfata site, to preserve the stream in its natural state as much as possible.

On the other hand, Ed Edmondson, the Democrat standard bearer, has long been a proponent of Lukfata Dam, working with House Speaker Carl Albert, the late Sen. Robert S. Kerr and former Senator Mike Monroney on the original upstream dam progress which authorized Lukfata Dam in the first place.

Both candidates have expressed concern with the present flood and both have promised action.

Tuesday evening, Dewey Bartlett held a lengthy telephone conversation with the Gazette's managing editor to express his regrets about the situation and offer his assistance.

Wednesday morning, Ed Edmondson's office called the Gazette talking to both publisher Jim Monroe and your writer to keep abreast of flood damage and pledge continued efforts for construction of Lukfata Dam.

when it should have been McCurtain County would have no flood problems today.

"This kind of footdragging is uncalled for and I certainly intend to bend every effort to get much faster action on my proposal, which should satisfy both factions in the arguments over Glover," he said.

Edmondson's office Wednesday morning reaffirmed the candidates stand on the building of Lukfata Dam on Glover at the earliest possible moment.

"You may be sure that if I am elected to the Senate I will continue to work for early funding for construction of the dam, and will oppose any further delays," Edmondson said previously in a letter to the Gazette.

"We need as much information on this new flood as possible," his office said Wednesday. "This information will be utilized to see if frozen funds may be blasted loose in Washington to get the dam program off the launching pad."

It should also be remembered that through the years Ed Edmondson has consistently voted for bills authorizing the upstream dam program, which included Broken Bow and Pine Creek dams as well as Lukfata.

It has been a point of frustration with the residents of the river valleys in McCurtain County that a few sportsmen's organizations, who either do not know or choose to ignore the true facts, could block the

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# Election Workers Told, Two Precincts Changed

Precinct officials for next Tuesday's General Election in McCurtain County were announced today by Jess Price, secretary of the county Election Board.

Price also announced that new locations had been found for two of the county's 37 precincts and reminded voters in these precincts of their new polling places.

Broken Bow, Ward 3, which had been voting at the First Presbyterian church, will vote November 7 at the County Commissioner's office and garage on South Park (US 70

South) in Broken Bow.

Voters in the Cisco precinct will vote at the Cisco store (Jim's Grocery) instead of in the old church building as usual.

Precinct inspectors are informed that they may pick up their ballot boxes and election supplies on Monday, November 6, and that the county election offices in the county courthouse in Idabel will remain open until 5 p.m. for that purpose.

In addition to the three regular precinct workers, each precinct is authorized four counters for the General

Election, Price continued.

Officials for the November 7 election in the 37 McCurtain County precincts will be:

Idabel, Ward 1 - R. L. Parsons, inspector; Lucy L. Williamston, judge, and Ozella Prince, clerk.

Idabel, Ward 2 - Florence Shaffer, inspector; Maggie Williams, judge, and Florice Wilson, clerk.

Idabel, Ward 3, Precinct 1 - Otis Hall, inspector; Fannie Mae Clampet, judge, and Alice Conine, clerk.

Idabel, Ward 3, Precinct 2 - Leonard Blandon, inspector;

Clara Baker, judge, and Jimmie Williams, clerk.

Idabel, Ward 3, Precinct 2 - Leonard Blandon, inspector; Clara Baker, judge, and Jimmie Williams, clerk.

Idabel, Ward 4, Precinct 1 - T. E. Davis, inspector; Christine Griffin, judge, and Verlie Hall, clerk.

Idabel, Ward 4, Precinct 2 - Estelle Stout, inspector; Clois Cofer, judge, and Bernice McBrayer, clerk.

East Idabel - Mrs. Herbert Crow, inspector; Mrs. Edgar McBrayer, judge, and Cora Belle Williamson, clerk.

West Idabel - Rupert Edge, inspector; Pearl Cooke, judge, and Bernice Williams, clerk.

Pollard - Olin Pollard, inspector; Louise Brewer, judge, and Irene Wheeler, clerk.

Harris - Wanda Tucker, inspector; Nona Storey, clerk, and Chrystell Kirby, clerk.

Tom - M. F. Gill, inspector; Marshall Martin, judge, and P. K. Wade, clerk.

Haworth - Loraine Storey,

inspector; Augusta Harwell, judge, and Helen Tushka, clerk.

Eagletown - Earl Jones, inspector; L. H. Johnson, judge, and Benny Lou Hopson, clerk.

Bethel - Lite Nesmith, inspector; Tulsa Tate, judge, and Homer Scott, clerk.

Smithville - Dorothy J. Umsted, inspector; Verdene Lawless, judge, and Kathryn Duke, clerk.

Watson - Lora E. Cathey, inspector; O. E. Nelson, judge, and Abner Going, clerk.

Battiest - Mildred Griffin, inspector; Lyndon Plemons, judge, and Zelfhia Myers, clerk.

West Battiest - Mary Clay, inspector; Dorothy Moss, judge, and Emma Bruce, clerk.

Golden - Genevieve Thomas, inspector; Pearl Edwards, judge, and Lora Compton, clerk.

Oak Hill - J. W. Slater, inspector; Florence Chapman, judge, and Annie Lee Harkey, clerk.

## Both Lakes Hold Excess Flood Water

Little River appeared to be near its crest today in eastern McCurtain County, as Glover valley ranchers began rounding up their livestock and assessing damage.

A measurement at Little River at 8 a.m. this morning showed a level of 32.13 feet, slightly above measurements taken late Wednesday.

After cresting Tuesday morning at about 28.04 feet, Glover has been dropping rapidly and this morning the flood level measured 10.29 feet. Mountain Fork, near its mouth, showed a rise of only 3.63 feet this morning.

Continuing rains, which ended during the night, dropped more water on the Glover and Mountain Fork watersheds, but the rivers are expected to absorb this flow without rising above present levels.

Both of McCurtain County's lakes are presently above normal levels, but all excess water is being held until the rivers run down and it can be released without damage.

According to lake manager Dean Cummings, Pine Creek reservoir at 8 a.m. today measured 455.92 feet, almost 18 feet above the normal level of the reservoir.

The lake level at Broken Bow Reservoir at 8 a.m. today was 600.45 feet, which is just over one foot above the lake's normal level of 599.5 feet, says Bob Finch, Broken Bow lake manager.

Considerable water fell above the two lakes in the 24-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. this morning, Finch reports.

Flashman Tower, near the source of Glover, reported a 24-hour rainfall of 1.19 inches.



Gazette talking to both publisher Jim Monroe and your writer to keep abreast of flood damage and pledge continued efforts for construction of Lukfata Dam.

"I realize that the residents of Glover and Little River valleys need flood control now," Bartlett said. "Something should have been done about this situation years ago.

"If my fellow Oklahomans see fit to send me to Washington next Tuesday, I promise you that I will begin action immediately to get flood relief at the earliest possible time," he said.

Bartlett pointed out that, after all, the Lukfata Dam was authorized 14 years ago, and had construction been started

## Albert Says Let's Build Lukfata

"We are tired of fooling around. We want Lukfata Dam built and we want it done now," House Speaker Carl Albert told cheering audiences in Idabel and Broken Bow this morning.

Albert criticized the Republican administration for holding up funds and for slowness in getting the dam building project implemented, in an 11 a.m. speech in Broken Bow.

He told the partisan audience of more than 1,000 persons that Ed Edmondson stands with him in this fight to get a dam built on Glover, asking McCurtain County voters to support Edmondson.

Albert said that, as a representative, Ed Edmondson has done as much as any man for the development of water resources in this state and in this nation.

Edmondson asked support of the voters and pledged an all out effort to pry loose construction funds for Lukfata Dam on Glover by the coming fiscal year.

The Democratic party caravan included Lt. Gov. George Nigh, Attorney General Larry Derryberry, State Treasurer Leo Winters and numerous other state political leaders.

After an 11:45 a.m. speech in Idabel, the caravan moved on to Valliant for a 1 p.m. hand-shaking tour before moving on into Choctaw County enroute to a dinner rally in Ardmore.

## Formation Of Group Planned

**BROKEN BOW** - The Broken Bow Lake association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 8, in the conference room of the Broken Bow Public Service Company of Oklahoma offices.

Funds are now available for promotion of the lake, but requests for such funds must come from a multi-county organization, says Jim McClendon, secretary of the BBLA.

The formation of such a multi-county organization will be the principle business discussed at the November meeting of the Broken Bow lake group, he said.

All members and persons interested in the development of Broken Bow Lake are encouraged to be present for this highly important meeting, McClendon said.

## Boy Scout Sales Set In Idabel

November could be dubbed as "See and Munch" month as the result of sales currently being conducted by members of Idabel Boy Scout Troop 300.

The "see" comes from the fact that the Scouts are selling packets of Sylvania light bulbs.

And, the "munch" is derived from the fact that, in addition to their light bulb sale, members of the troop are selling Reese's Peanut Butter Cup candy bars.

All proceeds from the sale will be utilized to purchase needed camping and training equipment for the Boy Scout Troop.

### Weather

Fair to partly cloudy through Friday. High today lower 60s. Low tonight near 40. High Friday mid 60s.

Oklahoma - Extended weather outlook, Saturday through Monday: Fair and mild. High upper 60s. Low lower 30s Panhandle to lower 40s southeast.



**WARILY MOVING** through dense brush are the two brothers, The Sun and The Moon, searching for food and shelter in one of the American Indian stories being retold by the Tulsa Children's Theatre in their production of "In the Beginning," which will be seen in

Idabel at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, November 4, in the gymnasium of Gray highschool in Idabel. All children in the county are invited to attend the free show sponsored by the Idabel Public Library and the Oklahoma Arts & Humanities Council.

# Children To See Free Show

A free play for the children of McCurtain County will be presented in two performances Saturday, November 4, by the Tulsa Children's Theatre.

A morning performance will be presented at 10:30 a.m. and an afternoon performance at 2 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Gray highschool in Idabel. All children in McCurtain County are invited.

The Tulsa Childrens Theatre production is being presented in Idabel under the sponsorship of the Choctaw Nations Multi-County Library, the Oklahoma Arts & Humanities Council and the Idabel Public Library.

To be presented is "In the Beginning," by Betty Bronson for the book, "New Plays for Children" presenting a new and rather unique form of audience involvement in play presentation.

The play, "In the Beginning,"

deals with early man's attempts to explain the beginning of the world which resulted in myths and legends about the creation.

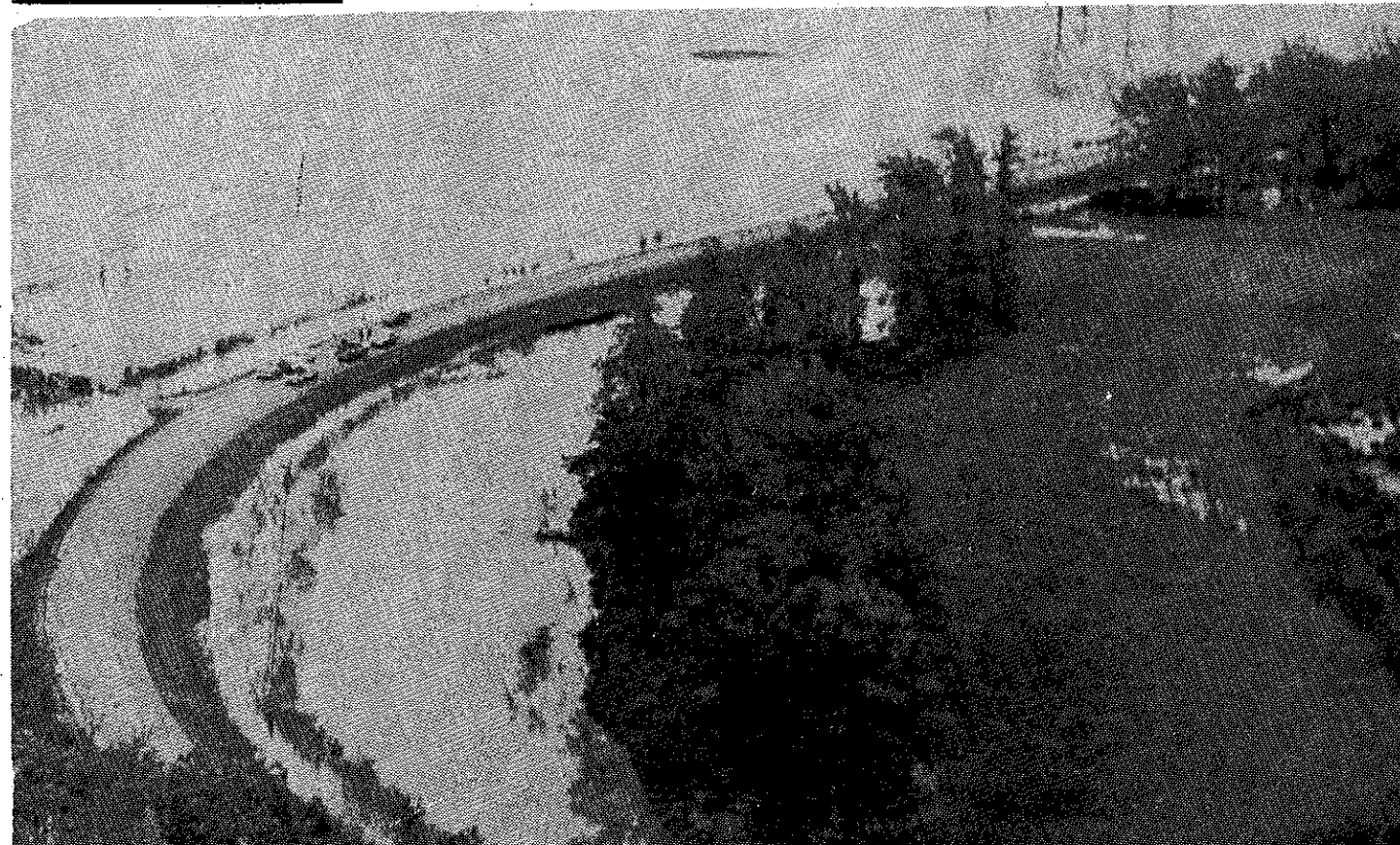
The show is entirely new in production techniques, and may prove to be more exciting and interesting for the children than being restricted to the academically-associated confines of chairs.

The children, when they enter the gymnasium for the show, will be allowed to sit where they wish.

The Tulsa Children's Theatre cast will then enter and introduce many of the early myths and legends by using the children as characters in the stories as they develop.

In the climax of the show, the children of the audience will be gathered into "tribes" so as to fare forth and tell their own stories and legends to others.

Everybody reads the Want Ads, including you.



**MOHAWK CORNER** stands like an isolated island in a small sea created by Little River, populated by a group of onlookers and law enforcement people marking the fact that the roadway was

closed. The Golden-Garvin road, sometimes known as California Cutoff, west of Mohawk Corner will remain closed for a while after floodwaters recede, as the water knocked out a 30

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Haworth - Loraine Storey, inspector; Mildred Roberson, judge, and Parlie Sargent, clerk.

Odell - B. L. Oliver, inspector; Cleo Atteberry, judge, and A. W. Lambert, clerk.

Midway - Ida Pierce, inspector; Elsie Mae Jackson, judge, and Lessie Marie Brinkley, clerk.

Broken Bow, Ward 1 - Carman L. Puckett, inspector; Ruby Lee James, judge, and Sarah Exie McQueen, clerk.

Broken Bow Ward 2 - Bess Grigory, inspector; Eva Anderson, judge, and Lois McIntyre, clerk.

Broken Bow, Ward 3 - Opal Cook, inspector; Marie Blanche, judge, and Jackie Walden, clerk.

Broken Bow, Ward 4 - D. C. Williams, inspector; Addie Green, judge, and Mrs. Willard Pate, clerk.

North Broken Bow - Mrs. Ed Sullivan, inspector; Mrs. Pierce Wood, judge, and Violet Firestone, clerk.

Hi-Way - Allen Cole, in-

inspector; Pearl Edwards, judge, and Lora Compton, clerk.

Oak Hill - J. W. Slater, inspector; Florence Chapman, judge, and Annie Lee Harkey, clerk.

Holly Creek - E. M. Pryor, inspector; Mrs. J. W. Fisher, judge, and Joan Wheeler, clerk.

Cisco - Mary A. Newsom, inspector; Cassie Mae Sharp, judge, and Gearldine Clardy, clerk.

Garvin - Ruby Dempsey, inspector; Nettie Ward, judge, and Marie Jamerson, clerk.

Millerton - Margaret Timmons, inspector; Anna Nichols, judge, and Betty Bates, clerk.

East Valliant - Clara W. Ogan, inspector; Ida Bell Browning, judge, and Barbara McKinney, clerk.

West Valliant - Ezra Farris, inspector; Jim Beaver, judge, and Lela McGee, clerk.

Rufe - W. B. Craft, inspector; Fannie Lou Haley, judge, and H. L. Baldwin, clerk.

East Wright City - W. W. Veteto, inspector; Bernice Talley, judge, and Geneva Latham, clerk.

West Wright City - Velma Wallace, inspector; Austin Finley, judge, and Russell Slater, clerk.

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Flashman Tower, near the source of Glover, reported a 24-hour rainfall of 1.19 inches.

In the Mountain Fork watershed, Hee Mountain reported 1 inch, Carnasaw Mountain 1.20 inches, Carter Mountain .99 inch, Smithville 1 inch and the Broken Bow damsite 1.38 inches, Finch said.

Damage from this flood is expected to be far below the \$15.7 million in damage created by the December 1971 floods which raked the county.

"There's no way to issue an early warning when Glover comes out," said Randy Westbrook, Glover valley rancher. "It comes down so fast that by the time you know it is coming, it's too late."

However, damage was minimized in the Little River valley as most ranchers and farmers had sufficient warning in time to get most of the livestock to higher ground.

However, it will probably be from two to three weeks before any sensible assessment of damages to livestock, winter pastures, fences and farms can be reached.

foot section of the roadway near the west curve and undercut a large section of the paving on the eastern leg. (Carlin Photo)



LITTLE RIVER ON RAMPAGE spreads across the lowlands northwest of Idabel. Viewing the floodwaters with

apprehension are, left to right, Fred Willson, Earl Virgin and Jody Jones, who live in the area. This picture was

taken about five miles north and three west of Idabel, near the Phelps-Spitz catfish farm. (Gazette Photo)

# Enrollment Deadline

Wednesday, November 8, will be the final date upon which McCurtain Countians may enroll for the Beef Cattle Nutrition & Forage Handling System short course, says Guy Biard, county extension director.

Cost of the course per student will be \$10, with the fee including a steak supper on the final evening of the 12 hours course of instruction.

Biard indicated that cattlemen wishing to may bring their wives to the supper by simply paying for the wife's meal.

Any farmer or rancher who is planning to winter cattle will find this shortcourse well worth his time, effort and the small enrollment fee, Biard said.

The course will be taught in

consecutive days, Monday through Thursday, November 13-16.

Monday through Wednesday, classes will meet at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

On Thursday, November 16, an early session will begin at 4:30 p.m. with a break for the supper about 6:30 and another class session continuing until about 9:30.

Teaching the 12-hour course will be Dr. Donald R. Gill and Dr. Wendell Bowers of Oklahoma State University, and Ken Apple, livestock specialist with the OSU Extension Service.

The shortcourse will cover all aspects of feeding beef cattle including basic principles of nutrition, feed formulation, balancing rations for cows and

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**\$5,754**

Idabel has pledged or donated \$5,754 toward the \$20,000 United Fund goal for 1972, according to Drive Chairman H. Dayne Freeman following the first report coffee.

A crash effort is underway to complete all phases of the drive and reach the goal by Friday, November 17.

"It is very heartening that Idabel public school employees subscribed to an increase of more than 50 percent in gifts this year to the United Fund over last year," Freeman said.

Everyone in Idabel was urged

shared by 12 agencies and organizations.

A statistical breakdown of the United Fund dollar shows that from the dollar you give the following shares will be authorized:

- American Red Cross, 7 cents.
- Arthritis Foundation, 2 cents.
- Boy Scouts, 23 cents.
- Girl Scouts, 15 cents.
- Cancer Crusade, 5 cents.
- Salvation Army, 8 cents.
- USO, 1 cent.
- Idabel Youth, Inc., 9 cents.