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New Rains Endanger Durant Water Supply

Another round of rain — three inches of it this time — sent Blue river out of its banks again today, putting Durant's just-restored water service in danger.

It was part of a massive storm system that moved across southeastern Oklahoma and north Texas during the night that spawned major flooding in Sherman and brought a new high-water warning from the Corps of Engineers for Lake Texoma.

The Corps said runoff from the Washita and Red river basins would lift the lake level to 630 feet by Monday. That would be an 18-foot rise in the past four days.

Water is being held in the lake because of flooding already taking place downstream, well into Arkansas. Corps spokesmen said barring further major rains, there should be no problem except for covered roads and recreation areas. The spillway level is 645 feet.

Area engineer Otis Higginbotham said the rise likely would result in damage or loss of boats and boathouses unless cared for by their owners. Concessionaires all have been warned of the situation, he said.

The rains, the weather bureau said, could continue through tonight in this part of Oklahoma.

The new moisture washed out this afternoon's Durant High homecoming parade, and chased the queen crowning into the school gym. It will be at 6:30 p.m.

The Durant-Antlers football game at Laird field will go on as scheduled, at 8 p.m., with a homecoming dance following at the school, principal Bud Lowrance said.

City water department crews were keeping a minute-by-minute watch on Blue river, and lifted one electric pump motors from its housing as the river neared the floor of its small building.

A crane had been hooked to it hours earlier. Other pumps, flooded earlier this week, are on slightly higher ground.

As of noon, officials said the

Armstrong treatment plant was still in full operation, and could remain that way even if two or three of the six pump motors had to be lifted to high ground.

The highway patrol said the river had closed SH 48 in a low spot about a half-mile north of the Blue river bridge four miles north of Durant, and that the level was within two feet of the bottom of the US 69-75 bridge at Armstrong. That would be almost five feet below Wednesday's crest.

The rain was a contributing factor of a traffic accident on SH 70E in Utica at 5:50 a.m. today. Trooper Terry Almon

said one vehicle driven by Robert Harrell, 25, Utica, was passing as a car driven by Ricky Pruitt, also 25, Utica, made a left turn. Pruitt was taken to Texoma Medical center in fair condition with arm, leg and internal injuries.

National Guardsmen, Civil Defense personnel and others worked through the night at Coalgate when a reservoir above the city was threatened by rising water.

At 11 a.m. the water was still 2½ feet from the top of the dam. "If it goes over, we expect it will come down," said Coalgate editor George Hill.

The level had been raising about an inch an hour earlier. The rain there had stopped.

He said guardsmen and others turned out at 1 a.m. for a sandbagging operation to force water to the spillway, which he described as "pretty well gouged out."

He said there "are no leaks whatsoever. It was built to withstand such a situation." The dam, across Coon creek, was a Soil Conservation service project.

He said police, the Guard and CD officials had an evacuation plan ready if needed. Flooding would reach (See WEATHER, Page 12)

Sudan Warns Libya Of Interior Attack

CAIRO, Egypt (UPI) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiry threatened today to unleash a guerrilla campaign inside Libya that could reach Col. Moammar Khadafy's home and U.S. AWACS surveillance planes patrolled Egyptian skies to detect Libyan military buildups.

Libya called the arrival in Egypt of the sophisticated spy planes Thursday "a challenge and a provocation" and demanded the United States return them to their U.S. base.

Numeiry, a close ally of Egypt in the growing confrontation with Khadafy, told the Cairo daily Al Ahran that he was "seriously thinking of active defense that would carry operations to the interior of Libya."

"God willing," the leader of Egypt's southern neighbor said, "these actions will soon be felt in Tripoli and possibly inside Khadafy's own home."

Numeiry warned he could mobilize up to 10,000 guerrillas and said he already was training Chad exiles to launch

a guerrilla war against Libyan troops occupying their homeland.

Libya, on Egypt's western border, also touches the northwest of Sudan. But Libya also has troops in Chad along Sudan's western border.

Earlier Sudanese foreign minister Mohammed Mirghany Mubarak was quoted as saying his country's patience had run out in the face of repeated Libyan air raids along the border.

"Sudan will use all the available means and efforts for the protection of its soil and citizens," he said.

In Washington, state department spokesman Dean Fischer said the United States was concerned that "an escalation of tensions and rhetoric could feed on itself and lead to the precise thing we are trying to avoid, an outbreak of hostilities."

The State Department said dispatching the AWACS planes to Egypt was intended to defuse tensions. The planes' radar can "see"

movement 250 miles away under all weather conditions.

But Libya's equivalent of a foreign ministry bitterly accused Washington of "trying to complete the occupation of Egypt and impose control over it in order to turn it into a center influencing the region."

"America knows more than others," it added, "that there is no danger threatening Sudan and Egypt on the part of Libya and that there are no Libyan military concentrations along the borders of these two countries."

Libya condemned America's "muscle-flexing near the Arab shores in the Mediterranean, the concentration of its rapid deployment force, the massing of its forces in Egypt under the pretext of joint maneuvers and its dispatch of AWACS spy planes to Egypt."

Egyptian Defense Minister Abdel-Halim Abu-Ghazala said the two AWACS planes would observe "our northern, western and southern borders," indicating they will be used to monitor Soviet naval movements as well as Libyan aircraft.

A senior Western diplomat said dispatching the AWACS



throughout the day, and more equipment may have to be removed if flooding re-occurs in the pump station. Earlier in the morning, officials had been optimistic that water supplies could be back to normal by Saturday, but new thunderstorms changed that prediction.

Board Splits on EMS Service

month-old service," Hill said, "I am convinced that the Colbert branch of the Bryan County EMS should be allowed its own EMS district. I look to the change with great optimism for an even better service of the county. Colbert, like the rest of Bryan county has many fine people, and they deserve the best."

As of noon, officials said the

Gas Leaks Kill Japanese Miners

morning after flooding Blue river dropped enough for city water department crews to move back in the treated water pump house at Armstrong. Diesel engine at right

used to move the pump into town. It normally is on standby for use in the event power failure wipes out electric pump motors. (Democrat Photo)

me by the people of Egypt." Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said today Egypt had sent troops to the Sudan "under the collective Arab defense pact and the joint (Egypt-Sudan) defense treaty for as long as Sudan wants them." Asked what would happen if Libyan leader Moammar Khadafy attacked Sudan, Ali

Town of Bokchito
Financial Statement as of June 30, 1981
Year Ending June 30, 1982.

State Of Emergency Declared In Durant

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wouldn't do any good," he added.
"And we didn't want to take a chance of wrecking our system."

repair shop and another in Sherman to be baked dry. Reese said sand and silt may be clogging the well basin, and if so, they will have to let Blue river go down some before they can clean it.

"One of those big tree trunks could have floated to one of the pump houses and would have taken it downstream," Brewer said.

There is some minor damage to the concrete buildings, most of the destruction was done to the pumping equipment.

"We are, however, supplying water to fill the water trailers located at the police department and the hospital, and the fire department is helping the hospital and nursing homes with water to keep their sanitary systems operating," Mills noted.

Reese added that a clear water basin, a huge concrete tank where treated water is held until it's pumped to Durant, also was contaminated by the red, muddy river waters.

City or Departmentalized Town of Durant, Bryan County, Oklahoma Financial Statement as of June 30, 1981, and Estimates of Needs for all Funds for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1982.

Mills pointed out the district had not used any city-produced water since between Feb. 1 and Sept. 13, when the authority's reservoir in north Durant hit a low level. Other problems kept them from getting a pump station on Blue river in operation.

"We will have to pump that water out, then sanitize it with chlorine before it is refilled," Reese said. The raw water pump motors were removed this morning by crane, placed on water department trucks and sent to the repair shops.

BALANCE SHEETS GENERAL AND SPECIAL FUNDS	Revenue		
	General Fund	Sharing Cash Fund	Street and Alley Cash Fund
ASSETS:			
Cash Balance on Hand (6-30-81)	453,574.79	172,808.09	98,658.89
TOTAL ASSETS	453,574.79	172,808.09	98,658.89
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:			
1980-81 Warrants Outstanding	161,775.38	53,932.42	1,253.41
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	161,775.38	53,932.42	1,253.41
SURPLUS	291,799.41	118,875.67	97,405.48

"The district is operating now because we have the reservoir," Mills added, pointing out the district's pumps on Blue river are in the same shape as the city's: out of service.

If we find no other problems, temporary and partial water service may be restored to some homes in Durant. But that's on a very limited basis," Reese said.

1981-82 ESTIMATED INCOME from Sources other than Tax	
ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND	
REVENUE OTHER THAN TAX	
1. Occupation Tax	10,000.00
4. Municipal Court Fines	40,000.00
7. Rentals on City-Town Property	1,700.00
10. Alcoholic Beverage	60,000.00
11. Municipal Sales Tax	1,370,000.00
12. Franchise Income	201,000.00
13. Swimming Pool	20,000.00
26. Licenses	8,000.00
27. Outside Fire Runs	4,500.00
28. Parking Meters	1,200.00
29. Interest	50,000.00
30. Southeastern University Lights	800.00
31. Miscellaneous	8,000.00
TOTAL MISCL. REVENUE	1,775,200.00

"Without the reservoir, the district would be out of water, too, but the reservoir is filling the void. If anyone on a district line is out of water, they should call as soon as possible because everyone should have water," he said.

Though the water in the pump houses receded last night, a continual check of the Blue river surface shows that it had dropped only three inches between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. today. The river is still out of its banks.

1981-82 ESTIMATED NEEDS - GENERAL FUND	
A. MANAGERIAL (Inc. Gov. Bd)	
1. Personal Services	79,124.53
2. Maintenance and Operation	7,000.00
TOTAL	86,124.53
B. CITY CLERK	
1. Personal Services	69,993.18
2. Maintenance and Operation	15,365.00
TOTAL	85,358.18
C. CITY TREASURER	
1. Personal Services	20,742.66
2. Maintenance and Operation	2,988.60
TOTAL	23,731.26
D. CITY ATTORNEY	
1. Personal Services	10,456.24
2. Maintenance and Operation	1,350.00
TOTAL	11,806.24
E. MUNICIPAL COURT	
1. Personal Services	10,456.24
TOTAL	10,456.24
F. POLICE DEPARTMENT	
1. Personal Services	479,601.17
2. Maintenance and Operation	87,531.11
3. Capital Outlay	20,335.00
TOTAL	587,467.28
G. FIRE DEPARTMENT	
1. Personal Services	460,650.23
2. Maintenance and Operation	23,700.00
TOTAL	484,350.23
H. CODE ENFORCEMENT	
1. Personal Services	32,206.76
2. Maintenance and Operation	3,859.00
TOTAL	36,065.76
I. STREET DEPARTMENT	
1. Personal Services	212,859.88
2. Maintenance and Operation	189,618.92
3. Capital Outlay	6,200.00
TOTAL	408,678.80
J. BOARD OF HEALTH	
2. Maintenance and Operation	1,000.00
TOTAL	1,000.00
K. CIVIL DEFENSE	
2. Maintenance and Operation	1,500.00
TOTAL	1,500.00
L. PARK DEPARTMENT	
1. Personal Services	124,342.41

Carl Brewer, a pumper at the Armstrong plant, said electricity to the river pumps was cut at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, and that workers could "barely get to them by that time."

The rains northwest of here began showing up when Blue river began rising. It happened so quickly that many nearby residents hardly had time to remove anything but themselves.

2. Maintenance and Operation	27,268.00
3. Capital Outlay	2,500.00
TOTAL	154,110.41
M. PARKING METERS	
1. Personal Services	12,955.11
2. Maintenance and Operation	890.00
TOTAL	13,845.11
N. GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION	
2. Maintenance and Operation	260,044.00
TOTAL	260,044.00
O. LIBRARY BOARD BUDGET	
1. Personal Services	20,666.37
2. Maintenance and Operation	7,330.00
3. Capital Outlay	6,000.00
TOTAL	33,996.37
P. SWIMMING POOL	
1. Personal Services	25,730.93
2. Maintenance and Operation	9,245.00
TOTAL	34,975.93
Q. CITY POUND	
1. Personal Services	13,099.48
2. Maintenance and Operation	4,062.50
TOTAL	17,161.98
SA. RECREATION	
1. Personal Services	17,602.91
2. Maintenance and Operation	2,950.00
TOTAL	20,552.91
SB. CUSTODIAL SERVICES	
1. Personal Services	15,796.44
2. Maintenance and Operation	2,580.00
3. Capital Outlay	1,600.00
TOTAL	19,976.44

It was about that time that the Robinson family's mobile home on the north bank of the Blue went floating downriver, "exploding" when it hit the US 69-75 bridge, witnesses said. An hour later, their steel quonset-type auto body repair building collapsed under pressure of the rising water.

At one point, witnesses said, water was more than four feet over the bannisters of the smaller bridges north of the steel Blue river bridge. Department of Transportation crews were there this morning to repair damage to those bridges, and the paving on US 69-75.

Provision for Interest on Gen. Fun Warrants	
GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND	2,291,701.67
Less Surplus \$ 445,492.01	
Less Misc. Revenue \$1,775,200.00	
BAL. TO RAISE BY AD. VAL. TAX	NONE

Today, the Robinsons couldn't even get to what's left of their frame home. The driveway washed out, leaving a several-foot gap filled with rushing water between the highway and the home.

The road was closed all night, and traffic today was backed up because only one lane is open between the two bridges. Transportation crews directing traffic asked that no one use that area unless necessary.

SINKING FUND BALANCE SHEET	"NEW" Excluding Homesteads
1. Assets: Cash on hand	
June 30, 1981	813,419.56
4. TOTAL LIQUID ASSETS	813,419.56
DEDUCT MATURED INDEBTEDNESS	
12. Balance of Assets Subject to Accruals	813,419.56
15. i. Accrued on Unmatured Bonds	242,456.04
16. TOTAL ITEMS g. to i.	242,456.04
17. Excess of Assets Over Accrual Reserves	570,963.52

"It doesn't matter. We lost everything. See that table stuck in the girders of the Blue bridge? It's a 150-year-old table taken from an old hotel here," Robinson said.

Though the damage at the water treatment plant has caused inconvenience to the Durant area, Reese and Brewer say it's fortunate that the damage isn't much worse.

SINKING FUND NEEDS FOR 1981-82	
1. Interest Earnings on Bonds (K-29)	312,012.49
2. Accrual on Unmatured Bonds (K-12)	282,205.53
TOTAL SINKING FUND REQUIREMENT	594,218.02
DEDUCT	
1. Excess of Assets Over Liabilities (Gb-17)	570,963.52
BALANCE REQUIRED FROM AD VALOREM TAX TAX	23,254.50

"And we don't have any insurance. We found a two-line clause that covers us from anything, except the rising water of Blue river. That was a \$100,000 insurance contract. We're ruined," he added.

The clock in the treated water pump house stopped at 8:35 p.m. There, some 2 1/2 feet of water poured in. A mark remains on the wall where the water had been.

CERTIFICATE - GOVERNING BOARD

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF BRYAN, ss:
We the undersigned duly elected, qualified and acting officers of the Municipality of City of Durant do hereby certify that a session of the Governing Body of said Municipality, begun on the first Monday in July, 1981, pursuant to the provisions of 68 O.S. 1971, Section 2483, we prepared the within statement, and that it is a true and correct condition of the Fiscal Affairs of the said Municipality as reflected by the records of the Town Clerk and Treasurer. We further certify that the foregoing estimate for current expenses for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1981 and ending June 30, 1981 are reasonably necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of the said Municipality, that the Estimated Income from sources other than ad valorem taxes may reasonably be expected to be collected as a revenue during the ensuing fiscal year, and it is not in excess of 95 percent of the amount collected from the same sources during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981.
Dated at Durant, Oklahoma, this 6th day of Oct. 1981.
Frances Malzahn, Clerk.
Betty L. Tidwell, Treasurer.

Workers were able to get into the pump house about 7 a.m. today to begin washing out a layer of mud left behind.

Should temporary service be resumed to Durant, it will be with the use of the diesel pump. The electric motors will have to be taken apart, cleaned and baked dry before they will operate.

Others were disconnecting the huge, heavy electric motors on the three treated water pumps. A diesel-operated treated water pump also was being repaired and oil and filters changed.

If's the same with the raw water pumps, which lift water from Blue to be treated.

There are six of the electric-powered raw water pumps. Reese and his workers removed the motors this morning. They were taken to a local electric motor

repair shop and another in Sherman to be baked dry.

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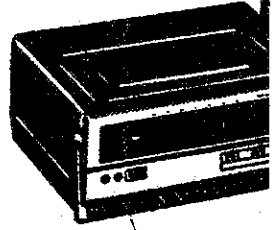


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Citizen Pleads Guilty Here To Assault Count

Luther Mash, 421 S 10, plead guilty Thursday afternoon to a felony assault charge. Sentencing was deferred for two years.

Mash was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon on Aug. 5. He was accused of threatening Edna Farrell, 420 S 10, with a Buck knife.

Another citizen's sentencing was deferred for a year after he plead guilty to placing an explosive device on an auto parked in Durant.

Philip Moss was charged with putting an explosive on a car owned by Sohair Mohamed Makke while it was parked at the Sonic Drive-in.

Jack Bates, 307 S 21, was bound over for trial Thursday afternoon at the end of a preliminary hearing on a bogus check charge.

Bates is accused on March 5, 1980, of passing a \$1,082 bogus check to the Discount Steel service, Calera.

Another bogus check charge was dismissed Thursday on defendant E. J. Whitworth, Glen Rose, Tex. Restitution has been made.

Whitworth was charged on May 22 with giving a \$306 bogus check to the Willow Springs resort for use of a houseboat.

Mrs. Mason's Daughter Listed

The daughter of Mrs. Margaret Mason, 72, of Durant, who died Thursday in the local hospital, was inadvertently omitted from announcement of services.

Sally Tucker, Mrs. Mason's daughter, is a resident of Durant. Other survivors are a brother, Tom Elting, Dallas; and a sister, Ruby Pullen, Durant.

Service for Mrs. Mason was at 11 a.m. today in the Dalton-Holmes Funeral chapel.

School Firing Brings Charges Against Trent

ATOKA, OKLA. (UPI) — A county grand jury has accused longtime state Rep. Bob Trent, D-Caney, of using his influence and political prestige to try to force the firings of former Caney school Superintendent D. C. Taylor and members of the Atoka County Department of Human Services.

Trent, who has served for 20 years as state senator and representative, is accused of "inappropriately" trying to cause the firings, but the grand jury report does not allege he committed any illegal activity.

The panel's report does not call for Trent's ouster. Taylor, who lost his job in February, is related by marriage to Atoka insurance salesman Don Alford, who challenged Trent during his most recent re-election bid.

The firing of Taylor led to great dissension and tension in Caney, and forced the closing of school for a four-day "cooling off" period. Three principals, three teachers and a couple of coaches quit over the controversy.

The grand jury blamed Trent for causing much of that dissension by saying he would not support any school board member who supported Taylor.

Miners

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In Yubari, grim-faced relatives, friends and off-duty miners waited in clusters near mine offices for word on those trapped underground.

Rescue officials said the gas level had diminished in part of the mine and a group of 30 miners who were in touch with rescue headquarters by phone would shortly make an attempt to get out of the shaft.

The miners were trapped in a horizontal tunnel that leads off a vertical shaft connecting it to the surface. The flood of gas that filled the tunnel was between the miners and the rescue team trying to reach them.

The cause of the gas leakage is not known but in 1975 the same mine had a similar gas leak that killed five miners. Last year the mine was shut down for two months because of safety problems even though it is one of the most modern and best equipped collieries in Japan.

The Yubari mine underwent large scale modernization following the 1973 oil price increases when Japan decided to make more use of its coal deposits.

Weather Adds To Water Problems

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the north and east parts of Coalgate.

There had been numerous reports the dam had gone, which proved untrue.

Just as the worst of Tuesday's storm missed Bryan county to the west, the worst of today's was to the south.

Flooding in Sherman was described as "hell" at dawn today, but flooded areas were returning to normal by late this morning as water ran off downstream.

National Guard troops were ordered to help evacuate residents of Sherman before dawn, where flood waters reached the second story of some buildings.

"We're having hell," said a Sherman police dispatcher. "We've evacuated about 150 people so far. They're being taken to the Municipal Building. West Sherman is under water."

The evacuation included two nursing homes whose patients had been rescued from high water earlier in the week.

"It's a mess," said patrolman David Wood. "We've got every boat we can get our hands on out helping with this. There's two major creeks that go through town and they're both out of their banks."

Two nursing homes were evacuated as water in Sand and Post Oak Creeks spilled over the banks.

The high water closed US 69-75 at the south edge of Denison and south of Sherman for several hours, but the highway was reopened later.

Texas Instruments, nearly isolated by flooded roads, held "hoot owl" shift workers over.

The new flooding was caused by another bout of thunderstorms that rumbled through north-central Texas early today. Rains also struck the sprawling Dallas-Fort Worth area. The National Weather Service reported from 3 to 5 inches of rain fell over north and north-west Texas.

Floodwaters from earlier storms had begun to recede Thursday, but driving rains pounded the South Plains late in the day and authorities said three people were killed in highway accidents. It was not determined whether the deaths were weather related.

Today's flooding came just hours before six congressmen, including House Majority Leader Jim Wright, D-Texas, were to begin a tour of areas of north and central Texas ravaged by the earlier flooding.

The new storms developed over extreme southeast New Mexico in the afternoon and moved eastward into Texas.

One-inch hail pounded Roswell and Carlsbad, N.M., during the storms.

Heavy rains pushed water up to the headlights of vehicles and flooded city streets shortly before midnight, Lubbock police said.

"Visibility is at zero," Helen Powell, a Lubbock County sheriff's department dispatcher said during the height of the storm. "We've got trucks sliding off

highways and rain and lightning."

Portions of Shreveport, La., were also deluged with up to 4 inches of rain and local flooding was reported in some streets and underpasses.

Northwest Arkansas, eastern and south central Oklahoma, adjoining sections of north central Texas, the eastern part of the Texas panhandle and the southern

plains of west Texas were all doused with renewed heavy rainfalls.

Flash flood warnings were issued for a number of counties in Oklahoma late Thursday evening and a flash flood watch continued in effect for eastern and south central Oklahoma.

A flash flood watch was also in effect for the eastern Texas Panhandle, most of the Texas south plains and for sections of north central Texas. In addition, a flash flood watch was posted for the northern third of Arkansas.

Cresting floodwaters in Texas "equalled or exceeded" 100-year flood levels in numerous north Texas creeks and rivers and, in some cases, were too rain-swollen to measure, the U.S. Geological Survey reported.

Budget

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of proposed cuts last month, Reagan also suggested a \$5.6 billion in budget and tax raising measures not controlled by the committee.

Appropriations Committee members already have decided to try to cut only \$5 billion from programs under their jurisdiction.

Budget director David Stockman urged the Senate Budget Committee Thursday not to discourage a "mid-course correction" to keep the economic program on track. He came under a barrage of hostile questions from Democrats.

Stockman and other administration officials were expected to meet with Senate Republican leaders today to discuss budget strategies and revisions.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the GOP-controlled Budget Committee and a strong supporter of the president's program, told reporters Thursday he still hopes a new package of "major" 1982 budget and tax measures can be enacted.

But he joined other Republican leaders in recognizing it may be much smaller than Reagan's proposals.

"I am hopeful we will put together a package that includes major 1982 cuts and revenue enhancements," Domenici said. "If it can be done with \$8 billion, that's fine. If it can be done with \$16 billion, that's better."

He tried to minimize the importance of the exact size of the package and said Congress should concentrate most on spending restraints for 1983 and 1984.

Senate Democrats seized two opportunities Thursday to attack the administration for conducting a "piecemeal operation" by proposing more and more cuts rather than one comprehensive package.

They delivered the criticisms to Stockman when he testified before the Senate Budget Committee and again on the Senate floor with an unsuccessful amendment.

The Democrats failed, on a 50-47 party-line vote, to force the administration to identify by Nov. 15 all the budget cuts it will make during the next three years.

Corps Is Seeking Rain Information

The Corps of Engineers is seeking rainfall information from citizens and counties to get a better picture of where and when much of the current runoff is coming from.

Ray Maggard of the Corps said this morning they are collecting unofficial rainfall reports for storm study purposes and are mostly interested in the heavy rains of Monday and Tuesday.

"We would like to have daily amounts of rainfall and the location of the gauge — what township, range or quarter-section — if possible so we can pinpoint it on the map."

And anyone with information dating back to the 10th should also contact the Corps and Maggard said they would like to have rain information until the current weather conditions end.

To report rainfall information, call the Corps office at Denison Dam at 1-214-465-4990.

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