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Chance of rain

Hi: Lower 60s

Lo: Lower 50s

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Flood Damage Reports Pour In

Weekend storms caused about \$1 million flood damage in rural Payne County, with 45 to 50 bridges collapsed and over 100 miles of county roads washed out, County Commission Chairman Bernice Mitchell said Monday.

"It's bad. Lots of roads are still under water south, east and west of Stillwater. We've had some pond dams break," Commissioner Carl Moreland said.

"We called the governor this morning. He's supposed to declare Payne County a disaster area," Moreland said.

Gov. David Walters said he was prepared to ask for federal aid after heavy weekend rain forced hundreds from their homes Sunday.

Walters said Monday he expected a quick response to his call for federal aid in the wake of the



Corps Keeping Water Release Under Control

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plans to continue releasing 110,000 cubic feet per second from the Keystone Reservoir unless heavy rain changes the plan, said spokesman Ross Adkins.

The corps will have to increase the release flow if runoff threatens to top the dam, because that would cause additional problems by carving its own channel, he said.

"It looks like we will be able to contain it and that's what we're fighting to do," said Adkins.

Bixby and Sand Springs channels are choke-points, he said. Bixby can't withstand releases exceeding 110,000 cfs and Sand Springs can only accommodate releases slightly exceeding that.

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TOP BILLING

Make this a painless Tuesday.

■ By not taking headaches with a migraine of salt. University of Oklahoma College of Medicine-Tulsa's Department of Internal Medicine, 2808 S. Sheridan Road, will conduct a free forum on headaches and treatment at 7 p.m. 838-4675.

■ By taking in an hour preview of Mayfest entertainment at noon in Bartlett Square. The Hanson Brothers will play their '50s fare followed by vocalist Lindsay Gardner and then Theater Arts Inc. dance and vocal routines.

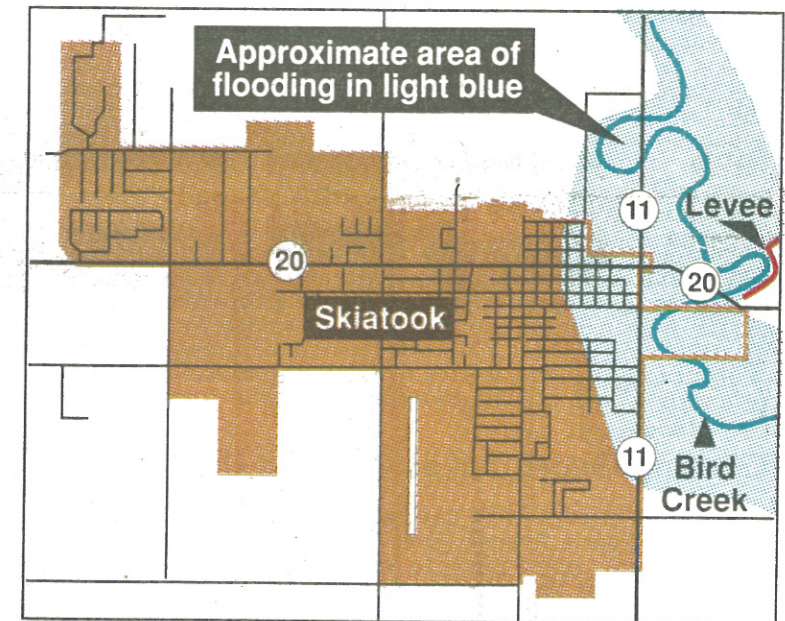
■ By taking time to help the fund drive Camcorders for Cops by sending donations to Liberty Bank & Trust, Department 94676, Tulsa, OK, 74191.



World staff photo by John David Heckel

Up to Their Necks

Iris blooms struggle to remain erect in Delaware Creek flood waters on North Peoria Avenue. The Tulsa metropolitan area received 4 inches of rain between midnight Friday and 7 a.m. Monday, the National Weather Service reported. Related news A-10.



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Family Averts Tragedy When Bridge Washes Out

By Patti Weaver
World Correspondent

PERKINS — A Perkins family narrowly escaped plunging into swift-moving floodwaters when they stopped a few feet from a creek in their pickup just seconds before the bridge collapsed.

When the bridge gave way Saturday night, it left a hole in the road 20 feet wide and 10 feet deep, County Commissioner Carl Moreland said Monday.

"It would have swallowed our pickup" if they hadn't stopped, Marilyn Arthur said Monday.

"The Good Lord was riding with us. They would have found us in the bottom

of the creek with our kids if we'd gone on.

"There's no way we could have gotten out of the truck, the water so swift, probably running 8 to 10 feet deep," Ted Arthur said.

He said he stopped about six to eight feet from the bridge when his wife told him, "Don't go across. That doesn't look safe."

The Arthurs live two miles east of Perkins, 1½ miles south of Oklahoma 33, on a dead-end road.

They had just started on the rural road with their two daughters, age 13 and 15, to go the Perkins Future Farmers banquet about 6 p.m. Saturday.

The bridge over the creek, ¼-mile from the Arthur home, is made of "a great big tinhorn (pipe), probably about 5 feet diameter and 30 feet long, covered

by dirt and gravel," Arthur said.

"When we pulled up there, we looked at it and could see one end (of the road) was eaten" from the heavy rain, Arthur said.

"We stopped to look. In 30 seconds, it crashed. We saw the rest of it go just like a ship. It collapsed in front of our faces. It reminded me of the Titanic," Mrs. Arthur said.

"The earth falls in. All of a sudden, everything — dirt and gravel — give way. It (the tinhorn) went straight down to the bottom of the creek. It looked like a submarine.

"It probably weighed 8 to 10 tons. It floated 20 feet and sat down," Arthur said.

Arthur said he is grateful to Moreland for coming out with a county road crew Monday to put in a bridge so they can

leave their home, where they have been trapped since Saturday night.

Moreland said, "We put a big tank car, eight foot across and 40 foot long, in the road... so they can drive across. The water runs through the tank car."

Mrs. Arthur, 38, said the experience was so frightening that "I don't even want to go out.

"I think I'll have to see someone else drive over that before I'll try."

Arthur, 42, now will be able to get to Edmond where he teaches agriculture at Central Mid-High. He grew up on the rural Perkins land where the family has been living for three years near Arthur's 80-year-old mother.

"I was born here on this place. I've never seen this much water on that creek. We had 7 inches of rain in one day," Arthur said.

EPA Tags Bartlesville Site for Superfund List

By Jim Myers
And John Klein

'Pike Fees Would Skyrocket Under Walters' Road Plan

WEATHER

THE FORECAST

Tulsa

Tuesday has a 50 percent chance of rain with a high in the lower 60s and low in the lower 50s. Wednesday should be mostly cloudy with a high near 70. Friday and Saturday have a chance of rain with highs in the mid-70s to 80s.

Oklahoma

Tuesday has a chance of rain across the state with highs in the 60s and lower 70s and lows in the mid-40s to mid-50s. Wednesday has a chance of rain in the Panhandle and southeast with highs in the upper 60s to mid-70s. Thursday should be mostly fair across the state with highs in the lower 70s to mid-80s. Friday and Saturday have a chance of rain with highs in the mid-70s to 80s.

YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS

In Tulsa

Monday's high.....	58	This year's records:	
Monday's low.....	53	High (May 5).....	81
Record Temperatures:		Low (Feb. 18).....	6
High for date (1980).....	94	The Records:	
Low for date (1924).....	39	High (8/10/36).....	115
Tuesday's Norm:		Low (1/22/30).....	-16
High.....	78	Sunrise.....	6:21a.m.
Low.....	57	Sunset.....	8:19p.m.

Rainfall

Monday.....	0.02
Month to date.....	5.03
Normal, month.....	5.14
Year to date.....	17.29
Normal, year to date.....	12.39

Pollen Count

Mold.....	1186
Other pollen.....	65
Total.....	1251

Counted Monday at Allergy Clinic of Tulsa, 1727 S. Utica Ave.

Lake Levels

Figures all above standard measuring level unless denoted by a minus.

Lake	Level	Lake	Level
Beaver.....	0.6	Salt Plains.....	7.2
Broken Bow.....	3.2	Heyburn.....	11.4
Bull Shoals.....	0.5	Hudson.....	6.1
Copan.....	8.0	Hulah.....	19.1
Eucha.....	1.6	Kaw.....	24.5
Eufaula.....	5.7	Keystone.....	20.3
Fort Gibson.....	11.7	Oologah.....	11.5
Grand.....	3.2	Pine Creek.....	14.5

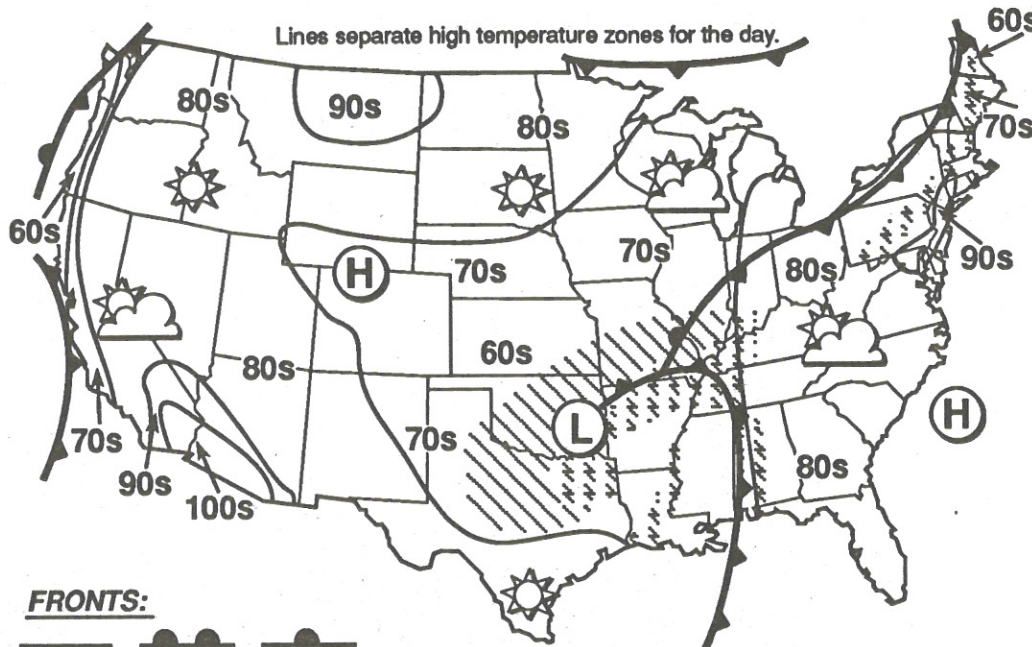
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FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Chance of rain	Mostly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Chance of rain	Chance of rain
High: Lower 60s Low: Lower 50s	High: Near 70 Low: 50s	High: Lower 80s Low: 60s	High: 80s Low: Upper 50s	High: Near 80 Low: Near 60

NATIONAL WEATHER

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, May 11.



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YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

Area

Area	Hi	Lo	Prc	Area	Hi	Lo	Prc
El Reno.....	66	49	0.1	Guymon.....	n/a	n/a	n/a
Enid.....	58	49	0.1	Hobart.....	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fayetteville.....	n/a	n/a	n/a	Idabel.....	72	55	n/a
Fort Smith.....	n/a	n/a	n/a	Joplin.....	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gage.....	n/a	n/a	n/a	McAlester.....	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gotebo.....	68	44	TR	Mangum.....	n/a	n/a	n/a

The Nation

Area	Hi	Lo	Prc	Area	Hi	Lo	Prc
Albany.....	87	47		Detroit.....	85	54	
Albuquerque.....	77	44		Duluth.....	60	52	
Amarillo.....	68	41	0.2	El Paso.....	82	50	
Anchorage.....	53	38	0.1	Fairbanks.....	60	35	
Atlanta.....	84	64		Flagstaff.....	72	35	
AtlantaCity.....	85	55		Great Falls.....	78	46	
Baltimore.....	85	55		Houston.....	79	60	0.5
Billings.....	78	44		Indy.....	86	63	
Birmingham.....	84	61		Jackson MS.....	82	67	1.0
Bismarck.....	77	40		Jacksonville.....	81	58	
Boise.....	85	48		Kansas City.....	66	58	1.5
Boston.....	54	49		Las Vegas.....	92	60	
Brownsville.....	79	65	1.3	Little Rock.....	68	58	0.5
Buffalo.....	86	52		Los Angeles.....	87	65	
Casper.....	70	35		Louisville.....	88	63	
CharlestonSC.....	78	68		Memphis.....	84	63	0.9
CharlestonWV.....	88	61		Miami Beach.....	83	74	
CharlotteNC.....	86	63		Milwaukee.....	80	59	
Cheyenne.....	63	30		Minneapolis.....	62	55	0.8
Chicago.....	87	66		Nashville.....	85	60	
Cincinnati.....	87	61		New Orleans.....	84	66	0.1
Cleveland.....	81	48		New York.....	78	62	
Columbus OH.....	89	57		Norfolk VA.....	84	59	
Dallas-FW.....	75	54	0.1	Omaha.....	58	53	1.9
Denver.....	69	33		Orlando.....	83	62	
Des Moines.....	75	61	0.4	Philadelphia.....	89	60	

The World

Area	Hi	Lo	Wth	Area	Hi	Lo	Wth
Amsterdam.....	77	50	cdy	Frankfurt.....	79	57	clr
Athens.....	71	57	rn	Geneva.....	68	43	clr
Bangkok.....	100	82	clr	Havana.....	83	69	clr
Barbados.....	87	77	cdy	Helsinki.....	73	47	clr
Beijing.....	68	61	clr	Hong Kong.....	81	73	cdy
Berut.....	73	59	cdy	Istanbul.....	61	52	cdy
Belgrade.....	77	57	cdy	Jerusalem.....	n/a	n/a	n/a
Berlin.....	79	52	clr	Jo'burg.....	71	39	clr
Bogota.....	57	50	cdy	Lima.....	75	64	clr
Brisbane.....	77	61	clr	Lisbon.....	73	61	clr
Brussels.....	77	50	clr	London.....	70	51	clr
B'Aires.....	69	61	cdy	Madrid.....	79	54	rn
Cairo.....	82	63	clr	Mexico City.....	77	56	cdy
Calgary.....	62	40	cdy	Montreal.....	80	53	cdy
Copenhagen.....	70	50	clr	Moscow.....	75	69	clr
Dublin.....	55	46	cdy	New Delhi.....	99	75	clr

Sky Watch: Movements of the moon, planets and stars

Phases of the moon

May 13	May 21
May 28	June 4

May 11

Moonrise: 12:46 p.m. / Set: 11:23 a.m.

The beautiful planet Jupiter shines bright in the south. Binoculars will show its four brightest moons as small points of light around the planet. A small telescope will show Jupiters cloud bands and famous red spot.

Source: Astronomy Club of Tulsa

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of metals, including cadmium, lead and mercury, at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center in Beltsville, Md. The 7,000-acre facility, which employs more than 1,300 scientists, lies in the densely populated corridor between Baltimore and Washington.

As a result, the agency proposed putting the facility on its national priorities or "Superfund" list. Because it is a federal facility, the Agriculture Department rather than the \$8.5 billion Superfund would pay for an EPA-supervised cleanup.

"With what we know now it's not what we would call a screaming emergency," said Nick DiNardo, remedial project manager for the Superfund pro-

to be done to confirm what is there."

According to the EPA, waste was found in 16 locations on the site. Only one of those locations, previously identified by the state of Maryland, has been evaluated in detail, said Hank Sokolowski, EPA's chief of the Superfund federal facilities and site assessment branch.

Most sites that are proposed for the list remain on it, EPA says. A comment period, usually 60 days, follows the notification to allow for corrections or additional information.

The site is one of 10 federal facilities the agency proposes to add to its list of 123 hazardous sites operated by the federal government.



Owner Jim Griffith, left and Dave Johnson, right spent Monday cleaning out Jack Griffith's Phillips 66 convenience store at C Street and Oklahoma 20 after flooding in Skiatook.

World staff photo by Mel Root

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Final action cannot be taken until after a 60-day public comment period.

The smelter and the area around it reportedly have been contaminated by lead and cadmium, some of which dates back to the early 1900s.

Although the EPA has not provided exact details, it is believed the area will include several square miles in west Bartlesville.

The smelter covers 135 acres at 11th and Virginia streets.

"Although the extent of the area of contamination has not been completely determined, it includes contaminated soils at two schools and three day care centers," according to an EPA fact sheet.

"An estimated 1,700 students attend the school and day care centers, and 170 people work at the facilities."

City officials were disappointed by the proposal.

"I was not surprised because it appeared the last two years that EPA was pointing in that direction," said City Manager Bob Metzinger. "However, I am very disappointed because it might present a number of problems for our community."

City Councilor Jim Curd said a group will be formed by the city

we knew it was likely," Perkins said. "But we had suggested it was inappropriate. There is a high likelihood that charges of the work already done and future work will be charged to parties here in town. It could be extremely detrimental to those parties and our city. It could affect a lot of jobs and people who depend on those jobs."

Bill Wellborn, economic development specialist with the Bartlesville Chamber of Commerce, said the city had shown signs of growth since the announcement of massive layoffs at Phillips Petroleum last year. In the last 18 months, the oil giant, headquartered here, has cut more than 1,600 jobs.

"We are very disappointed because we're going to have to take all of this energy, people, resources and talent from economic diversity to spend on this kind of effort," Wellborn said.

Metzinger said local officials cooperated in testing and remedial work the past two years.

"The results of those tests showed levels that were not that high," said Metzinger. "Depending on the type of remedial work needed, it could be very, very expensive. I just wonder if the cost is worth it."

"The tests did not show a health problem. I guess they (EPA) are saying there is the po-

...Damage

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while Healdton suffered extensive wind damage.

"There were 60 structures that were damaged by our last count," Walters said. Some 280 people — including 70 in Kingfisher and 80 in Guthrie — sought emergency shelter as a result of the floods, the governor said.

Walters is seeking federal grants and loans to individuals hard hit by the flooding.

Numerous state highways remained closed by flooding. The state transportation department closed U.S. 60 east of Pond Creek late Monday due to high water on the Salt Fork of the Arkansas River.

In Payne County, so many county roads and bridges are out that "we ran out of barricades and we had to start using barrels" to block access, Commissioner Mitchell said.

"We won't even know how much damage we've got till the (Cimarron) river goes down. We can't even see some of these roads," Moreland said.

About 35 workers from county road crews have "gone round the clock since noon Saturday," trying to keep up with the latest damage from 7 inches of rain over the weekend, Mitchell said. Payne County had been hit by another 7-inch rainfall in a 24-hour period 10 days earlier, she noted.

"Anything that was a creek went over the banks," Mitchell

and Ripley were closed Monday due to inaccessible roads. Officials were expected to announce early Tuesday when classes will resume.

In Stillwater, most of the 300 to 400 people evacuated over the weekend are now back in their homes, Police Chief Norman McNickle said Monday.

"We still have a lot of streets closed. It may be toward the end of the week before we can reopen them," he said.

McNickle said there was no estimate of flood damage within Stillwater city limits.

Stillwater Creek, which was out of its banks Sunday and threatening structures, was starting to recede Monday, he said.

Lake Carl Blackwell was 3.12 feet over its spillway on Monday, down from Sunday's high of 4.22 feet, McNickle said.

Both Boomer Lake and Lake McMurtry were "lapping at their emergency spillways" Monday, he said.

The Cimarron River at Perkins, with a flood stage of 17 feet, was expected to crest at 25 feet late Monday, he said.

Highways closed in the Stillwater area on Monday were Oklahoma 18 north of Cushing at the Cimarron River; Oklahoma 108 north of Ripley; Oklahoma 33 east of Coyle in the river area; U.S. 177 2.5 miles south of Ponca City; Oklahoma 156 north of Marland and also between U.S. 60 and

ing from a foot to 5 feet in some areas, he said.

Twenty-two residents stayed Sunday night at the Red Cross Shelter at 1500 S. Osage.

Skiatook Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Magee said Sunday's flooding covered an area about 15 miles long and about 2½ miles wide.

Access to Skiatook was cut off on Oklahoma 11 and Oklahoma 20, however, back roads through Osage County allowed access to Skiatook from the west, he said.

Only a few residents and business owners — armed with hoses, push brooms and trash bags, — ventured Monday into the area by boat to assess damages and clean the muck.

Hilton said about 10 percent of the town's residents and a very small portion of businesses were flooded.

In Sperry, about 15 homes were evacuated along 86th Street North between Peoria and Cincinnati avenues, said Fire Department dispatcher Donna Thulin.

Flooding came from both Bird Creek and Delaware Creek, she said.

Bixby Mayor Jim Bennett said the town received only minimal flooding after heavy releases of water through Keystone Dam reached the city at 9 p.m. Sunday. Bennett said the town is in good shape if it doesn't receive more heavy rains and the corps

had to release 300,000 cubic feet per second, nearly three times the amount required by this storm.

The recreation areas around the lake were built as flood storage areas. The corps is encouraging people to stay away from those areas until water recedes.

In Tulsa, high water from Bird Creek forced several public facilities to close.

Tulsa Zoological Park, Mohawk Park, Oxley Nature Center and Mohawk Golf Course were closed. The zoo parking lot was expected to be flooded with three to four feet of water. But the animals aren't in danger because a levee surrounds the zoo.

Park and Recreation Department officials expect the area to be closed for two days.

...Forecast

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— that would have pushed it on past us," Uber said. "It just became stationary over the area — and still is."

Uber said residents can expect cloudy skies and light rain to continue during the day Tuesday.

The National Weather Service expects another storm system to move into Oklahoma in time for the weekend again, bringing widely scattered thunderstorms Friday and Saturday afternoons.

"But with this next system we're just calling for a chance of afternoon showers," Uber said.

...Pike

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going to spend more money from the general fund (for roads) and you're not going to get more money from the federal government, then I think user fees are exactly the way to go," he said.

Walters again defended the idea of pledging revenue from the Turner and Will Rogers turnpikes to retire bonds that would fund the \$1.8 billion program. Few, if any, of the proposed projects are likely to be self-sustaining.

He compared the turnpike sys-

Flood Damage Assessments Expected Today

By Sonya Colberg
World Staff Writer

Gov. David Walters expects federal officials to submit preliminary assessments of Oklahoma's weekend flooding by early Tuesday, clearing the way for federal aid.

And he plans to assign a task force headed by Patty Eaton, Oklahoma Water Resources Board director, to kick-start projects on creeks that are chronic flooders.

Walters said he will visit with James Lee Witt, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to try to spur a federal disaster declaration that will make federal money available to Oklahomans.

A declaration is expected on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Walters made the announcement dur-

ing a Monday press conference at the Metropolitan Tulsa Chamber of Commerce.

"We're hopeful of getting another declaration, which is important for both individual grants for all the victims — and we have hundreds of them because of how widespread this is," he said. "And also, unlike the Tulsa-Catoosa tornado, we lost a lot of public facilities."

"This flood was so extensive that we've got bridges, highways and roads all over the place washed out," said Walters.

He hopes to tap federal public assistance aid to repair and replace those facilities.

"The floods over the weekend were certainly as extensive as we've seen in many, many years in Oklahoma. They probably exceed in many quarters," said Walters.

Flooding in Guthrie and Kingfisher exceeded the 30-year flood record.

Half of Kingfisher appeared to be under water when he flew over. And about a third of Guthrie appeared flooded before the river had crested, he said.

"It certainly was the worst flooding we've had in the last decade. And it's very extensive," said Walters.

Some 900 homes and apartments in Oklahoma City were damaged or destroyed, according to Walters. Two people died, one person is missing and two other people are on the "unconfirmed" missing list in Oklahoma City.

High water caused 283 victims to seek public shelter in the state over the weekend.

On Monday, waters had receded by only 25 percent in Guthrie and 40 percent in Kingfisher.

The floodwaters have to recede before a real damage assessment can be made, Walters noted. There is no spending ceiling, he said.

"We really can't afford not to spend what's necessary to assist the victims," he said.

Some programs require the state to match funds at a rate of 75 percent federal to 25 percent state funds.

The money would come from the state emergency fund that contained about \$605,000 before the tornado slammed into east Tulsa, Catoosa, Mayes County and Wagoner County on April 24.

"I had what I thought was an adequate emergency fund that is going to be rapidly depleted," he said.

Aid to the tornado-whipped areas is expected to wipe out about \$300,000 to \$400,000 in state matching funds, leaving some \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Walters anticipates asking the Legislature for perhaps several hundred thousand dollars in supplemental funding to beef up the state emergency fund.

Flood-damaged roads will likely re-

quire millions of dollars in matching funds, but Oklahoma transportation department money will be redirected to road repairs, he said.

The devastation has focused attention upon Oklahoma's chronic flooders.

Walters wants Eaton to form a task force to coordinate a reevaluation of flood control projects for possible federal funding. He wants the task force to consider flood problems like Bird Creek in Skiatook, Lightning Creek in Oklahoma City and Wood Creek in Guthrie. Cottonwood Creek in Guthrie has a pending grant proposal.

"At some level, these communities have planned to address these needs," he said. "We're going to try to pull it together and see if we can come up with a better plan. And then hope we have 30 years to worry about it."

He expects local and state represents to report on a plan within the next few months.

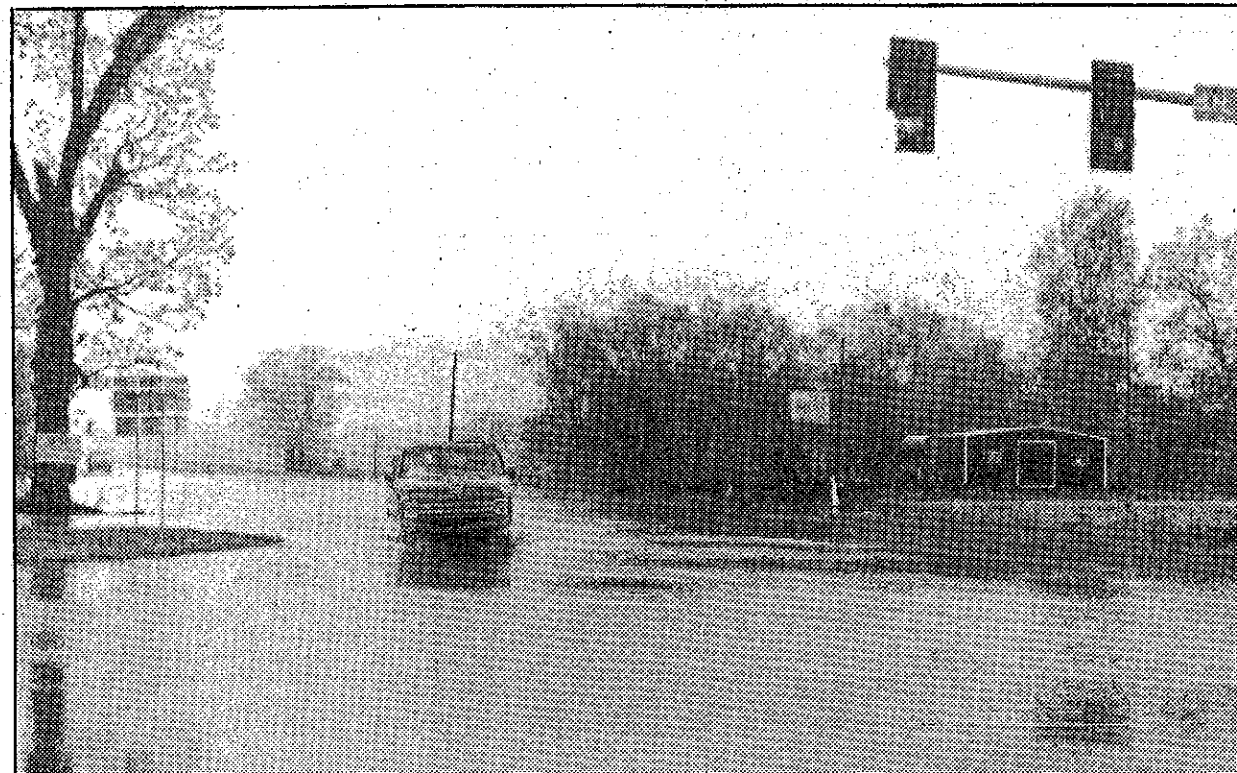
Severe Crop Loss Expected Along Rivers

By Mark Lee
World Farm Editor

Agricultural officials are expecting severe flood damage to crops along several of Oklahoma's major rivers, said Bart Brorsen, state director of the federal Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

"We haven't gotten any formal damage reports yet, but we expect to find problems once the waters go down and we can inspect fields," Brorsen said Monday.

On Tuesday, Gov. David Walters probably will request formal crop damage reports in at least 15 central Oklahoma coun-



Fences often take a beating from flood waters and floating debris. There may be isolated livestock losses, but most stock breeders have had enough warning to move animals to higher ground.

Much of the agricultural losses will be in the form of lost hay and other forage production, with some damage to growing winter wheat. Wheat is usually harvested in June and is due to begin ripening shortly, he said.

Initial reports from Blaine County indicate 14 inches to 19 inches of rain have sent the North Canadian River on a rampage. Blaine County may be the hardest hit so far, with bridges washed away in parts of the county and considerable cattle losses, Brorsen said.

Last week at least 10,000 acres of winter wheat were flooded in Grant and Kay counties along the Salt Fork of the Arkansas River, Brorsen said, and the flooding appears to be worse this week in Grant County.

The Cimarron River is threatening farms in Logan, Kingfisher and Payne Counties, he said.

But the excessive rains are a problem even on unflooded farmland, Brorsen said. Muddy conditions have delayed spring planting for crops such as peanuts, corn, cotton and grain sorghum.

Brorsen is chairman of the Oklahoma Agricultural Emergency Board, which is made up of representatives from his agency and the federal Soil Conservation Service, Farmers Home Administration and the Oklahoma State University Extension Service.

The board works with the emergency management group in the governor's office to assess disaster damage to farms and ranches.

County Officials Urge Prompt Reporting of Flood Damage

CLAREMORE — Rogers County home or business owners who suffered flood damage from the May 8 storm should report it as soon as possible to the Rogers County Emergency Management Agency, Director Jon Tilley said Monday.

Reports may be made by telephone at 341-4233, Tilley said.

Persons in Tulsa County, specifically in the Bixby and Skiatook areas, who may have flooding problems should call the Bixby Police Department at 366-4430 or the Skiatook Police Department at 396-2424.

Callers should be prepared to provide as much information as possible so that assessment teams can locate and inspect the damage quickly.

Damage assessment, part of the process of seeking a federal disaster declaration, will begin Tuesday or Wednesday, Tilley said.

Tilley said officials know flooding occurred in all parts of the county. Specific damage reports from affected residents and businesses will allow faster assessment and speed the process of providing assistance, he noted.

County commissioners were assessing damage Monday to roads, bridges and other public facilities. The Rogers County Courthouse suffered damage to both elevators and the offices of the OSU Extension Service from the flood, officials said.

All residents of the county who suffered damage should report it to the emergency management office, whether they live in an incorporated city or in unincorporated Rogers County.

Tilley met Monday with Federal Emergency Management Agency's outreach team to seek additional aid for public agencies and facilities from both the flooding and the tornado.



Use a flat bottom boat, above, to move through flooded streets Monday. John, left, and Karen Davis step out of a boat Sunday in Stillwater, left. Officials helped rescue the couple and their 3-week-old daughter.

AP Photos



AP Photo

An unidentified woman and child sleep at a Red Cross shelter in Kingfisher Monday.

Schools in Skiatook, Leonard, Bixby to Hold Classes Today

Bixby, Skiatook and Leonard schools are to resume classes Tuesday. Schools were closed on Monday because of hazardous road conditions caused by rising water.

But Harry Red Eagle, superintendent of Sperry Public School, will wait until early Tuesday before making a decision.

Sperry also closed schools Monday due to road conditions. Several homes in and around Bixby were evacuated Sunday, said George Hayes, superintendent.

It would have been difficult to run buses in those areas, so school was canceled, Hayes said.

School officials said rising waters didn't threaten the schools, but did make it difficult to provide transportation.

The missed school days will be added to the end of the year.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance Available

Disaster unemployment assistance is available for some residents in Tulsa, Mayes, Rogers and Wagoner counties who lost their jobs due to the severe storms and tornadoes on April 24.

The Disaster Unemployment Program is available to self-employed persons, farm workers, farm and ranch owners and others not normally covered under the unemployment-insurance program.

All eligible people should apply before May 29 at one of the state Employment Security offices in Tulsa, Okmulgee, Muskogee, Claremore, Pryor or Sapulpa, or call 1-800-462-9029 for help.

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Other States Pick Up After Storms

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Tornado victims in Texas picked up the pieces while profiteers tried to take advantage of them Monday. Elsewhere, schools were closed because of flooding in Kansas and Minnesota, and street flooding persisted in Iowa and Missouri.

Tornadoes since Friday have

Sightseers snarled major streets and profiteers swarmed into the city about 25 miles northeast of Dallas, taking advantage of the disaster by overcharging for brush removal and repairs, officials said.

"Fly-by-night contractors are going door to door," said Mayor Pro Tem Jim Swartz. "Anybody with a chain saw is out trying to take advantage of the victims."

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