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Neighborhood Flood Victims Complain About Lack of Aid

Rivers Expected to Drop Despite Rain

From Staff Reports
Showers and thunderstorms from a low-pressure system rotating counterclockwise continued to dump rain Tuesday on most of waterlogged Oklahoma.

Throughout the state, continued rainfall kept weather officials busy monitoring swollen or flooding streams and rivers.

In most areas, floodwaters had crested and levels were expected to begin dropping, some as early as today.

Receding water allowed highway and county officials to re-

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open some roads closed by flooding.

Among roads reopened Tuesday:

✓ State Highway 33 east of Coyle in Payne County.

✓ SH 99 between

Prague and Stroud in Lincoln County had one lane open.

✓ SH 51 between Hennessey and Okeene in Kingfisher County.

Although rain continued Tuesday, officials in

Blackwell and Tonkawa were relieved as rain-swollen rivers started to recede.

The Chikaskia River dropped noticeably throughout the day while the stubborn Salt Fork of the Arkansas River continued to rise until about 3 p.m. Tuesday when it started dropping slowly, officials said.

A dike on the east edge of Tonkawa broke earlier in the day, slowing the river's rise until it crested at 25.63 feet, several feet above its 17-foot flood stage. In 1986, See WEATHER, Page 2

State Storm Damage

The National Weather Service released new figures Tuesday on Oklahoma flood and storm damage.

The latest information was compiled from reports received from the Oklahoma State Civil Emergency Management Agency and the Red Cross.

The weather service cautioned that these numbers are "very preliminary and will be subject to change as updated information is available."

The update:

✓ The preliminary numbers, by county, for homes damaged include: **Carter** — 46 (six from flood, 40 from tornado); **Logan** — 87; **Kingfisher** — 223; **Oklahoma** — 966; **Osage** — 62; **Payne** — 98; **Pottawatomie** — four; **Sequoyah** — 60; **Wagoner** — 58; **Washington** — 113 (53 from flood, 60 from windstorm); **Cleveland** and **McClain** — (estimated) 25 to 30.

✓ Federal disaster relief (public relief and personal relief) has been requested for areas throughout the state, including **Oklahoma, Kingfisher, Logan and Payne** counties. If granted, other counties may be added.

✓ Agricultural relief has been requested for **Alfalfa, Blaine, Caddo, Canadian, Carter, Cleveland, Comanche, Cotton, Garfield, Garvin, Grady, Grant, Greer, Jackson, Jefferson, Kay, Kingfisher, Kiowa, Lincoln, Logan, Love, McClain, Major, Murray, Noble, Oklahoma, Pawnee, Payne, Pottawatomie, Stephens, Tillman and Washita** counties.

Officials Defending Assistance Efforts

By David Zizzo
Staff Writer

Clara Cooper has helped many people through tough times, but the grandmother felt alone with her own misery Tuesday, the woman's daughter said.

"I thought maybe somebody may have a heart," Clara Dutton said while helping her mother salvage belongings ravaged in last weekend's flooding.

Cooper and other residents of an Oklahoma City neighborhood in the area of SW 18 complained about what they think is a lack of help. But emergency relief officials said Tuesday they were doing all they could and asked victims to be patient.

Cooper said even news accounts failed to mention her neighborhood.

"I've lost everything and not a word was said about it," she said.

Neighbor Kenneth Mills got choked up thinking of
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the river reached 30 feet. The Salt Fork is expected to continue its steady drop, officials said. It is expected to fall below flood stage on Sunday.

The Chikaskia, which empties into the Salt Fork, reached a record level Tuesday, officials, said when it crested at 34.25 feet. Flood stage is 30 feet. The river is expected to fall below flood stage today.

"It's been a retreating river," Blackwell City Manager Bob Annis said. "The water's going down rather rapidly."

No injuries from the flooding were reported in either city.

A shelter for people in Blackwell who voluntarily left their houses Monday night was set up, but no one showed up. They stayed with families and friends instead, officials said.

Officials said light rains Tuesday in Oklahoma and Kansas should cause no further problems, but a rainfall of an inch or two could cause rivers to rise again.

In Tonkawa, officials still are concerned about whether earthen walls of the city's two sewage lagoons can withstand pressure from high water on both sides.

Water inside the sewage lagoons is within 8 to 10 inches of going over the top while floodwaters on the outside of the walls are about 4 to 6 feet from the top, Sonny Pedigo, the city's water super-

intendent, said.

"They appear to be stable," he said of the lagoons which each cover about 15 acres.

A municipal electric substation continued operating although about four feet of water got inside the facility and covered switching gear, he said.

In Kingfisher, Kingfisher and Uncle John creeks, which jumped out of their banks during the weekend, continued to recede to normal levels.

Water was off all of the streets in the northern part of town and many residents forced out of their homes Saturday night were cleaning up their houses Tuesday, Danny Mastalka, civil defense director for Kingfisher and Kingfisher County, said.

"The street crews are cleaning debris out of the streets and people are getting their houses cleaned up," he said. "It's going to be a while before this is all taken care of."

On Tuesday, water flowed over the spillway of Perry's municipal water supply lake for the first time ever.

David Henry, Perry's civil defense director, said the earthen dam and walls of the lake are expected to withstand the pressure of rapid current over the spillway.

"It's not a dangerous situation right now unless we get a lot more rain," he said. "Then it could be a problem."

High water on a county road near the lake west of Perry has prevented one resident

from getting to his house, he said.

In Jefferson, about 35 families were staying with friends or at nearby Grant County motels as high water surrounded their houses.

Ron McCalip, emergency management director for Shawnee and Pottawatomie County, said flooding along the North Canadian River has affected mostly agricultural land.

The only exception, he said, is a small addition of about 15 homes just south of Shawnee.

But workers from his division helped homeowners and renters there save their personal belongings on Sunday before the river ever crested.

Residents in eastern Oklahoma had something new to look out for Tuesday: cold air funnels.

The weather service said cold air funnels look like small tornadoes trying to drop from the base of clouds not associated with strong thunderstorms. They warned that cold air funnels can cause damage if they strike a structure.

At least two such funnels were spotted: one Tuesday morning near Drumright and another Tuesday evening near Beggs. There were no reports of damage or injury.

Staff writers Jack Money, Stacy D. Johnson, Mark A. Hulchison and Michael McNutt, and state editor Don Gammill contributed to this report.

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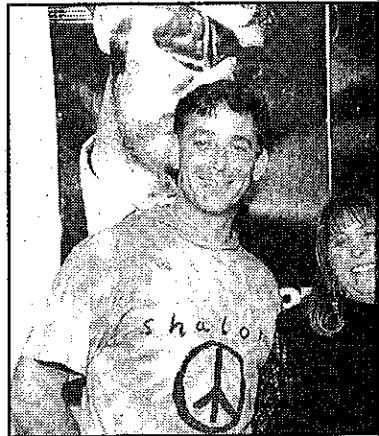
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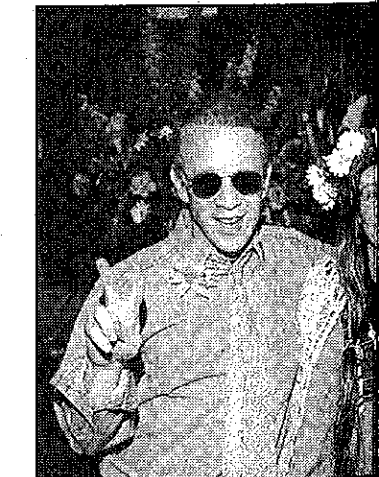
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Vernie Guffey, left, and Elnora Walker are dressed appropriately for the Perennial benefit party at the Walker. Proceeds from the sale of wreaths which are on sale from through May 28 at the Oklahoma Walker. Proceeds from the sale to \$27.50. For information, call 8



Dr. Eli Reshef, co-chairmen Edie Perennial benefit party at the Walker



David Fielschaker, Sharon and left, "groove out" at the Plan

45 Houses, 32 Mobile Homes Damaged in Guthrie Flood

By Ellie Sutter
Staff Writer

GUTHRIE — Forty-five single-family homes and 32 mobile homes were damaged in the Mother's Day weekend flood in Guthrie, a Red Cross official said Tuesday.

Schools reopened Tuesday, and east and west Guthrie were again connected when all but the Fifth Street bridge were cleared for vehicle traffic.

June Reihls, director of the Logan County Chapter of the American Red Cross, said she obtained the information about dam-

aged homes from Federal Emergency Management Agency examiners in Guthrie on Tuesday.

In addition, Reihls said several businesses were damaged when the Cottonwood, Bird and Snake creeks, which flow through the city, swelled out of their banks.

Guthrie Fire Chief Jim Smith said one business — Bills's Shoe Repair, 912 W Noble — no longer has a building.

"Water knocked the walls down and dropped the roof on the ground," Smith said.

Reihls said the vacant house next to the

shoe repair shop disappeared.

"They found it three blocks away," she said.

Sharon Dotson, spokeswoman for Guthrie Greenhouses Inc., which supplies plants to florists in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas, said several of their greenhouses were flooded by Bird Creek. She said the company's workers are doing double-duty, cleaning up the damage as well as delivering plants to florists.

About 40 people left homeless have been taking their meals at the Red Cross's mobile kitchen, Reihls said. Also, about 25 kits containing a broom, mop, pail and cleaning

supplies have been distributed.

She said the agency soon will begin distributing purchase orders to allow people in need to buy food and other items.

The Logan County Red Cross Chapter will need \$100,000 to help the needy in Guthrie alone. Reihls asked that money donations be sent to the Logan County Red Cross, P.O. Box 325, Guthrie, OK 73044.

Smith said about 20 to 25 people were sheltered Sunday night at Cotteral Elementary School. Monday, the people were sheltered at the Job Corps so the elementary school could be open for students Tuesday morning.

The Job Corps students provided "excellent support" in cleaning up around town and in sandbagging the spillway at the dam at Guthrie Lake on Monday night, he said.

Smith said his department, which is in charge of measuring the depth of Cottonwood Creek, recorded the official crest of the river at 29.6 feet at 7:40 a.m. Sunday.

Flood stage of the Cottonwood Creek, defined as the point at which it will do damage to crops or residential property, is 23 feet, said Ray Nicholas, spokesman for the National Weather Service's River Forecast Center in Tulsa.

Aid

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all he lost and how powerless he is to replace his possessions.

"It's kind of hard for me to talk about it," he said.

Mills, 69, who retired 21 years ago from Wilson Foods, and his wife, Dorothy, 67, live in a small frame home in the low-income neighborhood. She has heart problems, and they live on about \$900 a month. Their home, not insured against flooding, is a shambles.

"I never expected to be in this position," Mills said.

Mills said he does not know who to contact for help and no one's offered any. "We haven't had nobody call or nothing," he said.

While residents struggled amid more rain Tuesday, emergency relief officials said efforts to help were growing. They hoped for a federal disaster declaration that would provide a huge boost.

Lori Johnson, spokeswoman for the Red Cross, confirmed flood victims who sought aid at an assistance center were assigned numbers and told to return as late as Friday for interviews. The extensive interviews would determine how much aid

need to visit with each individual," Johnson said.

But resident Milton Parrish, struggling to get the power-washing machinery on his flooded pickup to work again so he could get back to work, wondered what to do in the meantime.

"What are we supposed to do in the way of food?" he said. "We're sleeping where we can."

Relief officials say immediate needs for food and shelter were being met at a shelter at Grace Lutheran Church, 5500 S Western. The Salvation Army, which provided some food for Cooper Tuesday, also operates shelters downtown.

The Red Cross also is issuing vouchers to those who have been interviewed, allowing victims to purchase food and clothing at stores of their choice. A family of four, depending on need, might receive more than \$100 of such aid each week, said David Hackett, Red Cross disaster specialist.

"We're pumping money back into the economy," he said.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is providing used clothing, he said, and the Southern Baptist Convention is helping provide food at shelters.

Salvation Army vol-

are referring flood victims to a warehouse where used furniture is stored. They also are issuing vouchers good for used clothing at thrift stores.

Beyond food and shelter, emergency officials admit major aid would be available only through the federal government.

"If we get a presidential declaration that will turn on all kinds of federal assistance," said Albert Ashwood, disaster recovery manager for the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management.

Gov. David Walters, meeting in Washington on Tuesday with federal officials, issued a statement saying he was "relatively confident" President Clinton would approve the request for disaster aid.

Officials, though confident, would not predict when it would come or when aid actually would begin arriving for victims. But federal aid likely would be the only source for large sums of money needed to rebuild.

The aid would include cash for temporary housing and disaster unemployment assistance for those forced out of work by the floods. Ample loans with interest at 4 percent would be available to cover un-

derstandings



—Staff Photo by David Faytinger

Clara Cooper leafs through her Bible which was damaged last weekend by floodwaters that inundated large areas of south Oklahoma City.

and businesses who can repay.

For those who do not qualify, "family grants" up to \$11,900 would be available to cover damage to structures, personal property and vehicles.

Grants to help state, county and local governments might also be sought later, Walters said

offer aid to replace damaged agricultural equipment.

Also, a lawyers organization in Oklahoma to provide free legal assistance to victims "is just now getting rolling," Ashwood said.

However, there seemed to be little help for a major problem for many victims their

"waded" out the flood, said he drained gallons of water from his and neighbors' cars. "Every time I pull out a spark plug, water comes out," he said.

Clara Dutton said she tried but failed to find a generous car dealer to donate a running clunker. Maj. Louise Gordon of the Salvation Army could

Two Creeks Studied, City Official Says

By Carla Hinton
Staff Writer

It will take "millions and millions of dollars" to pay for the improvements needed to keep south Oklahoma City's Lightning and Brock creeks from flooding as severely as they did this past weekend, city Public Works Director Paul Brum said Tuesday.

One person died and three others are missing and presumed dead after floodwaters trapped their cars in south Oklahoma City creeks over the weekend.

Brum said Brock Creek is "natural" and obviously needs to be "channeled," or lined with concrete.

Although Lightning Creek already has a concrete bottom, city officials will have to consider widening the creek to prevent more major flooding, he said.

All of this would cost millions, which the city doesn't have at this time, Brum said.

Meanwhile, authorities said they would evaluate today whether they will resume the search for a man and two children presumed drowned in two southwest Oklahoma City creeks. The Oklahoma City Fire Department decided against searching Brock and Lightning Creeks on Tuesday, Maj. John Sbos said.

"The battalion chief met with divers this morning and decided there was nothing they could do today that they hadn't done yesterday," Sbos said.

Flood Damage

A flood report presented to the Oklahoma City Council on Tuesday stated that bridges at the following locations were damaged:

- ✓ MacArthur, between SW 89 and SW 104.
- ✓ SE 104, between Peebly Road and Triple XXX.
- ✓ SW 104, half mile west of Cimarron.
- ✓ NE 150 and Post Road.
- ✓ 9301 S Land.
- ✓ SW 104 and County Line.

Also, these roadways that were covered by floodwaters and damaged to a point have been barricaded until emergency repairs can be made:

- ✓ SW 104 between Cemetery and Frisco roads and at County Line Road.
- ✓ SE 44, east of Luther Road.
- ✓ SW 19 and Westwood.
- ✓ SW 89 and Mustang Road, plus west of Mustang Road.
- ✓ SW 33 and Broadway.
- ✓ 3800 block SW 29.
- ✓ 5401 S Bodine.
- ✓ NE 150, between Choctaw and Henney roads.
- ✓ SE 62, east of Midwest Boulevard.
- ✓ Henney, north of NE 136

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of backwater from the Arkansas River. Flood stage is 29 feet. Serious overflows have occurred along Bird Creek extending north from Tulsa and Owasso to near Catoosa possibly into urban and suburb areas. The creek at Owasso was at 34.5 feet. The river has crested and was expected to fall below flood stage by Thursday. Flood stage is 25 feet. In Sperry, the creek was at 24.9. The river was expected to fall below the flood stage of 21 feet by today.

Clara Dutton said she tried but failed to find a generous car dealer to donate a running clunker. Maj. Louise Gordon of the Salvation Army could offer little help with that problem.

Continuing rain has kept creek levels high, hampering search efforts, Soos said. Oklahoma City Councilwoman Jackie Carey lamented that the council had a chance several years ago to funnel more money into drainage maintenance and failed to do so. At Tuesday's council meeting, Carey said the council defeated a proposal that would have set up a fund for ongoing drainage maintenance. "It is just unbelievable that we would not be looking at an ongoing maintenance system to avoid this kind of devastation," she said. Carey asked that the proposal be brought back for council consideration.

Councilman Jack Cornett said he wanted the city to do its part to help flood victims get federal assistance. In fact, City Manager Don Bown said a representative from the Federal Emergency Management Agency was touring the city with city staff Tuesday to review flood-damaged areas. The public works director said Lightning Creek has been channelized from the North Canadian River all the way south to SW 74. Over the years, city crews have done cleanup projects in many of the creek's tributaries, he said. To minimize flooding there, the creek would have to be made larger and wider, he said. Brum said one area of the creek that is not concrete-lined near Oliver Park will need to be channelized. He said city staff already proposed to the council a possible bond issue to complete channelization of Lightning Creek and begin the necessary improvements project for Brock Creek. Brum gave the council a list of six bridges that were damaged and 25 bridges that will need emergency re-

pairs. City General Services Director Jim Crosby said municipal buildings also took a beating from Saturday's floodwaters. Damage ranged from soaked carpeting and tile to waterlogged computer equipment. Crosby said city staff is compiling reports of damage to city property. The equipment services building at the city's Westwood facility, 2121 Westwood, received major damage from 2½ to 3 feet of water that flooded the area, Crosby said. The basement of the main city hall building at 200 N Walker was flooded, and at nearby 100 N Walker, floodwaters damaged elevators and computer equipment, Crosby said. Paper products in the supply rooms in the municipal courts building were damaged, as well as carpeting and tiles in the basement of the new city building at 420 W Main, he said. Crosby said at least 10 police cars were damaged as officers assisted residents during Saturday's storm.

- ✓ SW 33 and Broadway.
- ✓ 3800 block SW 29.
- ✓ 5401 S Bodine.
- ✓ NE 150, between Choctaw and Henney roads.
- ✓ SE 62, east of Midwest Boulevard.
- ✓ Henney, north of NE 136.
- ✓ Straka Terrace and Blackwelder.
- ✓ SW 29, west of Portland.
- ✓ 10400 SE 89.
- ✓ 1800 block E Wilshire.
- ✓ SW 27 and May.
- ✓ SE 89, between Choctaw and Indian Meridian and between Indian Meridian and Triple XXX.
- ✓ Indian Meridian, between SE 89 and 104.
- ✓ SE 134, Between Triple XXX and Peebly Road.
- ✓ 8600 East Britton Road.
- ✓ NE 122, between Midwest Boulevard and Air Depot, and east of Air Depot.
- ✓ SW 149 and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Aid Agencies

Those wishing to make donations to aid flood victims can send contributions to:

- ✓ Oklahoma County Chapter of the Red Cross, 601 NE 6, Oklahoma City, 73104. Make checks out to the "American Red Cross Disaster Fund."

Donations from or for any county can be sent to this address. They will be combined and shared among the counties. Funds marked for specific counties will be channeled to those counties, officials said.

Red Cross officials said they cannot now handle contributions of food or clothing. Such donations may be taken to:

- ✓ Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4735 NW 63, phone 721-6110, or to the McGee Center, 500 SW 15.

Others accepting donations are:

- ✓ Boatmen's First National Bank of Oklahoma has set up a fund and is accepting donations to help the Oklahoma City Food Bank. Donations may be sent to Boatmen's Bank, care of Oklahoma City Food Bank, P.O. Box 25289, Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0189.
- ✓ Neighbor For Neighbor, 300 SW 13, 236-0473, is accepting food and clothing.

Those needing assistance because of flooding can call the Red Cross at the following numbers:

- Oklahoma County — 232-7121.
- Cleveland County — 321-0591.
- Kingfisher County — 375-3883.

State Rivers Begin Cresting

From Staff and Wire Reports

The National Weather Service warned Tuesday of flooding to come in Okmulgee County, where the Deep Fork River was more than 7 feet above its 18-foot flood stage.

High water may surround some buildings in Okmulgee by the time the river crests about 28.2 feet Saturday, the weather service said.

Authorities Tuesday morning closed State Highway 56 west of Okmulgee.

Okmulgee could be in for severe flooding if heavy rain falls while the Deep Fork already is rising, forecasters warned.

Also, Army Corps of Engineers spokesman Ross Atkins said the flow through Keystone Dam was increased Tuesday afternoon to 120,000 cubic feet per second.

The extra water will cause street flooding in Bixby and Sand Springs, but aerial surveys showed no homes will be in danger, Atkins said.

He said the flow was increased from 110,000 cubic feet per second because rain still was falling Tuesday afternoon and because the flow through the levee at Kaw Lake east of Ponca City was increased to 22,000 cubic feet per second, which puts more pressure downstream on Keystone.

Elsewhere, in afternoon flood statements from the weather ser-

vice: The Neosho River at Commerce in Ottawa County was at 20.1 feet. The river is expected to crest this morning at 20.5 feet then fall below flood stage Friday morning. Flood stage on the river at Commerce is 15 feet. Severe flooding is expected along the river from southeastern Kansas into north-eastern Oklahoma. Craig and Ottawa counties were expected to have the worst of the flooding, forecasters said. SH 125, Riverside Park and the Ottawa County Fairgrounds will be closed, they said.

The Illinois River at Tahlequah was at 14.4 feet. The river crested at 14.8 early Tuesday. A second crest of 14-15 feet was expected late Tuesday. It will fall below the flood stage of 11 feet during this afternoon.

In Pawnee, the Black Bear Creek is expected to fall below the flood stage of 17 feet today. The river was at 21.6 feet Tuesday.

The Arkansas River at Ralston was at 15.8 feet. It is expected to crest near 18-19 feet Friday. Flood stage is 16 feet. At Haskell, the river was at 17.9 feet. It was expected to remain at the same level until water release amount was changed at Keystone Lake. Flood stage is 18 feet. In Tulsa, the stage was 15.6 feet. It is expected to remain near 16 feet. Flows are being controlled by releases from Keystone Lake. Flood stage is 19 feet.

The Poteau River at Poteau was at 20.6 feet. The river will remain below flood stage and continue to fall until Wister Reservoir opens. Flood stage is 24 feet. At Panama, the Poteau River was at 34 feet. The river crested at 34.2 feet early Tuesday and will fall below flood stage today unless it increases because

of backwater from the Arkansas River. Flood stage is 29 feet. Serious overflows have occurred along Bird Creek extending north from Tulsa and Owasso to near Catoosa possibly into urban and suburb areas. The creek at Owasso was at 34.5 feet. The river has crested and was expected to fall below flood stage by Thursday. Flood stage is 25 feet. In Sperry, the creek was at 24.9. The river was expected to fall below the flood stage of 21 feet by today.

The Caney River at Ramona was at 28.6 feet. The river had crested and was expected to fall below flood stage today. Flood stage is 12 feet. At Collinsville, the stage was 34.2 feet. The river will fall below the flood stage of 29 feet by early Thursday.

On the North Canadian River, the river had crested at El Reno at 19.1 feet, Yukon at 15.1 feet, Harrah at 19.1 feet and Shawnee at 19 feet. At Overholser Lake the level was at 26 feet. It was expected to crest at 26-27 feet today. In Oklahoma City at NW 36, it was at 15.7 feet. It was expected to crest at 17 feet Friday. At Britton Road it was at 21.3 feet. Little change was predicted during a 24-hour period before waters began to slowly recede.

In Blackwell, the Chikaskia River had crested at 33.4 feet. Flood stage was 30 feet. It was expected to fall below flood stage today.

The Cimarron River had crested at Dover at 19.2 feet, at Guthrie at 11.5 feet and at Perkins at 20 feet. The river was continuing to fall below flood stages.

The Salt Fork of the Arkansas at Tonkawa was at 25.4 feet. Flood stage is 17 feet. The river is expected to fall below flood stage Sunday.

Norman Increases Water Treatment; Roads Being Repaired

By Robert Medley
Norman Bureau

NORMAN — Norman's wastewater treatment plant was trying to keep up with massive amounts of water flowing into it, city officials said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, officials at Lake Thunderbird said floodgates had been opened as the lake's level rose to 4.7 feet above normal.

Norman Public Works Director Jim Berry said the city's wastewater treatment plant near the swollen South Canadian River at Jenkins Avenue and State Highway 9 was treating at least 20 million gallons of wastewater a day.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency permits the plant to discharge up to 10 million gallons of treated wastewater per day.

Berry said problems with water samples from wastewater discharge locations being out of compliance with EPA levels were likely to occur throughout central Oklahoma due to heavy rain, he said.

He said the heavy wastewater intake, expected to peak at 30 million gallons Tuesday, is due to groundwater from rain infiltrating the sewer line system. A heavy flow of

water from storm sewer drainage added to the problems.

The quality of wastewater treatment is reduced when too much water flows in, he said. However, drinking water from wells or Lake Thunderbird has not been threatened with problems, he said.

Streets were another matter. Crews were expected to put in overtime this week patching cracks in

Norman streets.

"We have a network of badly deteriorated streets that did not need that added moisture on top of it. Our guys will get a lot of extra hours patching potholes," Berry said.

Cleveland County Safety Director Dan Cary said preliminary estimates indicate county road and bridge damage will top \$200,000. He

said a better estimate will be available in about two weeks.

Most of the damage was in the county's southern half, where the largest number of county roads and bridges are located.

At Lake Thunderbird, James Matthews, Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District superintendent, said the floodgates were opened to a half-foot Tuesday.



— Staff Photo by George R. Wilson

Standing water continues to soak cropland near Kingfisher. Chris Rink, executive director of the Oklahoma Wheat Commission, said Tuesday that the state's wheat crop suffered substantial damage from last weekend's flooding.

Flooding Hurts Wheat Crop

Commission Director Cites Evidence of Plant Disease

By James Johnson
Staff Writer

Oklahoma's wheat crop has suffered substantial damage from last weekend's torrential rain and flooding, Chris Rink, executive director of the Oklahoma Wheat Commission, said Tuesday. Rink made his preliminary assessment after a far-ranging inspection tour of wheat fields "across every wide stream in Oklahoma from the Kansas line to the Red River." He said it is too early to determine the precise amount of damage done to the crop, especially when faced with a persistent rain pattern. "The damage is spread over 5 million acres of farmland," Rink noted. "It will take a lot of sunshine to dry things out." Although it may seem incongruous against Oklahoma's background of frequently parched

growing seasons, this rain "certainly wasn't any help," Rink said. Besides breaking down terraces designed to hold back the water and inundating the wheat crop in low-lying fields, floodwaters also have eroded some fields or overlain them with damaging silt deposits, Rink said. Rink said evidence of disease damage to the growing wheat plants also is discernible and continued conditions favoring the spread of disease may curb this year's potential yield. "At this stage of wheat development, the only new growth is in the seed," he said. Rink said plant diseases attacking wheat leaves render them incapable of supporting grain head development and limit yield potential. In a separate report Tuesday, the U.S. Agri-

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Homeland Seeks Un Concessi

Workers Asked to M

By Jon Denton
Staff Writer

Faced with poor financial reports by Homeland, members of United Food & Commercial Workers met Tuesday in three states to consider a new bargaining agreement a year before its contract with the grocery chain expires.

Central figures in the discussions — Max Raydon, Homeland president; John Stone of United Food & Commercial Workers Local 76; and Gene Burris of UFCW Local 1000 — were said to be meeting with workers.

None were available for comment Tuesday, but Homeland representative Lisa Sykes, returning from Tulsa and union talks there, said concessions were being sought on wages and holidays.

In a letter provided to *The Oklahoman*, Raydon tells workers that despite an effort that cut costs by \$13 million last year, first-quarter results "indicate we have to do even more, or Homeland won't survive."

Saying Homeland supermarkets lost almost \$5 million last year, Raydon urges employees to make sacrifices to help the Oklahoma City-based grocery chain survive.

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Bar S Foods At Altus Begins Making Franks

Lawton Bureau

ALTUS — After a few days' delay due to hail damage, Bar S Foods is up and running this week in Jackson County.

ECONOMY

Study Says Btu Tax Imperils 11,000 Jobs in Oklahoma

By Bob Vandewater
Staff Writer

Oklahoma would initially lose about 11,000 jobs, or nearly 1 percent of its total employment, and face more losses later if the Clinton administration's proposed energy tax package becomes

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The report joins other recent analyses predicting serious adverse effects on energy consumers, industry, gov-



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claimed the truck's driver, Chris-
t, then 18, of Niles, Mich., drove
rainy weather to meet the dead-
s has maintained the guarantee
ctor and that weather and road
tributed to the crash.

Gas Production

Oil Prices
Tuesdays:

\$19.00
\$18.25
\$17.40
\$16.90

Oil, 1 Mor-
2-27N-11W;

1-19 Inger-
19-1N-13E;

roduction,
NW of 25-
cu-ft gas
il per day;

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3ECM; TD

Hamilton,
N-27ECM;
r day; TD

Ltd., 1-33
of 33-12N-
s per day;

Midcon,
SW of 18-
l per day;

34,000 cu-ft gas per day; TD
12,600.

Coal: Tierra Petroleum, 2-25
Clarita, SW NW NW of 25-1N-8E;
D&A at 6,300.

Kay: Coronado Petroleum,
3-23 Gillham, C NW SW of 23-
25N-2E; 35 barrels oil per day;
26,000 cu-ft gas per day; TD
4,200.

Marshall: Arco O&G, B5/3
SYC/J. Stout WDFD, SE SE SE of
9-5S-5E; 950,000 cu-ft gas per
day; 5 barrels oil per day; TD
4,450.

Okfuskee: Geox Resources,
2-A Ashlee, SW SW NE of 2-
10N-8E; ABND at 3,800.

Oklahoma: Hazelwood Pro-
duction & Exploration, 29-1
Mildred Gillespie, W½ SE NE of
29-14N-1E; 300,000 cu-ft gas per
day; TD 5,900.

Roger Mills: Sanguine Ltd., 1-6
Harrison, W½ W½ NE of 6-13N-
24W; 1,612,000 cu-ft gas per day;
TD 13,300.

Marathon Oil, 3 Earl "B", SW
NE NW of 21-15N-22W; 233,000
cu-ft gas per day; TD 12,000.

Marathon Oil, 1-30 Lefaye,
S½ NW NW of 30-15N-22W;
2,000,000 cu-ft gas per day; TD
12,500.

the results we've seen from this study."

Gov. David Walters, a friend of Clinton's,
"clearly has access to the administration,"
Graves said. "I am hopeful he will use the
information we've put together in the study to
take it directly to the president."

Johnson said Boren and Treasury Secretary
Lloyd Bentsen, a former senator from Texas,
also are close to administration leaders.

"We are looking to them to really carry this
message to the President," Johnson said.

If the Senate Finance Committee would vote
on the Btu tax today, "I think it would fail,"
Graves said.

Crop

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culture Department es-
timated winter wheat
production for 1993 at
1.81 billion bushels, up
13 percent from last

year.

Based on May 1 con-
ditions, the depart-
ment estimated aver-
age yields of 40.8
bushels per acre, up
2.5 bushels from last

Area for harvest as
grain is forecast at 44.3
million acres, up 6 per-
cent from last year.
Nationwide, conditions
were reported as gen-
erally good but with a
late-developing crop.

Rink said there are
no reliable long-range
weather forecasts tel-
ling when better wheat
growing conditions
will return.

As rain continued to
fall this week, the
Oklahoma Wheat Com-

cover all those contin-
gencies in a single
plan," Bowman said.

Moulton, however,
argued that more mon-
itoring is necessary to
prevent damage. "For
a lost ecosystem, what
does the state do for
recourse when it's
gone?"

Justice Department
lawyer Robert Klar-
quist argued in turn
that the appeals court

challenge the plan.
"The plan makes no fi-
nal decision on any ac-
tion that would disturb
the ground," he said.

He said the plaintiffs
could challenge site-
specific plans, howev-
er. The Sierra Club is
also challenging two
specific proposed tim-
ber sales.

Rawling said she ex-
pects a ruling within
six months.

mission has joined fel-
low organizations in
Texas and Kansas in
conducting meetings
promoting increased
sales of American
wheat to Mexico.

"As the population
in Mexico becomes
more urban, people
are demanding flour
tortillas and bakery
bread in preference to
corn tortillas," Rink
said.

While creating an
important new market
for Oklahoma wheat,
Mexico wants only
high-quality grain, he
said. Rink said Mexico
might import 12.95 mil-
lion bushels of Oklaho-
ma wheat that meets
its standards.

Despite creating un-
certainty about the
quantity and quality of
this year's wheat crop,
rainy weather also
may cause state wheat
farmers to harvest
more than the 6 mil-
lion acres of wheat
they originally
planned to combine,
he said.

Farmers actually
planted 7.3 million
acres of wheat, some
of which they planned
to use as wheat hay
cattle forage, he
said.

"But with the fields
being so wet, they
can't get in to cut the
wheat, and they may
just harvest it as grain
instead," Rink said.

Union

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for corporate officers, he said.

Sykes said Homeland posted sales
of \$870 million last year, up from
about \$835 million posted the year
before.

"We were a little better than the
last year (1991), but expenses were
up tremendously. Workers compen-
sation (payments) were really in-
creasing," Sykes said.

"You know the Oklahoma market
is not exactly growing and to re-
main the market leader, and en-
hance the possibility to grow, this
is what is going on," Sykes said.

She counts 113 Homeland stores
in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas
with a union work force of 5,500.

In his letter to workers, Raydon
blames company troubles on in-

creasing competition from "non-
union, low-wage, low-benefit, and
low price chains," and names Food
Lion, Albertson's and Wal-Mart Su-
percenters as examples.

He also targets "a shrinking pie
of customer dollars," due to an eco-
nomic recession, and Homeland's
attempt to meet price competition
"without sufficient reductions in
our costs."

"I'm so convinced that the new
contract you will be voting on after
May 12 will restore Homeland to
profitability that Homeland will
treat your concessions almost like
a money-back investment in the
event Homeland must be sold and
the employees lose their jobs," the
Homeland president said in his let-
ter to workers.

Seminole: Great Plains O&G, 3
A. Anderson, NW SE SW of 13-
9N-5E; 58 barrels oil per day;
40,000 cu-ft gas per day; TD
3,000.

Woodward: BRG Petroleum,
1-2 Lockhart, C SW SW of 2-
24N-18W; 790,000 cu-ft gas per
day; TD 7,000.

New Locations

Harper: Oryx Energy, 1 Head-
lee, H.H., SE SW NE of 34-25N-
24W; TD 7,540.

Kay: Gulf Production, 1
Shields, C NE NE of 33-27N-2W;
TD 3,200.

Le Flore: Unit Petroleum, 2
Gamble, C NE NW of 35-10N-
24E; TD 1,980.

Okfuskee: Landers & Mus-
grove Oil, 2 Palmer, NW SW NE
of 33-11N-10E; TD 3,400.

Landers & Musgrove Oil, 1-A
Ryker, NE NW NE of 33-11N-
10E; TD 3,420.

Roger Mills: Enron O&G, No. 1
Fuchs, C SE of 15-12N-26W; TD
18,100.

Seminole: Stover Oil, B-3 Har-
ris, NW SW NW of 11-5N-6E; TD
2,050.

Petroleum Information Inc.

Stock

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yards:

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Slaughter
244 cows
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er cattle and calves steady; ex-
ception noted on 600-700 lbs.
stocker steers \$2 higher.

Feeder steers: Medium and
large frame 1, lot 550 lbs. \$96;
650-700 lbs. stockers \$92-\$97;
700-750 lbs. \$86-\$90; 750-800 lbs.
\$85.25-\$87.75; 800-900 lbs. \$80-
\$86, mostly \$82.50 up; few
900-950 lbs. \$79-\$80.25. Medium
and large frame mixed 1-2,
625-700 lbs. \$86.50-\$90.75; 775-800
lbs. \$83.75-\$84.25; 800-875 lbs.
\$78.50-\$80.75. Large frame 2 hol-
steins, load 850 lbs. \$70.25.

Feeder heifers: Medium and
large frame 1, pkg. 480 lbs.
\$93.50; 550-575 lbs. \$90-\$92.25; lot
610 lbs. \$91; 650-700 lbs. \$83.25-
\$88; lot 750 lbs. \$83. Medium and
large frame mixed 1-2, 600-675
lbs. \$81.75-\$86; lot 740 lbs. \$80.
Mixed small and medium frame

1, 525-550 lbs. \$87-\$87.50; 650-675
lbs. \$80.50-\$82.

Slaughter cows: Cutter, boning
and breaking utility Y.G. 1-3,
average dressing \$46.75-\$49.50;
high dressing \$49.75-\$53.50; very
high dressing \$54-\$57; canner
and low cutter \$37.50-\$42.50.

Slaughter bulls: Y.G. 1, 1,300-
1,900 lbs. average dressing
\$57.75-\$60.25; high dressing
\$62.25-\$63.75, high dressing and
high boning ind. \$65.

Pairs: Medium and large
frame average quality cows: 2-5
yr. old 900-1,100 lbs. cows with
75-125 lbs. calves \$950-
\$1,050/pair.

HOGS — No test.

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