

# EN REELS UNDER RAIN DELUGE

## Over 15 Inches Flood Major Sections Of City

### No Injuries

## St. Mary's Hospital Hardest Hit

By BETH LILLEY  
News-Eagle Staff Writer

Flood waters from Boggy Creek inundated the entire basement and put an inch of water in the lobby of End's St. Mary's Hospital, 305 S. Fifth Street last night, destroying all linen, food and medical supplies.

Hospital Administrator John McMillen said this morning that he was able to get a phone line out during the night and asked several hospitals in Texas and Oklahoma to send emergency medical supplies. Those supplies were expected to be flown in today.

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**In Wake Of Flood**  
Surging flood waters ravaged this area just blocks from End's downtown square. 15.62 inches of rain between 4 and 6 p.m. Wednesday and 2 a.m. today caused heavy flooding in several sections of the city. The houses above, on the 400 block on N. Third St., appeared to have been hoisted from their foundations by the flood and resettled after heavy damage as floodwaters receded.

## Worst Storm Left 2 Dead

The worst storm in Enid's recorded history has left two dead and property damage that will run into millions following a deluge which dumped a record 15.62 inches of rain Tuesday night.

At the peak of the storm over five inches fell in a one-hour period from 8 to 9 p.m. Literally trapping hundreds who were on the street. It continued through out the night, forcing hundreds more from their homes.

Dead are:

Sgt. Jack Dunn, 64, 3220 Dwellie, and Lucile Strangland, 56, of Dixon, Ill.

Sgt. Dunn was discovered in his living room this morning, an apparent drowning victim.

Mrs. Strangland, who was reportedly in Enid visiting a sister, was struck by a hit-and-run driver about 1:45 a.m. today in the 400 block of South Van Buren. She died in an End hospital at 6:30 a.m.

Approximately 50 persons were still missing and unaccounted for, however, officials felt that they likely would surface as families and relatives began getting together.

### Record State Rainfall

The rainfall total sets a new record in Oklahoma for a 24-hour period, surpassing the 15.50 inches of rain received Sept. 2-4 in 1940.

### Area Roads Closed

Area highways closed due to flooding around 3:30 p.m. with rain starting gradually at 5 p.m. Ice packed up by 6 p.m. when the rainfall measured 10 inches.

By 7 p.m. it was 1.90 inches, by 7:30 p.m. it was 3.40 inches, and at 8 p.m. it was 5.72 inches.

By 9 p.m. the five-inch deluge and record for 24 hours had been reached. By 9 p.m. the rainfall totaled 12.03 inches. Around 10 p.m. when the total was 14 inches, the rain abated briefly, but then it returned and by 11:45 a.m. this morning, the total was 15.62 inches.

In all, End received 16.68 inches, a record for 24 hours.

End initially braced for a tornado warning with the sirens blown just as they were to stop. The tornado winds never developed.

Instead it was the heavy rainfall and subsequent flooding.

Although no areas of the city escaped the deluge, major damage was sustained.

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Ten of the 182 patients at St. Mary's Hospital were taken from the southernmost wing of the hospital and transferred to the two other hospitals in Enid.

McMillen reported no patient or hospital employe sustained any injuries as a result of the flood.

National Guardsmen moved in their field kitchen equipment and an emergency kitchen was set up in the lobby of the hospital as workers attempted to get a meal for the staff and food to hospital personnel and workers.

Hot lunches, already prepared for students at St. Mary's School, were taken to the hospital today. Classes have been cancelled today but will possibly resume on Friday.

The entire basement had been sealed off on large pumps and Halliburton trucks and men worked to pump the water from the basement area. A well in an area of the basement was reported to have caved in, but there was no apparent danger of above floor caving in.

All electricity was knocked out at the hospital early Wednesday night when a vehicle apparently tangled with the transformer pole behind the facility. There was no elevator service and employes were hand-carrying food to patients in pots and pans and whatever utensils they could find this morning.

Many employes have been working around the clock in a valiant effort to care as best they can for the patients.

The parking lots immediately east of St. Mary's Hospital were isolated from the hospital by the raging Boggy Creek. Cars of employes were piled three and four high along the creek bank. Wrecker units were on hand early this morning attempting to clear the creek to allow run-off water to continue moving and to clear vehicles and debris from the bridges and streets immediately around the hospital complex.

Nurses, doctors and the various hospital personnel were making their way through the pitch-black corridors with flashlights, lanterns and candles as they worked to restore some semblance of order out of the chaos.

Offices and much equipment on the first floor of the hospital suffered some damage. Temporary telephone service had been restored as of 4:45 a.m. Books, ledgers, files, small machines and

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## 'Please, Please, If We Can't All Go, Then Let My Children Stay With Me'

By MICHAEL BATES  
News-Eagle Staff Writer

When News-Eagle copublisher John Taylor left work Wednesday afternoon, he called back on the two-way radio and advised, "Somebody better roll up the windows on the new car. I think it's starting to rain."

He had no way of knowing what an understatement that suggestion would be.

come and how wet the news car would get Wednesday night despite the fact the windows were rolled up.

By noon, today, when it finally came to rest in front of the News-Eagle building, that bulky blue news car had been up to its headlights in water. It wound out, nearly swept away several times and eventually given overboard.

It didn't make it to the North Oklahoma Development Association (NODA) meeting, but it did make it to the flooded west side of Enid, the neighborhood between Brookside and

to give a school that had already been inundated and had three square meters only a few feet of water in the distance.

Broken windows that had led to structural damage, turned into a deluge. Flooded boats mutilated garbage dumps and well-ventilated basins that suffered desde, marred cars and buses, and trucks made the area depressing.

And just when all these things began to get in your face, there began to rain. It was a relief, but it was also a tragedy. Your spirit is caught in a trap that was progressively trapping a road just starting to get its feet wet.

There were many things trapped on roads when the waters began swelling. Some were power and water poles that had been tossed in a deluge of water.

The storming of top dogs reminded me of the 19 people who had been plucked from a road up north, minutes before, when the waters were still rising.

Even logged out in rain gear with plastic bag protection for his camera equipment, water sneaked into every stitch of cloth and every pore of skin. The first photos I shot at North Johnson and West Broadway in the downtown area, or on East Broadway near the ideal supermarket, began to bring home the impact of the tragic disaster that was engulfing End.

First it was just a heavy mist with some major damage. Then when I got to the Brookside addition I began realizing there was a pitiful, painful human element involved.

There was a lot of shivering in the Brookside addition in the few hours of Thursday morning. But the most clearly distinguishable voice I remember hearing was a mother pleading with teachers not to separate her family in the evacuation procedure.

"Please, please," she begged, "if we can't all go, then let my children stay with my husband, someone I know."

The window got out safe, but as the search for bodies and those badly injured was continuing, the thought that many people may not have survived the swift fast-rising water was in everybody's mind.

Besides being loud, splashy and full of action, Brookside addition was at the same time quiet, eerie and depressing. Walking back to the news car I happened

to pick a school that had already been inundated and had three square meters only a few feet of water in the distance.

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## To Declare Disaster Area Gov. Hall Makes Tour Of Storm Ravaged City

Gov. David Hall is preparing to declare a major disaster area in the wake of an unprecedented 15.62-inch rain deluge Wednesday night which left two dead and damage that will run into the millions.

After making an aerial tour of the city this morning, the governor met with city officials for a briefing on the emergency and started the machinery for making the city eligible for federal aid.

In the meeting, city Manager Tom Naites Jr. asked the governor for such assistance.

After informing the governor, Naites and other officials held a press conference in the squad room of the Enid Police Department.

Naites said that the city's defense is now assessing the extent of damage, the first necessary step. The assessment was

due to be completed today, at which point the governor will look for federal assistance.

End should qualify the governor said, and he expects the President to act immediately.

If the assistance is granted, End residents would be eligible for low-interest loans for house damage, direct grants in some cases, and in-kind aid for rural areas.

The governor said that from his briefing with city officials that the damage to city streets and parks, private homes and businesses and St. Mary's Hospital, the total damage would run into the millions.

Naites said that it was the third time in the past 10 to 15 years, and each time End has responded and has rebuilt a family.

### Residents Warned To Keep Clear Of Cans

The End Police Department has sent out a warning to persons in the Brookside addition to stay away from floating cans of ethyl bromide which apparently floated out of storage somewhere on Hillcrest Drive.

The inventor is very poisonous, according to officers today of the department and will explode.

It was estimated that 75 per cent of the homes in End sustained damage which ranged from wet carpets to total destruction.

Naites said that all of the emergency work being coordinated at Convention Hall where the Red Cross, the welfare department, the National Guard and the defense office all have staff members on hand.

The governor noted that the National Guard had 178 soldiers on duty this morning who were making search and rescue missions.

Naites added since 1967 when End received an eight-inch deluge and flood waters which ran around \$4 million, damage that the Boggy Creek diversion channel had been built in the south and southwest parts of the city which undoubtedly had cut damage this time as the rainfall was almost twice as much.

## We Have Our Problems Too Newsprint Supply Destroyed, Wire Out But Here's Your Eagle

Today's Enid Daily Eagle is an abbreviated version of your normal newspaper, because our news wire circuits are out of commission and most of the News-Eagle's supply of newsprint was destroyed in the flood.

Flood damage which disrupted telephone service in the Enid area also cut out all AP and UPI news and photo services to the News-Eagle. The state, national and international news in today's Eagle was taken via telephone from Oklahoma City, plus that portion which is reprinted from this morning's Enid Morning News.

About three days supply of newsprint was stored in the News-Eagle pressroom when the flood hit Wednesday night, and was not damaged. The bulk of our paper was stored in Enrick's warehouse at 202 E. Pine, and was destroyed by the flood waters. A carload of newsprint is en route from the mill at Lufkin, Tex., and railroad officials are attempting to expedite its movement to Enid.

News-Eagle reporters Michael Bates and Helen Carnell spent the night at work. Bates traveled with rescue squads; Mrs. Carnell manned the radios and telephones at the office. Other staff members attempted to get back to the office during the night but were stopped by the flood waters.

The first to go from today's Eagle was the comic page. We'll catch up on the comics when — or if — more newsprint arrives. And with the wire services out of operation, no markets were received today.

Newsroom personnel were late in getting to work during the night, so this morning's News was late in being delivered. Since school was dismissed, most carriers got their papers delivered by mid-morning.

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**Help From Tonkawa**

Help came from many communities to help evacuate victims of Wednesday night's flood. These men are members of the Tonkawa Fire Department, evacuating residents of Brookside Addition in southeast field.

**One Destroyed**

**Two Houses Burn During Storm**

A house in the Brookside addition, burned to the ground in the few hours this morning while firemen watched unable to cross Bagby Creek to get to it. It was pretty near burned down by the time we got to it, fireman Phil Stafford of the east station said today. The home is a complete loss, he added. The exact address and owner of the house is still questionable, but it is believed to be the residence of Lennie Welch, 3101 Brooks Drive. Stafford said they were

working rescue on the other side of the creek when the fire from the house was lighting up the sky. When the water receded enough for the truck to get in, they extinguished the fire with the aid of fire units from Blackwell and Tonkawa. The east station truck from End's department was the only truck able to make it to the area. The others were unable to get past the flooding in the Fifth Street area. Stafford told the News-Eagle.

Firemen fought the fire for nearly 45 minutes, and returned at 4:19 a.m. to extinguish some smoke in the debris. A second house fire was put out by Phillips University students, the central fire station dispatcher told the News-Eagle. A vacant house owned by city parks and recreation director Jerry Reese, at 406 Lakeside Drive, apparently was struck by lightning, as a vacuum cleaner, plugged into an electrical outlet, burst into flames and ignited draperies and other furnishings. The blaze caught the eye of the Phillips students, who

went in and put out the fire. One fireman said, "If the kids hadn't seen it, that house would probably be a total loss, too." The firemen were behind in their reports, as they had been working rescue as well as fire throughout the night.

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**ACCIDENTS**  
Richard C. Cassida, 29, Oklahoma City, Gary-Geese Kunzer, 31, Oklahoma City, 606 S. Grand, Cassida cited for opening a door into a lane of traffic.  
Douglas Lee Frosse, 17, End, Diane Lynn Brockman, Route 2, Madison and Indiana, Frosse cited for opening a door into a traffic lane and leaving the scene of a non-injury accident (warning).

**REAL ESTATE TRANSITIONS**  
Nick H. Nicholas Agency, Incorporated to Robert A. Munson and wife, Lot 2, Block 2, Seven Pines First Sub-division.  
George R. Ireland, Trustee, et al to Arthur E. Traylor, Lots 18 through 22, Block 14, Jonesville Addition.  
Charles L. Jobstson and wife to Rocky Lynn Collins, Lot 17, Block 2, Northeast Addition.

**BUILDING PERMITS**  
Agra Building System, 1201 W. Willow, erect a storage building for \$23,700.

**FIRE ALARMS**  
Sears, 9:25 a.m., electrical outlet shorted in basement.  
House fire at 718 S. Washington, 3:00 a.m.; floor furnace caught on fire.  
Smoke investigation, 3101 Brooks, 6:19 a.m., smoke debris from flood damage.

**FRIDAY MEETINGS**  
Civitas  
End Encampment, 100P  
End Canton and Ladies Auxiliary  
100P No. 12



**Control Center**

Two control centers were in operation during the night, coordinating flood rescue efforts. Police chief Jerry Bowen, standing, coordinated efforts of the End Police Department via two-way radio. Working the telephones are Sgt. Bob Galusha, center, and Capt. Bob Miller.

**City Water Crews Work On Repairs**

City water crews were busy Thursday morning attempting to repair several water line breaks on the east side of End, City Manager Tom Sailors Jr. reported.  
Sailors said crews were busy trying to locate water breaks by testing the pressure differ-

entials. "We believe we have most of the breaks located, but if service has not been restored, residents are asked to advise city hall," the city manager said.

**Bonds Forfeited**

It was no surprise that no one appeared in municipal court this morning. Bonds were therefore forfeited by Judge Robert Gregory on Ronnie Sutor, Duncan, drunk, \$20; William Morgan, 217 E. Walnut, drunk, \$20; Kenneth Schiel, 128 E. State, drunk, \$20; Henry Kester Sulphur, 723 W. Maple, drunk, \$20; Philip Kunkel, 2419 E. Birch, drunk, \$20.

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Two Dead

# One Victim Drowned In Living Room

The two victims of the flood are Sgt. Jack Dunn, 64, 3220 Duane, and Lucille Strangland, 56, of Duane, Ill.

Sgt. Jack Dunn, retired, was discovered in his living room this morning, where he apparently drowned sometime during the flooding late last night or early this morning. Dunn's wife, Dorothy, made it out of their house, as did the other occupants there, and was forced to cling to a pole outside for three hours until she could be rescued. Sgt. Bill Bourzden of the End Police Department said, "She was taken to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and is reportedly not injured."

An ambulance was able to get to the Dunn residence at 5:53 a.m. today, where they found the body of the elderly man lying in two inches of mud in the doorway of the demolished home.

"The whole back wall of his house was gone," Barry Clark, the End Ambulance attendant, said. "It's a freaky thing." Sgt. Bourzden added, "But the pictures of his grandchildren were still hanging on the wall, and an electric clock was still running when we got there."

The water mark in the house was "up to my shoulders," Barry Clark said. Clark is 6-foot, 1-inch tall.

Dunn's body was taken to Cochranton Hill, where a temporary morgue was set up for storm victims. Dr. Cecil Ruesten, county coroner, pronounced him dead there this morning. Funeral services for Dunn are pending at the Strangland home, 3101 S. Van Buren. The only other known relative of Dunn besides his wife is a daughter, Dalena Strangland, 1308 E. Cherokee.

Mrs. Strangland, who was reportedly an End visiting relative, was struck by a hit-and-run driver about 3:45 a.m. today in the 800 block of S. Van Buren. Reports indicated that Mrs. Strangland was crossing Van Buren from the Pizza Inn to the Surien Stockade across the street west when she was struck by a car which did not stop.

Charles Babbs, another ambulance attendant, said the woman was lying in the west, southbound lane of traffic when they arrived at 4 a.m., "still struggling for life." The only injuries he reports noticing were facial lacerations and a swollen left eye. He was not aware that she later died.

The ambulance took the woman to Baxter Baptist Hospital, where she received emergency treatment. However, she died at 8:30 a.m. apparently of internal injuries. Funeral services are pending at Cochranton Hill.

Other deaths were confirmed at press time, but some 30 to 40 persons are still reported missing, according to the End Police Department.

## Tile Stolen

Don Drauet of the Gardfield Tile Company, 217 N. Eisenhower, reported to police this week that some \$135 worth of ceramic tiles were stolen from a house under construction in the La Mesa West subdivision.

Drauet believed the incident occurred Monday night.



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# Nursing Home Report On Flood Damage

Evening Star Nursing Home, 1308 N. 37th, no water or storm damage, all 68 patients are fine this morning.

Greenbrier Home, 1121 E. Market, reports all of its 68 patients fine. There was no flood or storm damage except the basement water and sewer service early Wednesday.

Evening. An official this morning, reports patients and personnel are getting by by drinking distilled water and eating from paper plates.

Highland Park Manor, 1140 W. Willow, reports all 80 patients fine this morning. An official there reported 40 patients, beds and all, were evacuated

from their rooms into the center of the house as flood waters entered the hallways and raised to ankle deep at the nursing station. There were no injuries and all patients were returned to their rooms this morning. The cook at Highland Park, Marie, was stranded there last night and as a result

was able to prepare breakfast a bit early today.

Methodist Home of End, Inc., 301 S. Oakwood Road, reported all 75 patients are fine. No water entered the building.

National Manor, Inc., 1820 S. Van Buren, received a little water but

not much damage. All patients are reported fine.

Nightgate Nursing Home, 507 W. Pine, reports no water damage and all 45 patients fine.

Sunnydale Nursing Home, 2925 N. Midway, reports no water in the building even though six returning residents were flooded. All 35 patients

are dry and fine.

Sunset Estates of End, Inc., 419 N. 30th, received about an inch of water in the building, mostly in the west end. Some patients' rooms had a little water and some patients were removed from rooms for a short time. The administrator reports all 96 patients are fine.

Pekeur' Manor, 313 E. Oxford, set up a first aid station last night which was manned by two physicians and several registered nurses. All patients at the manor are fine as flood waters did not enter the premises. Two outside patients were treated — one for tetanus and the other required oxygen.

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It was during my junior year in high school...

My best buddy's parents had just built a beautiful new home there in Buffalo...

As the fire siren sounded that morning, I turned to Bob and quipped...

We continued our classwork. He minutes later...

And everyone of us in that class knew that my smart-aleck joke was a reality.

Bob's mother had been using a pan of gasoline for cleaning the cement from around the ceramic tile...

The firemen saved the house—at least the walls...

They moved back to their old house and sold the new one...

As a newspaperman I have covered dozens of fires since then...

But every once in a while I recall that day back in high school...

It can never happen in my home, you say? Oh yeah!

Against Flood Damage

Probably Only Two Persons Had Insurance

Enid which was hit by the worst flood disaster in its history...

Bob Lund, general manager of the general apartment bureau...

"Oklahoma just does not offer the type of coverage," said Lund.

Very few people in the state are covered since we are not prone to many floods.

Individuals with comprehensive auto coverage can get some relief from the flood," said Lund.

As for the businesses they are in the same situation as the home owners," he said.

John Martin, of the Mutual Insurance agency, stated that flood coverage in the state is not offered.

"There is no coverage under floods and I doubt if two people in the city have such a policy," said Martin.

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Some Damage In Area Towns Enid Took Storm Brunt

News of the weather situation in the northwest area began filtering in during the late morning Thursday.

Shirley Pool at the Fairview newspaper office said that her rain gauge and the TV public weather reporting service showed that about 4 1/2 inches of rain fell at Fairview on Wednesday night.

U.S. 81 highway south of Dover was closed all morning Thursday because of flood conditions on the Cimarron River there.

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"They're trying to work on the pumps, but their main problem is that they can't get to the pumps to work on them."

The highway east of Flood Creek, U.S. 60, is closed to high water. Scates said the river was higher than it had ever been that anyone could remember.

Some homes were damaged and several businesses had water running through them.

Scates said he understood there were only about four families left in Jefferson and they were evacuating people by boat.

Mrs. Joe Thomas in Woodward said she wasn't sure how much rain had fallen there, but she guessed between three and four inches. She said the weather there had been no break out yet.

Rita Pjeksy at the First State Bank said she had been under the impression that the water was not so bad.

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Downtown Enid Stores Damaged

At least three downtown stores received some damage due to 10-foot waters which paralyzed Enid and surrounding areas last night.

C. J. Briggs at TGV reported that the damage to the store was caused due to wind damage. Employees were leaving the store this morning when flooding started to close for perhaps two days.

Jim Evans, owner of Evans Co-Rite downtown, reported that water ran into the basement and caused a great loss of goods. Evans downtown will be closed until further notice.

Stores remaining open this morning although flood waters got into the basement, running merchandise in that part of the store, according to manager Bob Henderson. Damaged merchandise will be sold at a discount price as soon as the basement is restored.

All other downtown stores appear to be unaffected by the flood.

President Tom Schneider of First National Bank reported that the basement flooded in the basement causing flooding. Funds were being used this morning to get the water out.

The main floor had a little water due to leakage through the floor.

The bank was operating on a small scale this morning and it will be open Friday for normal business.

Worst Storm

Using the path of Boggy Creek starting in the Yucca addition in North Enid and following its path through Government Street, just east of Cimarron, to the Brookside addition.

A similar situation developed from around Hoover at Randolph and ran on into the Brookside area and eastward to the D. Ward Nichols apartment complex.

National Guard and Army Reserve units were alerted and joined with the police and fire departments in rescuing people trapped in cars and from rooftops.

The storm put a crimp in telephone service as it was slowly getting back to normal today.

Yellow Cab company suspended service at 8 p.m. when rising waters forced the cabs in. It was one of the rare times the cab company has had to suspend service. Normal service was resumed this morning.

After making an aerial survey of the city this morning, City Manager Tom Sullivan Jr. said that he noticed several mobile homes and cars and trucks overturned in the Brookside area.

Sullivan said the cars were stacked in the corner of St. Mary's parking lot like a pile of logs. He noted that a new bridge on East Willow was washed out as were the foot bridges to Hooper School.

Five Injured During Storm

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Enid's Water Supply Free Of Contamination

Enid's water supply is free of contamination and needs no treatment for internal use.

City Manager Tom Sullivan Jr. reported this morning following the almost 10-inch depth of rain Wednesday night.

"However," Sullivan pointed out, "those persons with private water systems or wells should take the proper precautions and treat water by boiling before using internally until the system can be tested."

Contaminated water can cause many diseases, some of which could prove fatal if not diagnosed immediately.

Emergency Phone Service Being Restored Quickly As Possible

We don't know how many telephone calls are being made to the emergency phone banks in service as fast as possible.

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... And The Floodwaters Came

Heaven opened and rains came. That best describes conditions in the all-time record 15.68-inch rainfall that came to Enid Wednesday evening and in some hours Thursday.

It far exceeds the previous record 10 inches that resulted in heavy flooding in Enid in May 1957.

Most streets and roadways in the Enid area became rolling torrents of water early in the evening and hampered rescue operations throughout the city.

Entrance to the city early this morning was confined to U.S. 81 highways and only vehicles bearing needed supplies or on mercy missions were permitted to enter.

Too, other communication facilities are reserved for emergency use and citizens are urged to use telephones only in compelling situations.

As the day progresses, the News and Eagle news department will be updated reports in stories and pictures in flood damages.

One long haired youth, standing knee deep in brackish water, got off one of the best lines of the night.

"It's not nice to fool Mother Nature!"

other than that on the prestroom floor.

Until further surveys are complete and more is known later in the day, there's little need of comment, other than this.

Man's humanity for his fellowman was proven time and again during the night, as neighbor helped neighbor, stranger helped stranger.

Useful help is coming from everywhere to help our community. For friends such as these—we're neighbors or strangers—we're eternally grateful!

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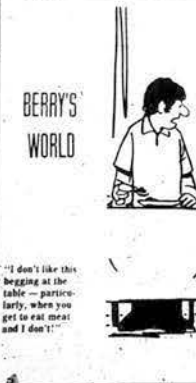
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"I don't like this begging at the table—particularly, when you get to eat meat and I don't!"

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A trailer house northeast of Gottry belonging to Clarence Waymen was destroyed by the wind, maybe a small water tower, but they had a roof about 12 30 m. Mrs. Rita Pjeksy said.

There was also a considerable amount of damage to trees and crops, according to Mrs. Pjeksy.

St. Mary's

the like were piled on desks, cabinets, chairs wherever they would be out of water.

No dollar estimate has been made on the devastation at St. Mary's Hospital, although it is expected to run very high.

McMillen indicated there was little panic Wednesday night and early Thursday morning among personnel or patients and anyone seemed to be doing a job or waiting to be assigned an area of work.

Relatives coming to the hospital were able to see patients and others were referred to waiting rooms. Small groups of people stood sitting, sipping hot coffee or talking with others. Others slumped wearily into a chair for a moment's rest.

Directly across the street west from St. Mary's a medical arts building, housing a variety of doctors, saw monumental damage from flood waters.

Laboratories were demolished. X-ray facilities and equipment were put out of commission—maybe destroyed. Bottles of medical supplies and equipment lay in masses in each office as testimony to the destructive flooding from Boggy Creek.

Back at St. Mary's parking lots employees and equipment were put out wandering about the lots looking for their vehicles or upon finding them gone or damaged, stood staring at the destruction.

One youthful nurse asked a passing man if he had seen a little blue Volkswagen admit the debris. He shook his head "no" as he hurried past the nurse.

Cleanup operations began as soon as the flood waters began receding, reportedly shortly after midnight. The park areas to the north and the south of St. Mary's were filled with debris and abandoned cars.

National Guardsmen were at intersections around St. Mary's Hospital directing the stream of traffic as persons tried to go to their respective jobs. Sightseers were out with their daylight glasses to see the traffic congestion.

The hospital administrator reported the manager of the Sunset Plaza Salsbury store was rescued out of bed in the middle of the night and he actually opened the store in order to get food items to the hospital.

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Prosecutors Say State, National News Roundup

Agnew Took 'Kickbacks' For Years

Washington (AP)—Yearning for riches beyond his grasp, Spiro T. Agnew cast aside the law and reaped thousands of dollars as the kingpin in the shadowy scheme of kickbacks, government prosecutors say.

For at least a decade, Agnew actively encouraged the underground kickback tradition known only to an inner circle of Maryland politicians and contractors seeking state business, the government claims.

It was complained often that the demands of public office required lavishness he could not afford on his salary alone.

The scheme was described in detail in a 40-page outline filed by U.S. Attorney George Beall with the district judge who accepted Agnew's no contest plea as a tax evasion charge.

The plea was entered in court after Agnew quit the Vice Presidency.

Beall admitted he had received payments in 1967 and that he knew the money was taxable.

Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson said the evidence was "serious wrongdoing" but said he chose a "softer" plea rather than inflict "serious and permanent scars" on the nation through a protracted trial.

The outline of evidence laid out for public scrutiny was gathered in a nine-month investigation. The accusations focused on Agnew's relations with four of his friends and business associates.

—H. H. "Bud" Hammerman, a wealthy Baltimore banker and real estate tycoon who allegedly acted as bagman for payments.

—Thomas B. Wolf, a lawyer and engineer appointed by Agnew as Maryland Roads Commission chairman.

—Tommy Green, president of Green Associates, Inc., one of the Maryland engineering firms that received hefty state contracts during the Agnew administration.

—Charles Todd, owner of Charlie & Son Paint-and-Body Shop, 318 E. Elm, took a look at what was left of his shop this morning.

There was only the foundation, and the cash trucks which were in the shop had been scattered and washed about with many of them in baseball park on down on Elm.

Todd said one vehicle was as far away as East Marine.

Cubans Try To Storm UN Rostrum

Nixon May Want Connally In Post

UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK (AP)—The Cuban Foreign Minister and his aides tried to storm the General Assembly Rostrum Wednesday night to attack the Olean ambassador.

United Nations guards and delegates from other nations, including Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay, Bolivia and Chile, stopped Foreign Minister Raul Roa a few yards from the podium.

Later Roa told the Assembly he rushed the Chilean ambassador Raul Bustan "sofly and exclusively to give him the slap he required."

Bustan had called Prime Minister Eidel Costero "an important leader with expansionist goals," and Roa "a man who chews a cud of hatred and knows nothing of dignity."

Bustan said Castro "used to watch executions and invited diplomats from other countries to watch."

At that point, Roa and his aides rushed down the side aisle toward the front of the chamber, and shouted obscenities in Spanish.

The chief United Nations secretary of state, Lt. Col. Harold A. Trimble of Canada said the incident was "potentially the most serious" moment in his five years at the U.N.

U. S. Lays Groundwork For Supplying Israel

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States appears to be laying the groundwork for a major supply effort for Israel should that nation start continuing heavy losses in its war with Syria and Egypt.

Quality Cleaners. Department estimated that at least 75 percent of the homes in the city had suffered some type of water damage and property damage will run into millions.

The End Police advised that traffic is being diverted away from the city until the situation calms down.

At least 100 persons were rescued last night by our department and others in boats during the height of the flood.

At St. Mary's where we have located two tents courts, they were destroyed and some equipment was lost in the park area.

It will cost at least a half-million dollars to replace our equipment.

A Convention Hall, an emergency disaster area was established Head nurse Mary Sellers reported that everything had gone well during the night.

Our main concern was supplying medications to those people who were in need.

But officials stress that no decision has been made. They say the United States is concentrating on a diplomatic drive to find a consensus with the Soviet Union and other powers for at least a ceasefire to end the fighting, and more preferably for a framework for a lasting negotiated settlement.

Sen. Howard Assured Of Pro Tempore Post

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—State Senator Gene Howard, D-Tulsa, claimed assurance Wednesday of his election as the president pro tempore of the Oklahoma Senate.

Howard's surprise announcement came after Senator Jimmy Birkhead, D-Oklahoma City, had abandoned his campaign for the Senate top spot last week.

Howard and Senator Jim E. Lane, D-Atoka, who is seeking the Senate majority floor leader spot, each claimed a Wednesday to have more than 22 votes.

Howard and Garber were assisting the End Police Department.

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Storm Hero

Railroad Switchman Saves Baby

Tom Baker, switchman for the Frisco Railroad, arrived at the right time Wednesday night during the height of the End flood.

According to sources Baker saved the life of an infant baby.

A mother with her baby in arms, was being holding onto a light pole at Fourth and Forrest when the mother took grip of the child and the baby plunged into the flooded street.

Witnesses stated that Baker dived from a Frisco train which he was atop and swam toward the baby.

Witnesses reported that the mother later let loose from the light pole and floated down stream for a block before she went out of sight.

It was reported that she had drowned but she appeared an hour later and took her child.

It Didn't Work

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—The signs over the jewelry store "Honey is the best policy—but cars is the next best."

Monday night opened the store to some 100 New Jersey residents searching for silver ware and jewelry stores from their homes.

Pulver said few of the burglars victims were able to identify their possessions at Martin and Sims Jewelers.

The proprietors, Frank Martin, 34, and his son Richard, 28, were arrested last week on charges of receiving stolen property.

He's Seen It All

Water Everywhere, Not A Drop To Drink

By RED COLLINS News-Edge Sports Editor

I've ridden out typhoons at sea, hurricanes inland. Flash floods in the shortgrass section of Oklahoma and coastal floods along the Gulf section in Texas.

I've been through tornadoes in three states, complete with the rain fall both before and after a funnel hits. Luck has been with me in all these experiences, since I've never been injured nor has a member of my family been hurt.

I've also swam a flooding creek, located about 200 yards west of my parents home in Duncan, back in 1949, to see if my mother was safe.

During that flood, it rained more than five inches in 2 1/2 hours. However, a later-filled creek bed caused the flood which washed away more than 25 homes in the south section of Duncan.

I've also gone through hurricane floods in Houston, with nearly eight inches falling in a short period of time.

But I've never seen rain fall like it fell in End Wednesday night.

Fortunately we reside in a middle home park in the north section of the city and are up high ground, although in the intersection of Blue and North Van Buren does become almost impassable due to high water.

In fact, at the height of the storm Wednesday night, several cars were stalled because of water. The water almost entered the United Supermarket in the Northgate Shopping Center and water was reported high in the Geesey.

and TO&Y Shopping Center, stalling a number of cars.

Van Buren was the scene of a number of stalled vehicles, many of which were swept into the meridian of the four-lane highway.

It kinda reminded me of that old saying "Water, water everywhere—but not a drop to drink."

No Wrongs Done By Demo Corps

WASHINGTON (AP)—A former McGovern campaign aide told the Senate Watergate Committee that their campaign made mistakes "but we did not commit crimes."

"It would be a profound disservice to permit the past to dig up dirt on McGovern's campaign in any attempt to match the Nixon re-election effort," Rick Stearns told the committee.

Stearns, a Harvard law student, was western states coordinator for the 1972 presidential campaign of Senator George McGovern, D-S.D.

Some Nerve!

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. (AP)—The hotel room of two Washoe County sheriff's deputies attending the Western States Burglary Conference was burglarized, police reported Monday.

Emergency Crews Worked Through Night; Damage Mounting Hourly

"We have been operating at full force all night and will continue throughout the day," said Captain Dennis McFadden, of the End Police Department.

McFadden, assessing the damage to End and the surrounding area termed the results of 15-inch downpour as the worst he has ever witnessed.

"We currently have our focus on public safety and on missing persons," said McFadden.

"The city has suffered extensive street damage with two bridges washed out." At Meadowlark Park the dam gates failed and caused severe flooding and very heavy damage was done to the homes in the area.

"We have had some assistance from the Oklahoma National Guard, County Sheriff's office, Oklahoma Highway Patrol and many students from Phillips University, he added.

"The main flood area occurred on the Gregg Creek which runs through town. It caused considerable damage to at least 30 small businesses, Youngs Drug, Boyles Cafe, Pak and

people who were in need. We arranged for medicine and contacted the doctors whose patients were in need of proper medications."

McFadden also commented that during the night activities that 67-year old man saved a mattress to ride the flood which had over taken his house.

He then knocked a hole into the ceiling, climbed onto the rafters and kicked another hole into his roof and was later rescued by the EFD.

"At least 100 persons were rescued last night by our department and others in boats during the height of the flood," said McFadden.

McFadden also stated that they are discouraging End people from urinating, in flooding that power lines were down along with telephones.

"The Police Department stated that they were without telephone service since 10 a.m. Thursday and also stated that the night had blown out during the night."

McFadden also said that units from Woodward Canyon, Blackwell, Crescent, Fairview

and Garber were assisting the End Police Department.

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Sidelights

Every End Resident Has His Own Tale Of Flood

Mrs. Dave Haken, 3120 Brooks Drive, was at night school in town during the storm and unable to get home to be with her children who were with a babysitter. Finally, at about 5:30 they were able to get to their home and found that their two children had gone to the home of their babysitter and were safe and dry.

"I was so worried about the children not being able to get to them or phone them. At least we're all alive and the rest of our stuff is recoverable."

Water level in the Haken home reached 3 feet, 7 inches, as measured by three water marks on the wall. Two to three inches of mud covered the livingroom floor which had received new wall-to-wall carpet last week. New drapes installed at the same time were also ruined.

Mrs. Dave Endler, Pine Manor Apartments, 1011 S. 30th, just south of the most heavily hit part of Brookside, said "Our lights went out about 8 o'clock. Since we don't have a portable radio, we weren't able to listen to what was going on and didn't realize how bad it was until we heard the terrible screaming from the houses just behind our apartments. I heard this morning they were hit by a wall of water that de-

stroyed most of their homes. After hearing those screams, I was too scared to sleep. My husband is a student pilot at Vance AFB."

Rail traffic in and out of End came to an abrupt halt in all directions late Wednesday after flood waters succeeded in washing out lines of the three railroads which pass through the city.

Although complete condition reports were unavailable at press time today the Frisco, Santa Fe and Rock Island Railroads all reported section hogs were out in every direction trying to get an estimate of washout damages and when lines could re-open.

The Frisco spook west on Laboma Road was washed out inside the city limits and that line, going west will be out for at least 72 hours, rail officials said.

Rail officials said a complete road condition would be made to the public as soon as sections hand guards the information and district engineers have had an opportunity to study the reports and make recommendations as to corrections needed.

During the heavy rains Wednesday night there were about 15 junior high school girls playing basketball in the Walker Junior High School Gym. Parents and the girls were not inside the gym so they were just bedded down in the gym. Jerry Simmons, principle of the school and a major in the Army National Guard, said the WJCA used the gym for girls basketball.

Residents in the Brookside area who are missing items might talk with Robert L. Wilson, 523 W. Main, who discovered this morning that he had three barbecue units including one big barbeque type, a redwood picnic table and a box with the water speaker attached in his back yard.

The items were swept into a hedge and fence.

"Water was running through the back yard like a river," Wilson said.

About 20 persons joined the evening work force at K mart store, Oakwood and Laboma Road and spent the night there. Several of the persons stranded there had started home, trail work in Amarita, Meru, Laboma and Amarita when they took shelter at K mart.

At one time about 400 cars within 25 or 30 feet of the front door of K mart and cars parked at the lot were under water up to the headlights. The K mart service was closed and coffee through the night.

Many of those stranded at K mart just were back to work this morning, rather than trying to get on home.

Advertisement for WRAPON electric heat tapes, EBER GLASS insulation, and ODORS AWAY Incredible. Includes prices and product descriptions.

Advertisement for Emrick's Van & Storage Co. with logo and address: 702 E. Pine.



**Washed Away**

Semi-truck trailers jam the railroad trestle in the 300 block on East Elm as well as the Charlie and Sam Paint & Body Shop which used to be on the foundation at the right of the photo. Stuart Charlie Todd reported

his building was completely washed away and the trucks and cars within it are scattered as far away as four blocks. All were smashed and overturned by the surging rush of water.



**All That's Left**

Picking up all that's left of her parents' household contents is Miss Louise Etter. She spent 3 1/2 hours on the roof of her parents' home at 2261 Dwellie Drive last night during the height of the flooding that severely damaged much of the Brookside Park addition. Miss

Etter, her parents' an aunt and uncle, and one small child sheltered on the roof until being rescued by Marshall Etter, a brother. Miss Etter said this morning, "I just thank God we're all alive."

# ... And The Rains Came, And Came...



**Heading For Higher Ground**

Marvon Navrotil of 278 N. 15th, in the driver's seat and another Western Company employe. Dave Haker, who resides in Brookside addition, took this big company sand truck into the flood waters of Brookside Wednesday night and drove 20 residents to 30th Street.

where highway patrol units rushed the residents to safe areas. The big truck was about the only unit capable of negotiating the floodwaters at the time. Here, some of the rescued Brookside residents are being loaded into the truck.



**Happily Reunited**

Two young people rushed into each others' arms at Convocation Hall early this morning after apparently searching for each other. Many such scenes were in evidence as the center became the assembly point for flood victims. Throngs of Enid residents spent the night at the center after flood waters inundated their residences.



**South Wilson And Jefferson**

The big drainage ditch in the west part of Enid couldn't take care of the large amount of water which fell Wednesday night. At South

Wilson and Oklahoma streets, debris collected on the bridge, as well as a camper which was also deposited there.



**Another Storm Victim**

This car was demolished after being glimmered and overturned across the sidewalk and into the shrubbery almost at the east entrance to the medical arts building across the street

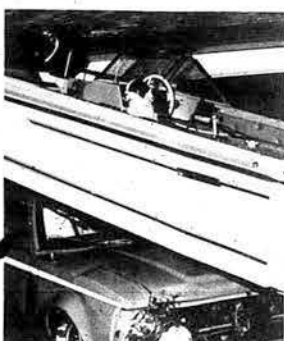
from St. Mary's Hospital. The various physician's offices in the medical arts facilities sustained heavy flood damage from Wednesday night's vicious deluge.



**Boats From Everywhere**

Emergency calls for rescue boats went out during the night, and boaters came from a wide area. The water was so swift at times that only boats with large-horsepower motors could move upstream. This boat was being

unloaded in Brookside during the middle of the night. One boatowner said he turned his rig over to rescue workers and at mid-morning didn't know where the boat was, but presumed it was still being used somewhere.



**Waiting Out The Storm**

Animals had a rough time in the flood Wednesday night, but this dog found a good spot to wait out the storm - in a boat, atop a pickup truck owned by Enid fireman Bill Smith, who lives at 2326 Dwellie Drive.



**Out Of Business**

Roger Canaday, who operates an air conditioning business from this pickup camper, was washed out of business in Wednesday

night's flood. The high waters stacked up his pickup and a camper in his front yard at 2112 Dwellie Drive in Brookside addition.



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# Flood Death Toll Climbs, 21 Missing



## Six Bodies Found, Property Loss Over \$20 Million In County

Enid's worst flood in history has now claimed six lives with the addition of the discovery of the bodies of a Douglas couple, an Enid man and a three-year-old girl.

Another body was found near the landfill on South Tenth, at about 2:30 p.m. today.

The list of reported missing persons had been cut from 100 to 21 at mid-afternoon, and city, state and federal officials are pressing for emergency assistance for victims of Wednesday's record 15.68 inch flood deluge.

The preparation for the designation of the Enid area as a disaster site moved ahead with officials placing a \$20 million preliminary price tag on the flood damage, and the governor, the two U.S. senators and Congressman Happy Camp joining in the request for federal assistance.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is making food available for flood victims with distribution to start Saturday at 8 a.m.

Although Enid had threatening skies, the weatherman in Oklahoma City says there is only a change of light to moderate thunderstorms this afternoon and tonight but nothing of the severity of Wednesday night's storm.

with the Vance AFB Chaplain, William M. Cuthbert in charge. Burial will follow in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

Donnell's funeral service is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church. Rev. Charles Wade will officiate. Burial will be in the Memorial Park Cemetery with Brown Funeral Home in charge.

## Disaster Designation Work Moving Ahead

Representatives from the Small Business Administration, the American National Red Cross and the city of Enid met this morning at the Pratt Agency to determine flood damage estimates in order the SBA can make a recommendation today declaring Garfield County a disaster area.

These figures must be sent through various channels in order President Richard Nixon may make an official declaration concerning the disaster area in Enid, Garfield County and perhaps four area counties.

T. J. Lucado, Oklahoma City, representing the SBA, this morning announced he has "found sufficient evidence to make a recommendation Garfield County be declared a disaster area." Lucado stated he hopes to have his recommendation in the hands of the SBA district director by 3 p.m. and it is possible the official declaration may be made Friday.

William W. Jean, representing the Western Oklahoma Division of the American National Red Cross, his volunteer workers and City of Enid officials have come up with rough estimates on flood damage.

—Over \$5 million for Garfield County with residential structures estimated at \$3.8 million.

—St. Mary's Hospital alone estimated at \$1.1 million damage.

—Between \$102-\$122 million in the city of Enid, alone.

—About \$1,150,000 damage to some \$5 to \$60 businesses, not including merchandise.

—Between \$50-\$100,000 damage to the city's sewage treatment plant. This facility is expected to be back in use within another 24 hours. City Manager Tom Satchell stated today.

Lucado stated that as soon as the official disaster area declaration is made, various governmental agencies will meet and decide when and where offices and services will be set up.

Lucado did not take a personal tour of flood districts, but took estimates and details from city and Red Cross officials. Lucado said he would expedite the declaration and left for Oklahoma City about noon today.

No estimate has been determined on household item losses, or inventories from business firms.

## Flood Death Toll Now Stands At Six

The death toll continued to climb today, as the body of a Douglas woman was found about three quarters of a mile north of Pioneer, near where rescue teams found her husband late Thursday night.

The body of Lela Robinson, 53, of Douglas, was recovered this morning, and her husband, Wayne Robinson, 56, was recovered late Thursday night, making the death toll six this morning.

Funeral services for both Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are pending at the Hemmer-Allen Funeral Home.

The funeral home has determined that the Robinsons died early Thursday morning, as they were with friends Wednesday evening. It is believed that they were washed away from their park as they tried to get through flood waters on their way home to Douglas.

The third and fourth flood victims, Edgar Bennett, 43, 307 E. Cherry, and Twila Kay Swartwood, almost three, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Swartwood, 3109 Brooks Drive, were found late Thursday afternoon.

The child's mother, Sharon Swartwood, 25, is still on the missing list.

The Swartwood child's body was found about 3:30 p.m. by four Phillips University students, according to Don Froese of the Enid Fire Department. Her funeral services are pending at the Hemmer-Allen Funeral Home.

Donnell's body was recovered about 200 feet south of Market at Seventh about the same time the child's body was pulled out.

The earliest victims, Sgt. Jack Dunn, 61, 2229 Dwellie, and Mrs. Lucile Stangland, 58, Dixon, Ill., were recovered in the early morning hours Thursday. Dunn, a drowning victim in his home, and Mrs. Stangland, a pedestrian struck by a hit and run auto.

A prayer service for Mrs. Stangland will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the chapel at Fossett Funeral Home. Her body will then be returned to Illinois for burial.

Dunn's funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Ladislaw Evans Chapel.

## State Officials Join In Disaster Request

OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI)—Government disaster assistance for the flood-ravaged Enid area was joined in Thursday by Gov. David Hall, Sens. Henry Bellmon and Dewey Bartlett, and sixth district Congressman John N. Hays. The three members of the congressional...

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## Clean Up And Move Back In

"Clean-up and move back in." That's the motto of most Enid flood victims today as they continue clean-up operations from Wednesday night's flood, the worst in Enid's history. In this color photo News-Eagle Staff member Todd Garber, Mrs. Max Townsend said, Chet Van Hosen are loading the Townsends' belongings into a rental truck. Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Townsend finished an all-summer project of digging a water well in their yard at 3206 Dwellie Drive in Brookside addition. Mrs. Townsend, her daughter and the daughter's boyfriend spent the night on the roof while four feet of water swirled through the house.

# President Will Name Agnew's Replacement

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Nixon made his choice today for a new vice president and he will reveal the highly guarded secret on national television tonight.

Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler, his voice showing the excitement, told reporters shortly before noon in the White House press room that the announcement would be made at 8 p.m. EDT time in the East-Room of the White House.

Members of Congress, the Cabinet and the diplomatic corps—and possibly the nominee himself—will be on hand, Ziegler said.

Nixon spent the night at his Camp David retreat—where he has made some of his most important decisions. While there, he narrowed a long list of recommendations to succeed Spiro T. Agnew to five names, Ziegler said.

After seven hours' sleep, he made his choice this morning before returning to Washington, Ziegler said.

Informed sources said that among the final five names considered up to the last minute were John B. Connally, Nixon's former treasury secretary and former Democratic governor of Texas; New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and former Secretary of State William P. Rogers.

While identity of Nixon's choice was kept secret, it was learned that it definitely would not be House Republican Leader Gerald Ford of Michigan, a favorite of many GOP congressmen.

Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott told reporters that Nixon advised him that his choice was a person who "may not jump to mind at first thought."

Admitting there was a "concerted effort" to keep the nominee's name a secret, Ziegler said, "You can assume all the potential nominees have had appropriate security clearances."

Ziegler grinned broadly while parrying reporters' questions about the big secret.

## List Of Missing Persons

- The list of reported missing persons following the flood on Wednesday night has been cut from 100 to 21 at 2 p.m. today.
- The list which has been drawn up by Brenda Deener and assistants at the First Methodist Church in Enid has been cut drastically.
- "A lot of people have been located and reunited with their family," said Deener. "Although the list is called a missing person list, they are not necessarily missing. Many of the people have just not made contact with their families because of communication problems, or they've added."
- It is now a list of any persons that you or your family have not contacted or are on this list you should call the First United Methodist Church at 237-2041, stated Deener.
- The church is located at 401 W. Randolph.
- Following is a list of reported missing persons as of 2 p.m. today:
- |                  |                |                |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Mr. McCallum     | Keith McCallum | Carl Mitchell  |
| Mrs. McCallum    | Dale Given     | Carson Barnett |
| George Magister  | Bob Greenwood  | Mac Burch      |
| David Smith      | Lisa Llewellyn | Al L. Townsend |
| E. L. McDonnis   | Jim Waterhouse | Eroy Hallman   |
| Jack Meek        | Curt Ediger    | Lois Hallman   |
| Sharon Swartwood | Frank Wilson   | Ramon Schrock  |

## Dover Still Under Water

Turkey Creek, fed by the heavy rains upstream from the record deluge in the Enid area, surged out of its banks at Dover in Kingfisher County, leaving some 300 of the community's 400 residents homeless Thursday night.

Witnesses said water was as high as six feet in some sections of the town.

Dover officials said the high water was causing back-ups in the city's sewer system, although the water supply system still was working.

Meanwhile, the Chickasaw and the Salt Fork of the Arkansas River routed residents from their homes at Blackwell and Tonkawa.

Tonkawa police said nearly two dozen persons had been plucked from roof tops by helicopter Thursday and rescue crews were searching for scores of others reported still missing.

Farm fields were flooded by the churning water, roads were washed out and livestock huddled on high ground.

More than 100 homes and businesses were reported damaged at Blackwell and several residents were reported still unaccounted for.

About 50 families were forced to flee their homes at Blackwell. Some moved in with friends and relatives and others took sanctuary at the First Christian Church where the Red Cross provided food and shelter.

Flooding also stranded several families in Medford and Lamont.

One news reporter who flew over the flood-stricken area Thursday described the five counties affected—Kingfisher, Garfield, Grant, Noble and Kay—as "a giant lake."

When things get back to normal—and if we get enough newsprint to return to normal-size papers—we will catch up with each item as comes that have continuity letters to the editor, etc.

## Newsprint Shortage Necessitates Eliminating Of Comics, Features

Your Enid Daily Eagle is short again today. No comics, no school page (which normally is published Friday) and shortened versions of some regular features.

The News-Eagle supply of newsprint was destroyed in Wednesday night's flood. The paper mill at Lufkin, Tex., shipped one truckload of paper today, which should arrive Saturday, and two more truckloads.

# 1:30 P.M. Stock Listings On New York Exchange

NEW YORK (UPI) - SERVICE BOOKS	High	Low	Change
Admiral 26 1/2	132 1/2	130 1/2	+1/2
Admiral 27 1/2	135 1/2	133 1/2	+2/2
Admiral 28 1/2	138 1/2	136 1/2	+2/2
Admiral 29 1/2	141 1/2	139 1/2	+2/2
Admiral 30 1/2	144 1/2	142 1/2	+2/2
Admiral 31 1/2	147 1/2	145 1/2	+2/2
Admiral 32 1/2	150 1/2	148 1/2	+2/2
Admiral 33 1/2	153 1/2	151 1/2	+2/2
Admiral 34 1/2	156 1/2	154 1/2	+2/2
Admiral 35 1/2	159 1/2	157 1/2	+2/2
Admiral 36 1/2	162 1/2	160 1/2	+2/2
Admiral 37 1/2	165 1/2	163 1/2	+2/2
Admiral 38 1/2	168 1/2	166 1/2	+2/2
Admiral 39 1/2	171 1/2	169 1/2	+2/2
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Admiral 69 1/2	261 1/2	259 1/2	+2/2
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Admiral 97 1/2	345 1/2	343 1/2	+2/2
Admiral 98 1/2	348 1/2	346 1/2	+2/2
Admiral 99 1/2	351 1/2	349 1/2	+2/2
Admiral 100 1/2	354 1/2	352 1/2	+2/2

# Circus Coming Sunday

The Clyde Beatty-Cole Circus, the world's largest, will be rolling into End early Sunday morning, and will present performances in three rings under the Big Top, located at the Garfield County Fairgrounds. Show times are at 2 and 5:30 p.m., under the auspices of the End Jaycees.

The rapidly moving two hour long program features trained wild and domestic animals and includes such circus stars as: Dave Hoover who tempts fate by combining those natural jungle enemies, lions and tigers; Fred Logan with three herds of performing elephants; Jack Joyce and his animals—zebras, llamas, camels, ponies, dogs and monkeys; Mr. Heavy's Park Pole Revue (trained pigs); the Suarez Family of riders; Modernissimo Maya, a trapeze star; the Flying Aces; Les Blocks on the high wire; the Aerial Glorians; Samudio and scores of other new acts; plus those funny circus clowns. Color, excitement, thrills, and laughs! And on the midway, opening one hour before the big show time, "old time" the circus sidshow and menagerie, and other attractions.

# Six Bodies Found

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delegation" asked Thomas Klippe, administrator for the Small Business Administration to set machinery in motion for interested disaster loans.

Hall wired President Nixon requesting the region of Kay, Noble, Kingfisher, Garfield and Grant counties be designated a "national disaster area."

Hall's telegram said devastating floods struck a wide area of north central Oklahoma yesterday and that floodwaters spread over urban and rural lands.

"Hundreds of People have been evacuated and property loss estimates—both private and public—continue to climb," Hall said.

"Having routed the inundated and damaged areas, it estimate losses will far exceed \$1 million."

Federal and state officials, national guardmen, highway patrol, police and volunteers joined to save lives and alleviate suffering. During the next few days, we hope to apprise you of the detailed losses. However, in view of the obviously massive damage and heavy losses, I respectfully request that you declare the five-county region a national disaster area."

The congressmen's telegram to Klippe said:

"Wednesday night a tragic disaster hit the city of End and the surrounding area when 17 inches of rain fell within a few hours. Serious flooding with some loss of life and heavy damage resulted. We request that your office immediately dispatch an experienced team, qualified and empowered to make available to the residents of the area low interest disaster loans to enable them to rebuild and rehabilitate their homes and businesses without delay."

# Cleanup Operations Continue In City

Most End stores are open this afternoon, but some will remain closed indefinitely attempting to recover from flood damages. In the downtown area, nearly every major store was open by noon today, except the T&Y on Independence.

Roger Casaday, operator of Casaday Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Service, said Friday he is back in business, despite his earlier estimate of damage to his pickup, camped and equipment.

Although a Kingfisher Guthrie Oklahoma National Guard unit was called Thursday night, approximately 150 guardsmen remained in the End area Friday assisting with search and clean up activities.

A guard spokesman said he could not tell when those remaining units would be released, but because of the slow difficult nature of search operations, it would probably be several days.

"Other than the time value magazines, we are in good shape," stated George McKenzie, superintendent of mail for the End district.

However, the post office did find the flood troublesome for two days.

"Right now we have caught up on delivering first class mail but will be a day late on the time valued magazines such as Time, News and World Magazine," stated McKenzie.

Assessing other damage to city property and service facilities, City Manager Tom Sallors Jr. said the sewage treatment plant is out of commission for the time being. He said 15 feet of water roared through the plant. Sewage is flowing directly into Siletion Creek. Sallors said he expects experts from Oklahoma City soon to arrive in End to help plan equipment at the plant and try to get it back into operation. Workers were still pumping flood water from the plant this afternoon.

No apparent damage has been found at the city's bank, and Sallors said a water line break east of 2nd Street has been isolated and it's being repaired.

The city's landfill is operational, Sallors said, and the hauling fee has been temporarily suspended. People are encouraged to haul any debris or trash they can transport themselves to the landfill.

Regular city trash service will probably be restored by the first of next week, the city manager said. Sanitation department crews will also pick up trash and debris stacked at curbside, but it should be bundled or weighed down in some manner so it will not scatter.

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Sallors said he has contacted the state engineering service, and they will act as a clearinghouse for the hiring of additional temporary sanitation department workers.

A comprehensive approach to retrieving vehicles from drainage ditches is being developed, Sallors said, and a central identification and pick-up area probably will be established. There may be a call soon for volunteers help to recover vehicles.

Sallors appealed to people who do not have businesses in severely damaged areas to stay away and allow homeowners and flood workers to clear debris.

Emphasizing the value of the city's drainage canal built in the late 1950s, Sallors said the severe flooding was not the fault of the city's drainage system. "I don't think any city could design a system to handle 15 inches of rain in a five-hour period. If they did, there would be so many deep wide drainage ditches that people couldn't build houses."

The fact that flood water revealed quickly in most areas, he said, proves the efficiency of the drainage system, even under stress conditions.

# Soybean Futures Prices Fall Back

CHICAGO (AP) — Liquidation hit commodity futures after several days of gains, with prices and most pits on the Chicago Board of Trade today closed with losses.

Soybeans were down 10 cents a bushel, soybean meal fell \$10 a ton, soybean oil fell back 100 points or 1 cent a pound, corn was down 10 cents a bushel, the limit and seed brokers lost 2 cents a pound, also the limit.

Wheat futures were down 10 cents and oats lost about 1 1/2 cents.

The selling had not been unexpected. Prices had strong in recent session on the major pits. Soybeans had advanced some 50 cents a bushel since Monday's close.

At the close, soybeans were down 20 cents a bushel, November, December 2.33 1/2, was 8 to 14 lower, December, 4.63 and oats were 1 1/2 to 1 1/2 lower, December 1.28 1/2.

# USDA Making Food Available For Victims

Available 40,000 pounds of United States Department of Agriculture foods have been brought into End, and are made available to flood victims.

A truck load of foods, including canned meats, staples, canned fruits, vegetables, and dried milk products, arrived in End Thursday night and is to be distributed to families who apply for assistance, starting at 9 a.m. Saturday morning.

Families needing food should contact Mrs. Jerry Reinhardt at the north side of Plainsmen Field. Families will be eligible to pick up a two-week supply of food, according to the USDA officials in End and a representative of the State Department of Institutions, Social and Rehabilitative Services. The state department handles the distribution of USDA donated foods.

Mass feeding of flood victims has been handled by the National Guard and the American Red Cross. USDA food is being prepared by the army by National Guardsmen, and is being served at Convention Hall by the Red Cross.

Some 80 persons were served dinner Thursday night, and 120 received breakfast at Convention Hall this morning.

"Foods will be available indefinitely as long as emergency exists," Charles Carlisle, one of the Dallas USDA office said, working under the authority of Martin Garber, West-Central Regional administrator for the USDA.

All families need to do receive their food supplies beginning Saturday, is come to the post office and see Mrs. Reinhardt and Tom Durbin, acting administrator for the Garfield County area of the State Department of Institutions, Social and Rehabilitative Services.

Food is also being airlifted to Dover, according to Lloyd Rader, director of

# Damage To City Property Assessed; Services Studied

Jerry Reece, head of the city's Park and Recreation Department, set a preliminary physical damage estimate at \$500,000 for the city's park. He said that does not include any equipment damages.

Another city spokesman said the bleachers at Exchange Park have washed away and the light poles are twisted and possibly destroyed. He said there is also a possibility that there are still more cars in the lake at Government Springs Park, although several have already been towed out.

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# KC Cash Grain

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St. Mary's Mop Up

Garber Junior High School girls volunteered and were pressed into service in the clean-up work at the sisters' convent just east of St. Mary's Hospital this morning.

The convent is in an area particularly hard hit by Wednesday's flooding rains.

# City Earlier Asked Flood Insurance Capability - Answer Came Too Late!

When City Manager Tom Sailors Jr. stepped back into Woodring Municipal Airport after touring flood-damaged areas by helicopter Thursday morning, he was met by two U.S. Government surveyors.

The men, ironically, had just arrived in Eind to begin an Army Corps of Engineers survey of flood drainage plans in the Eind area. The survey is a prerequisite for approval of issuance of national flood insurance.

Slightly more than a month ago, the Eind City Council applied to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the survey.

## \$60 Billion Needed For Facilities

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency estimated today that it will cost more than \$60 billion to build needed municipal waste water treatment facilities by 1990.

But Administrator Russell E. Train said the figure may be off and advised against it being used, as Congress originally intended as a basis for allocating available funds to the states.

The total estimate is \$60.7 billion, an enormous jump from the 1971 estimate of \$18.1 billion. Officials said the increase is the result of new treatment requirements passed by Congress in 1972 and the inclusion of major new categories of facilities eligible for federal funding, mainly sewer systems.

Despite flood problems, a Red Carpet Country art show will be held as scheduled this weekend.

The show will be open from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and most of the day Sunday at the Hoover building, Garfield County fairgrounds. The show is open to the public, and any area artist may display paintings and sculptures.

Patients at flood-stricken St. Mary's Hospital are being served food from Eind school district Central Kitchens.

Mrs. Lois Willis, kitchen manager, today reported that lunch and an evening meal for patients was prepared Thursday and lunches are being prepared to serve through the weekend.

Girl Scout officials are asking for volunteers to help clean up Camp Rhodes Saturday and Sunday.

Don Phillips of the Scout officials said the camp, which is 4 miles west of the highway, patrol station, 1/2 north and 1/2 mile back west, was hit by Wednesday night flood.

Phillips said there appeared to be no major damage other than a two-inch covering of mud in the buildings.

He asks volunteers to go on out or call the Camp Fire office, 234-4497.

Doc Severson's Saturday night appearance at Briggs Auditorium will go on as scheduled.

The performance is the first in the concert series sponsored by the Eind-Phillips Symphony Orchestra. Admission is by season ticket only.

During the recent torrential rains, many vacancies were involved in rescue operations on base and in the Eind area. Several boats were dispatched to the downtown area to assist in the rescue operations at the request of the Eind Police

Base dining officials announced that meals will be provided for more than 600 meals have been sent.

Several base houses were flooded with residents being temporarily housed in the BQQ. First Lt. William A.P. McNeil, First Lt. Charles Ingram and Lane, Oberlin assisted in the Vance evacuation. McNeil, describing the situation as the worst flood he had ever seen, said the water was chest high in some areas.

He organized a group consisting of more than 20 carloads of in-base personnel to assist at the Brookside area, southeast of Eind. A blue fire truck was dispatched to Brookside. Several additional boats, normally used for recreational purposes, were sent to other downtown areas.

"Col. Schuyler" Bassell, commander of the 71st Flying Training Wing, announced that the annual Open House, scheduled for Oct. 20, has been postponed. All facilities and personnel at Vance will be used to assist the flood victims in the local area.

### Auto Official Says

## Don't Try To Start Car If It's Been Under Water

"Do NOT try to start your car if it was even partially under water during the flood," is the advice of John Day at Day Ford. "If people will wait for qualified mechanics to check their cars, many can be

salvaged. But if they go ahead and start the engine, it may ruin it."

Those persons who want to salvage their own vehicles should remove the pan, clean inside the

engine, add new oil, change the oil and air filters; drain and clean the transmission and differential; repack the front wheel bearings, and wash the mud and debris from the under-hood area.

Automatic transmissions probably will require an expert mechanic.

Cameras, pictures, etc. Cameras, projectors, binoculars, etc. which were under flood water should be washed off with plain water as soon as possible, then be allowed to dry thoroughly.

Photo stores suggest that such equipment should then be sent to technicians for proper cleaning and servicing.

Pictures and film should be washed in clear water, then dried with a clean sponge or towel (but not rubbed), then allowed to dry.

CARPETS Carpets which have been totally destroyed or have been water drench number into the thousands of dollars around the city.

However, for those people trying to get their carpets serviced by cleaners, it will take several days before help can arrive.

It has been suggested that those people with wall to wall carpet not to remove the carpet from the house due to possible shrinkage.

Wall-to-wall wall carpet a person should extract as much of the water as possible from the carpet but not remove it from the house because of shrinkage.

They should air out the house and begin getting out as much water as possible by sweeping it out," he added.

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### Insecticide Cans Still Missing

Several cans of ethyl bromide insecticide which floated out of the Loydalls Pans, Central at 855 Hillcrest Thursday have been recovered, but many of the 100 cans are still missing.

The Eind Police Department is continuing its warning to stay away from the cans, if sighted, and is asking anyone sighting any of the cans to please notify the police. The insecticide is very poisonous and will explode, they warn.

The cans found were located at 858 Buffalo.

### Ballgames Factor In Car Decline

OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI)—Passenger traffic declined 1.8 per cent on the Turner Turnpike last month in comparison with a year ago, and whoever analyzed the Oklahoma University football schedule must share the blame, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority said today.

Authority Manager W.D. Ho-back said traffic volume on the entire system of five toll roads was up by 2 per cent over September a year ago, with more than 1.6 million vehicles passing through the toll plazas.

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### Omega School Official Still Listed Critical

Whalen Cox, the 32-year-old Omega High School superintendent, remains on the critical list at St. Anthony's Hospital today, with injuries received in a car-truck accident early Tuesday morning.

Cox received head, internal and trunk injuries in an accident which injured his wife Patricia, killed a passenger in the truck, Alvin Eberhardt, 64, Omega, and injured the remaining three passengers.

Eberhardt died in an Eind hospital at noon Tuesday. Mrs. George Eberhardt, all of Kingfisher, are in satisfactory condition today in a Kingfisher hospital.

Patricia Cox was being released from Kingfisher Hospital today.

### 'Tangle' Is Canned

MCALISTER Okla. (AP) — "Last Tango in Paris," will not be shown here because the district attorney has threatened legal action.

Cliff Hawkins, manager of the Oklahoma Theater, planned to show the controversial film but decided against it Wednesday night when Dist. Atty. Don Roberts warned that charges might be filed if the movie was judged obscene.

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- Putnam City-Southwest
- Muskogee-Ardmore
- Tulsa Washington-Lawton
- Tulsa Hale-Memorial
- Kingfisher-Perry
- Weimaster-Held
- Thomas-Lone Wolf
- Okemee-Pinney
- Waukomis-Walton
- Chialon-Bathory
- Belle-Tyrone
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# Brookside - 5 Days Later Flood Victims Still Digging Out From Mud

By CAROLYN WEING  
Eagle Staff Writer

Clear-up operations in the flood torn Brookside added this morning were somewhat relaxed, as many of the area's victims waited at the Convention Hall disaster center for word on possible loans with which to finance reconstruction.

The muddy smell, ever mindful of the flood waters which covered the area, remained, as did much of the mud and debris left by the water. But progress had been made since Thursday morning when the families in the area first returned to their homes to dig out what belongings survived the deluge of water, and to toss out those which did not.

City trash trucks made regular runs down both Dwellle and Brooks Drive as we visited with those few persons in the area. They picked up what was piled at the curb — anything from mattresses to stoves — and were now and then flagged down by a man waiting help in carrying a load from inside a stripped residence to the trucks.

Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Gordon Denton of 3010 Dwellle Drive were sitting in lawn chairs outside their water soaked home this morning taking inventory on the home furnishings they had lost in the flood. They feel they are rather lucky, even though the water level in their house reached the bottom of upper kitchen cabinets. Their LISA household goods and personal effects insurance policy covered flood damage on their home furnishings. And, Gordon reports, he was paid by the insurance company Monday

night the book price on his two totaled vehicles.

"That was a year, or whatever, the amount was well worth it," Sgt. Denton said, as a hindsight comment on his purchase of the personal effects policy.

The Denton's plan for clean-up today included searching for what was left of a redwood fence which once enclosed their back yard. Mrs. Denton was hoping their utilities would be hooked up so that she could wash dishes, at least those which were still in the high shelves. The couple and their two children, are looking forward to having a house trailer belonging to a relative brought into their yard so that they may move out of the guest housing at Vance AFB and be closer to the remains of their home.

The Denton's had only lived at 3010 Dwellle for about 70 days. They were only in the process of buying the house which they had previously rented, and are leaving the final settlement up to legal consultants. "The home's owners present home is in as bad a shape as this one," Mrs. Denton said. She explained that their clean-up and repair plans will be determined when they find out just how legally owns the home.

Mrs. Wayne LeGrand, 3015 Dwellle, her daughter, Lori, and a friend, Maxine Gore, were busy this morning cleaning the "muck" from the bare walls of the LeGrand home where the sheetrock had been removed. LeGrand reports that they have been cleaning for several days, but said, "I'm going to get someone here soon who knows what needs to be done." What furniture they have left is stacked in the kitchen, while the sheetrock has been removed from about the water level line down in the rest of the house to remove soaked insulation.

"We scrubbed all the walls first, then realized we needed to take off the bedform sheetrock to take out the insulation," Mrs. LeGrand said, explaining that they don't really know where to start to rebuild their home.

The LeGrands are now staying with relatives, but are moving officials will be at 1138 E. Elm soon, she said. The LeGrand's insurance covered only their boat, which LeGrand used Wednesday night to save many lives and their cars. Her husband was at Convention Hall, she said, "trying to get some help so we can start rebuilding."

Capt. and Mrs. Steve Petersen, who live in Brookside, rented a heat blower and used several fans to try to dry out their water soaked home today. Their furniture had all been moved to storage garages in varying locations, so they were concentrating on drying out the walls of their home, all of which were structurally stable.

They recalled the nightmare five-hours they spent on their rooftop with dog and child. LeGrand reports that that night is over, even though they have lost many of their belongings.

A teen-ager was working diligently on car parts in an evident flood damaged vehicle, while his father hauled loads of trash to the curb.

One man was sweeping mud off his driveway, on which was parked a car that would probably never run again. In the front of a damaged home, warned spectators to stay clear of his master's home, while two other filthy little pets wandered the neighborhood, looking for their masters to return home.

Things picked up some as the morning grew slight, but the area was calm, compared to the bustle in Convention Hall. Many victims had reached the limits of self-supported reconstruction and desperately hoped that the disaster center would have answers for their plight.

# Enid Prairie \$20 Million Price Tag On Flood Disaster Center Opens

Several hundred Enid residents quietly began waiting their turns to visit with the appropriate federal agency as the one-stop flood disaster assistance center opened at 10 a.m. in Convention Hall.

The center will remain open until 6 p.m. today. Hours Wednesday through Saturday will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Canfield, a spokesman for the several federal agencies represented, lauded the preparations for the center. She said the organization was the best of any of the previous seven disasters in which she has worked.

Miss Canfield was particularly pleased with the work of the Enid Contact group, volunteers who are manning the reception desks. They are registering in the individuals and determining which agency representatives they should see.

Contact is also operating a rumor control center at 234-1111. Persons who want any information about the flood aid may call that number. "If we don't have the information at hand, we will secure it," Dr. Dick Hester said.

Contact will also coordinate those who wish to volunteer for assistance in some way in the aftermath of the Oct. 11 flood and those who need aid from the volunteers.

In response to an official declaration Enid eligible for aid from a variety of federal programs, the one-stop disaster center began its work this morning.

Preliminary estimates have put a price tag of \$20 million in Enid and Garfield County from the worst flood in Enid history which left eight dead, and hundreds still homeless.

It is the homeless and those with property damages who will be aided by the center which will serve Grant, Kingfisher and Garfield Counties. A similar office is operating in Ponca City for residents for Kay and Noble Counties.

Approximately 75 persons, met with Winkle and Marshall Monday afternoon at Convention Hall to discuss the aid their agencies offer. All have representatives at Enid service center.

The following is a capsule look at these services:

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION:** Will make loans both to private homeowners and businesses for actual damage, both physical and non-personal items, or items not covered by insurance. Any homeowner or business owner is eligible. The loans are direct from the government at 5 per cent interest. The limits run up to \$50,000 for homeowners and \$200,000 for businesses. The loans can run to 30 years. Rentals may be covered for personal items, and the owners of rental property are also eligible. SBA representatives said they hope to have the applications processed.

**FARMER'S HOME ADMINISTRATION:** Can loan funds for farmers and ranchers to replace losses in crops, machinery, buildings or fences. These loans are also at 5 per cent interest

and the length and terms vary. Loans on crops go until the crops are in, the machinery loans run 5-7 years while real estate loans may go to 20 years. If other credit is available, this assistance can not be made.

**AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION SERVICE:** Can make cost-sharing loans on a 70-30 basis for repairs of damaged terraces, pond ditches and debris removal.

**HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT:** Provides temporary housing for flood victims and also determines the extent of remodeling the damaged structures. Those who have already found housing are eligible. Housing aid benefits normally go up to 90 days but may go as long as a year.

**RED CROSS, SALVATION ARMY:** Both are continuing with their service programs and will have people available at the center to serve people as needed. The Memorial Service Center and Seventh Day Adventists are coordinating their aid programs through the Red Cross.

**STATE EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION:** Can assist those who have lost their jobs due to the disaster. The aid is usually about \$47 a week and can run up to 52 weeks.

**INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE:** Losses can be deductible from income tax and can be applied to 1972 by amending the 1972 return and applying for a refund.

**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION:** Can

work with those who have their homes mortgaged or insured with VA with perhaps delaying the house payments.

**CITY OF ENID:** The city has representatives to assist victims in any way it may.

A number of other federal agencies will be here to work with public institutions on how the government can help with water and sewers roads.

Meanwhile, Enid City Manager Tom Salors Jr., announced a number of new steps the city is taking to cope with the emergency.

"This will be trash pickups in the residential areas to be on a weekly basis instead of twice-a-week for the time being. This will enable the sanitation department to move through an area and pick up the trash plus any large items which may be a curbside."

"We will be slower and that is why we are going to the weekly basis," Salors said.

He added that residents are encouraged to take large items to the seven designated sites for flood debris.

Persons may haul larger trash directly to the landfill, although the wash-out bridge on Tenth Street may not be repaired for a while, Salors said.

Meanwhile, Salors announced that the city is temporarily suspending its fee at the landfill. It is also suspending fees at the city's water treatment plant. The theory that dogs may have become lost in the storm.

Salors put down one rumor Monday that the city was going to allow rebuilding in Brookside. He said this is not true, but that those who rebuild will be subject to the normal inspections. He said that the contractors will need to go through the code administration office and apply for building permits, but there will be no fee for victims of the flood.

Salors said the city wants to get a list of the homes which the Red Cross lists as destroyed and if the residents wish, city inspectors will go through these buildings and check them.

Should such residents decide not to rebuild, the city will assist the owners in removing the debris. Such property owners will need demolition permits, but there will be no charge. The city will need authorization for removal of the debris.

In addition, the city is encouraging car owners and insurance adjusters to make contact and settle claims for the storm-damaged vehicles.

Vehicles are being piled at the Trade-Mart parking lot on South Van Buren where they are guarded 24 hours daily. Salors noted that after the insurance claims are settled owners of the vehicles will be given 30 days to remove them. He will remove them to the landfill upon proper authorization from the owner.

If the car papers have been lost, the owners must send an affidavit before the city can remove the vehicles.

Meanwhile, most city services are resuming as normal. The sanitation department was out in full force in the hard-hit Brookside area picking up debris Monday.

Residents of Brookside along with the rest of Enid had the fourth straight day in which to clear up and get ready to start to work.

Salors said that Enid's water system is intact and he is still encouraging those with private water wells to have them tested.

Salors said it may be some time before the sewer plant is back in operation. He said that all of the muds have been pulled and broken down and are in shops in Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Enid where they are being issued over to see what is necessary for repairs.

## Still Missing

The family of Sharon Swartzwood, missing since the Oct. 11 flood, has released her picture as their efforts continue to determine her whereabouts. Mrs. Swartzwood, 1189 Brooks Drive, has been missing since the height of the storm which claimed the life of her small daughter, Twila Kay, 5, and 25, stands 5' 7" and weighs 120 pounds. Her hair is now frosted.

## Pillsbury Makes \$5,000 Donation

Two substantial gifts to aid flood victims were received in the campaign Monday.

Pillsbury Co., which has offices and a mill in Enid, made a \$5,000 donation, and a \$1,000 contribution was made from Wilson & Co. Inc. of Oklahoma City.

The drive was launched Saturday by the Daily Oklahoman and Oklahoma City Times and is being administered by the Salvation Army.

## Oil Imports Threatened

# Nixon Will Meet With Arab Foreign Ministers

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the White House threatens U.S. oil imports, the Middle East situation today, President Nixon would meet on Wednesday with four Arab foreign ministers.

Deputy White House press secretary Gerald L. Warren made the announcement. He would say only that the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Kuwait and Morocco had "asked to see the President" to discuss the current situation in the Middle East.

Asked ago, Warren said, "We do not as a rule discuss diplomatic contacts from here."

Announcement of Wednesday's meeting between Nixon and the Arab envoys, who are in New York for sessions of the United Nations, came after Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger met for an hour with the President.

Kissinger also attended an hour-long meeting of the Washington Special Action Group, a panel of top level diplomatic officials, which has been set up to continuously keep track of Mideast developments.

Warren turned away most questions on the Arab-Israeli war, but reported that Nixon has instructed Kissinger "to remain in contact with all parties in the conflict and with the major powers."



Enid Policeman Gerald David, right, was one of those offered assistance at the disaster center in Convention Hall when it opened this morning. Sgt. David, right, is shown talking with representatives of the Housing and Urban Development team from Dallas, Tex. Tibb Lucas, left and Peggy Almond, second from left. Another HUD representative interviews other flood victims in the background. Sgt. David's home, 3301 Dwellle Drive, is in the heavily hit Brookside Addition.

# Sadat Lays Down Terms For Mideast Cease Fire

By United Press International  
Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir announced today, without giving details, that Israel troops are operating west of the Suez canal behind the massive

Egyptian force posed across the waterway. President Anwar Sadat threatened to retaliate with missiles if Israel strikes the Egyptian heartland.

In speeches in hours of each other the Egyptian and Israeli leaders laid down their first conditions for an end to the fighting in the Middle East war which began with the surprise Egyptian and Syrian attacks on Oct. 6.

Sadat told the Egyptian Parliament in Cairo in an "open letter" to President Nixon that there could be an immediate truce and reopening of the Suez canal if Israel would withdraw from the Arab territory it occupied during the six-day war in 1967.

Mrs. Meir said Israel has received no cease-fire proposal but would not accept an end to the fighting unless it provides for a complete exchange of prisoners.

"Egypt and Syria have not been hit hard enough," said a "cease-fire" she told a special meeting of the Israeli Knesset (Parliament) in Jerusalem.

The rival speeches came amid ground, air and sea action on both the northern

front between Israel and Syria and the southern front between Israel and Egypt.

Russia was supplying the Arab states and a U.S. airlift was bringing urgent military arms for Israel which has lost large numbers of tanks and up to a quarter of her first line aircraft in five days of fighting.

The situation already threatened the detente between the superpowers. Formerly, the fighting went on as Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Le Duc Tho of North Vietnam for their negotiations in arranging a cease-fire last world war.

When the Nobel announcement came, Kissinger was meeting with Nixon in the White House about the Middle East situation.

The decisive battle appeared to be shaping up in the Sinai. Egyptian territory occupied by Israel in 1967. Egypt has been able to push up to 100,000 troops and large numbers of tanks across the Suez canal and from five to eight miles east of the 102-mile waterway.

## Special Flood Section Will Be Published

A special eight-page "Flood Wrap-Up" section will be published in both the News and Eagle Wednesday. It will contain stories and pictures of the flood, including many items from issues of the News and Eagle immediately following the flood.

Both News and Eagle will carry the identical section. Copies may be ordered prior to 5 p.m. today or from 8 a.m. to 12 noon Wednesday. Call circulation, 223-6600.

## Weather at 2 o'Clock

Temperature 62 degrees  
Wind 10 MPH, Northeast  
Barometer 30.30 falling  
Humidity 64 per cent  
No precipitation  
Overnight Low 53  
Yesterday's High 78  
Year High 82 Low 37  
Record on this date High 91  
in 1917; low 33 in 1943-56

Enid Area: Breezy partly cloudy to fair and a little cooler tonight and n.d. Wednesday. Northeastly winds to 15 mph. High today, lower 78, low tonight upper 60s. High Wednesday near 70.

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The Flood In Stories And Pictures

Today's Eagle contains an eight-page pull-out section, a "Flood Special," which tells in stories and pictures the chronological events of the Oct. 10-11 flood.

Although the Enid Publishing Co. received no water damage in its new downtown building, we suffered an even greater loss — the loss of almost all of our newspaper supply which was stored in Emrick's warehouse.

When we took stock Thursday morning, the newspaper available would not last through Saturday. First, we cut back pages by eliminating the comics pages, putting

good news on the editorial page, cutting out all but essential non-flood news.

With this squeezing back, plus a truckload of newspaper which arrived Saturday from our Texas supplier, we were back in business. We are still short of newspaper, but that's just a fact of life now.

With no extra newspaper, we did not print too many extra copies following the flood... so we put together today's "Flood Special" to fill the gap.

The section cannot tell the whole flood story, but we told as much as

possible. We feel that thousands of extra copies will be sold.

If you want copies for yourself, for your children to have when they grow up, to send to friends and relatives around the world, we urge you to stop by the News-Eagle office, 227 W. Broadway, as soon as possible. We will print as many "Flood Special" sections as the immediate demand warrants, but we wish you would pick up your copies as soon as possible.

We feel this is our way of thanking all of our subscribers who were so considerate during the past few days of flood reporting.

THE REASON THAT THE SOVIET government would like to close down Radio Liberty is not wholly because it fears the broadcasting of Western news to Communist ears.

After all, radio programs can be jammed—or, if they get through, they can be explained away as obvious enemy propaganda.

It must break Brezhnev and Kossygin up to realize that, in the last six months of 1972 and the first six months of 1973, 22 "samizdat," or underground, documents flowed into Radio Liberty's Arkhiv Samizdat repository in Munich, where they were all duly registered.

dated since 1964. The collection has come into being without solicitation. Radio Liberty just has the reputation for irreflexibility that attracts all sorts of material from scholars and writers both inside and outside the Communist countries.

Crackdowns on Samizdat Literature There has been a big crackdown on circulated samizdat literature inside the Soviet Union. Angered by the bitterly eloquent protest against ideological suppression that emanate from the novelists and Nobel Prize-winner, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, and atomic scientist Dr. Andrei D. Sakharov, the Kremlin dictatorship has managed to stop the flow to the West of such samizdat journals as the one sponsored by Sakharov's Moscow Human Rights Committee.

Another "big" journal, the extremely effective Chronicle of Current Events, which used to appear bimonthly, has not been in evidence since October, 1972. But as the KGB cuts the big flows down, the protests keep out elsewhere in smaller, rougher typewritten documents that circulate from hand to hand, eventually cross borders into the free countries.

Religious samizdat material—Baptist and Buddhist as well as Russian Orthodox and Roman Catholic—moves into the West in undiminished volume, accounting for one-fourth of the protests received in 1973. There is still a good deal of material bearing on the Soviet use of psychiatric hospitals to silence dissenting poets, philosophers, and Jews wishing to emigrate are made quickly available to the West, they generate no such protests that are easily concealed. Radio Liberty doesn't register novels and belletristic essays, but these more literary documents have been coming through and

What the torrent of documents proves is that Solzhenitsyn's and Dr. Sakharov's complaints are just the tip of the iceberg. Dr. Sakharov's warning to the West that détente will be used by the dictatorship to tighten the screws on domestic dissenters is echoed by scores of little people.

Brezhnev Gets Tougher Brezhnev is returned from his "cooperative" visit to the U.S. last spring to call for a tougher censorship on ideas penetrating the Soviet Union from abroad. But the samizdat literature shows that Soviet intellectuals don't need the voice of America to tell them what a deplorable thing freedom is. It is the flow of underground criticism of the regime that is the real concern of Dictator Brezhnev. The voice of Russian dissent clamoring for emigration visas is still stars Senator Henry Jackson and other Congressional leaders who insist on withholding trade benefits from Moscow as long as people are prevented from moving where they please.

So Radio Liberty, which does its best work in collecting and translating what people give the Soviet Union, are saying and writing, must be kept alive. Its reports on what Russians are saying about Russians, particularly about their rulers, are worth far more than the stuff that reaches the New York Times, for example, from accredited correspondents. This is not said in derogation of the Times, after all—American correspondents inside Russia have to keep their passport visas valid.

The samizdat authors do not need passports to the West in order to get their work registered. Radio Liberty has its way of serving as a conduit for those who are unable to get their work registered, or who are unwilling to claim it, for their freedom.

Letters To The Editor

EDITOR'S NOTE: Letters to the Editor from readers are always welcome, and PLEASE keep them short. Keep in mind that the Editor has to edit them for space and that we are not responsible for the return of unsolicited material. All letters must be signed and include a return address. Letters are not published in full unless they are of great interest.

Crackdown On Speeders

Dear Editor: It seems there has been an attempt by the Enid Police Department lately to crack down on speeders. The major emphasis seems to be in the School Zone. This brings to the front the reason for this letter.

On October 4, 1973, at 11:35 A.M. I was behind a police car (Tag Exempt License 2721). As we approached the School Zone near the Salsbury store on East Broadway & 9th Street, I slowed to 30 MPH. The police car continued at the same rate of speed (30 MPH) through the School Zone without sounding his brakes to slow down. It seems the Police Officer must have been daydreaming.

Previous articles in your paper have noted that people seldom stopped for speeding in the School Zone, just weren't paying attention to the School Zone. I'd like to save them from their own carelessness. Should the police be exempt from obeying laws?

The police should not only crack down on the driver who is in the area of the school zone, they should also crack down on the professional who should act professionally. I also suggest that the driver of the car with License 2721 be ticketed and given his last straw.

Sincerely, A Concerned Citizen, Name Withheld

A Bunch Of Good Boys

Dear Editor: Don't you think it's about time to set Mr. Collins straight on what his job is. He has to be a very proper son to criminals and publicly criticize a very good bunch of good high school boys that are doing what they are taught just like he himself is doing. Both with and without teaching.

All we know that we have more and better material for a good football team than any place in the state. All we need is good coaching or a coach that will do just that and not let the rest of the faculty or parents run the team as they have been known to do in the past. The only time we've ever had good football is under these conditions.

Maybe he is just not paying attention but at least get him off the back and let it be at the feet of the people responsible. Then maybe it would at least help them to play better. I think he owes them an apology. Cliff Feltz, 6187 Faldotz

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Don Muelann's... Microscopes

A BROKER IS A MAN who takes a steady job to tell you that all the real money is in speculation.

WE HEAR THAT THE United Nations went on strike a month ago but nobody noticed.

Sign of a church. Sit in demonstrations every Sunday.

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Phil Dessauer's In Oklahoma

REFORMERS SAY Oklahoma can't lose in setting up a new penal system. No matter what mistakes are made, they will be as bad as the ones in the past.

Sen. Gene Simpson blames the legislature for what it has done to prisoners in the past and also for what it plans to do in his future.

Agnew's Sad Farewell

Former Vice President Spiro Agnew gave a sad farewell to politics in his nationwide TV address Monday night. It was an emotional speech and at the end tears welled in the eyes of the speaker and the voice trembled.

In this instance Mr. Agnew did the right thing. In his own words he said, "You are entitled to a Vice President who commands unimpaired confidence and implicit trust. For almost two months now you have not had such a Vice President."

For the most part the Agnew speech seemed to be free of bitterness but if there was any, it was directed at the Justice Department for permitting news leaks and toward the media for publicizing them.

Although the former Vice President made only slight mention of it, it should be remembered that his plea of nolo contendere is the same as a guilty plea — guilty of tax evasion. And although Mr. Agnew continued his strong denials of wrongdoing, his credibility with the American people by now must be far less than that of Attorney General Elliot Richardson.

The Justice Department had prepared over 40 pages of testimony amounting to a strong case of misconduct. There were many points in this document that contradicted statements made by Mr. Agnew but the Agnew plea of nolo contendere to the one charge will leave most of the contradictions unresolved.

For those who feel the Agnew sentence was too light (\$10,000 fine and three years probation) we would point to the deplorable situation that would occur from a long bitter struggle in the courts.

If there is anything good to come from this sorry situation it may be election reforms, some of which Mr. Agnew proposed in his farewell

speech. As an example, he mentioned there should be a better way of financing elections than to lean on the gifts of large contributors such as contractors, engineers and others who may expect rewards.

For years it has been a custom or tradition for some of the most prestigious appointments in the field of foreign affairs, such as ambassadors to Britain, France and etc. to go to those who have come forth with the largest campaign contributions.

Again in the main point that most people will agree with concerning the Agnew farewell speech is that the resignation serves the national interest.

Shoplifters

A decrease in shoplifting would accomplish much more than receiving pitted offenders from lives highlighted by a criminal record. Honest consumers would benefit directly because they now are paying, in the prices of what they buy, for the goods taken by the thieves.

A national decline in this kind of crime could lead to a reduction in elaborate packaging of small articles. It is easy to spot the waste cardboard or plastic is used to make tiny items too big for shoplifters. Less packaging also would mean economies in the use of chemicals to make plastics, forest products for paper or cardboard and the energy used in manufacturing such materials. As matters stand, shoplifters are contributing to environmental damage and even the energy crunch. — Miami (Fla.) Herald



Hal Boyle

Snake In Turkish Bath?

NEW YORK (AP) — This is a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail.

Ever wonder why you never see a snake in a Turkish bath? Well, one reason might be that snakes can't survive temperatures above 118 degrees Fahrenheit.

If your finances is sick of the engagement ring you bought her, it may be because she is among the 11 per cent of people who are allergic to cheap jewelry. The offending ingredient is usually nickel sulfate, found often in low-priced nickel-plated costume jewelry.

Biting off more than you can chew can kill you. In fact, the National Safety Council estimated that choking on food is the nation's sixth leading cause of accidental death and is responsible for 2,500 fatalities annually. When such deaths occur "restauranters" they are often mistaken for heart attacks. Such cases are known in medical circles as "cafeteria deaths."

Strak is the food on which a morosity, shoke, and the victims are often either heavy drinkers or elderly people who have poor dentures.

The water in a glass redwood tree weighs more than the wood in it. A tree 200 feet tall contains about 4,200 gallons of water.

Quotable riddles: "What a magnificent might be made of life?" — G. G. Wagnon.

Wasted money: There is no known instantaneous cure for arthritis. But the National Arthritis Foundation says that Arterian sufferers spend \$15 million yearly in the false hope of finding one.

A fish that's all teeth. The shark has several rows of teeth in its mouth, which move forward to replace older teeth as they wear out or fall out. But its entire skin is also covered with smaller toothlike structures covered with hard dentin. Cabinet makers once prized the rasplike scales in the making of a life-algebra.

Worth remembering: "In marriage, no

u's ever gets what she expected—and no husband expected what he gets."

To the writer in old Samos, after a tribal wedding, the lawlesses adjourned to a field behind a temple and started fighting each other. If the man was, she was declared lord and master of his house.

In dilution praise: A teacher once wrote the parents of one of her pupils: "not only is your son the wisest behaved member of the class, he also has the best attendance record."

Folklore: Twenty-one is considered a lucky number because it is three times seven and because it is the age when one ceases to be a legal infant. Thirty is regarded as an unlucky number because Judas was given 30 pieces of silver to betray Jesus. In general, odd numbers are thought to be luckier than even numbers.

It was E. W. Howe who observed: "No man would listen to you talk if he didn't know it was his turn next."

Quotable notables: "A capacity for self-pity is one of the last things that any person surrenders." — Irvin S. Cobb.

If it only yepked: Who says you can't get a bargain from Uncle Sam? For seven cents the Federal Reserve Bank will send you a booklet, "Key to the Gold Mine."

Polished come: Bobby Hill, featured in the Broadway show, "Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope," doesn't comb his hair before going on stage. He shines it. Bobby had to have all his hair for his sickle role.

Worth remembering: "Those who have money have trouble about it; those who have none have trouble without it."

It was Lord Palmerston, British statesman, who observed, "Dirt is not dirt, but only matter in the wrong place."

Dr. S. I. Andelman In Health And Medicine

MANY PEOPLE STILL think of gonorrhea as a mild disease. They are wrong. Gonorrhea is a serious condition that can tragically affect a person's life unless treated early. Blindness and sterility may result if treatment is neglected.

The danger to men, if the infection has checked night away, is that infection may spread to the male prostate, epididymis and other body parts involved in sexual reproduction and urine

elimination. He may suffer from stricture, an abnormal narrowing of the passages through which urine flows.

Women without prompt treatment will suffer infection through passages as far as the uterus and nearby parts of the pelvis. They may have pain in the abdominal area, chills and fever.

Stiffly may result in both men and women. Arthritis is also a common complication. Infection of the eyes has often led to blindness.

Physicians taking a course to diagnose gonorrhea by taking a smear of the pus and placing it under a microscope. Your doctor may also take a blood sample but this is not tested for syphilis. A number of people may have both diseases at the same time.

Penicillin, either orally or by injection, is the standard treatment for gonorrhea. Sulfadiazine and tetracyclines are also used. Other treatments, including bed rest, may be recommended depending on the complications.

If YOU THINK you've been exposed to gonorrhea, see your doctor quickly. Gonorrhea has been on the increase in the United States in recent years, as many as 1.5 million new cases occur in this country in one year! Don't be a statistic—see your doctor for a cure.

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# City's Worst Flood Surprised Everyone

# ENID MORNING NEWS Enid Daily Eagle Flood Special

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1973

By MICHAEL BATES  
News-Eagle Reporter

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 1973. The forecast for the Enid area called for evening thunderstorms, and later, revisitors brought the possibility of high winds and hail into the picture.

No body predicted a flood. Light but steady rain was falling just before 5 p.m., and by 6 o'clock the rain gauge at KCCIC registered .56, just under one inch.

When Jerry Bowen, Enid police chief, arrived at police headquarters at 7 p.m., the rain gauge held 1.50 inches. A funnel spotted about three miles southwest of Enid touched off a tornado alert, and although the sirens sounded in the Enid area, it still seemed like a routine fall weather situation.

At about 7:30 p.m. the police and Enid Fire Department dispatchers began receiving calls from people who had rising water in their houses. Some wanted advice on how to best weather the water, others wanted help getting out. The rain gauge stood at 5.40 inches.

By 8 p.m. nearly 6 1/2 inches of rain had been recorded. The police and fire calls became frantic pleas for help, and for the first time people began talking quietly about the May, 1957 flood when 18 inches of rain fell in eight hours.

Hit with a lack of back-up power and suitable equipment, the police and fire departments were awash with calls for help which could not be answered. "We'll do what we can," was the most often repeated phrase in both the

police and fire dispatch rooms. There were enough frantic calls that it became apparent the storm was bringing more than just a normally heavy rain.

"I think the fear set in at around 7:30 or so," Tom Sailors Jr., Enid city manager said. "It became apparent what was happening, but it came so damn fast."

Sailors had left work at about 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, but returned just before 7 p.m., after putting his wife and daughter in a neighborhood storm shelter. He joined Chief Bowen at police headquarters, and at 8 p.m. began trying to get through to Oklahoma National Guard headquarters in Oklahoma City. By 10 p.m., Sailors had reached the governor's office and local and state guard units were mobilized.

It was apparent by 10 o'clock things weren't going to get better fast. Calls had come to police and fire dispatchers from people at the Wee Two Restaurant, 402 N. Fourth. The restaurant patrons were standing on tables to escape the four feet of water swirling through the dining area.

Boats with motors less than 100 horsepower were useless in the area near St. Mary's Hospital. Volunteers piloted their crafts north up Fifth Street only to be swept back across Broadway by the fierce flood waters.

The Enid Ambulance Service and the fire department were called to many locations they couldn't reach. Telephone service was sporadic, and soon those lines that were still serviceable were jammed with so many calls a two- or three-minute wait was

necessary to get a dial tone. The News-Eagle lost its Associated Press and United Press International Wire Services about mid-evening.

Persons were evacuated from the 100, 100, and 100 blocks of North Quincy, North Monroe, North Meadowbrook, and North Washington by boat. There were numerous reports of people clinging to trees, or perched precariously on rooftops.

At approximately 11 p.m. the Highway Patrol helicopter was abandoned by patrol personnel. It was swamped with chest-high murky flood water.

Also at 11 p.m. St. Mary's Hospital was reported without electrical power. About the same time National Guard troops began to trickle into Convent Hall. Many had tried to first reach the Enid army, which was nearly inaccessible.

The horror of the swift-moving runoff from 15 inches of rain which fell in Enid in approximately six hours was felt worst in the comfortable Brookside Addition, located next to Boggy Creek.

As floodwaters rose, residents who tried to flee were forced back by the volume and current of the flood. Taking refuge in the attics of their ranch-style homes, Brookside residents eventually had to chop holes through their roofs to escape water which filled their homes.

One volunteer rescue worker, reported helping 17 people from one rooftop alone. Hero scenes were common. Safely perched flood victims reportedly left their rooftop

sanctuaries repeatedly to use lifelines and wood debris to rescue neighbors caught up in the current.

Late model cars, fancy ski boats, travel trailers, and even big trucks were carried along, leaving piles of twisted wreckage to hinder rescuers when the water receded. Other cars came to rest partially inside houses when the current used them as battering rams to take out entire walls.

In the drenched homeless Brookside residents climbing with a few possessions into rescue boats, and trucks, the most pitiful sight in the addition were abandoned dogs pacing rooftops or waiting for someone to help them out of boats which had become marooned on bridges or cars.

Bridges were reported out in several areas, and many people trying to leave their homes for higher ground found high water blocking the most direct evacuation routes.

The Brookside evacuation continued until about 2 a.m. Thursday. At approximately 2:30 Thursday morning, a solemn meeting was called in the city manager's office. City Manager Sailors, along with a contingent of city staff members, met with Oklahoma National Guard commanders, American Red Cross officials and Civil Defense workers.

They began planning the massive clean-up, flood relief, and continued search and rescue operations that would demand round-the-clock attention for the next several days.

## Flood Facts

### THE DEAD

Wayne Robinson, 56, and his wife, Lela, 51, Douglas. St. Sterling Jr., 47, 914 N. Grand. Edgar, Donnell, 45, 381 E. Cherry. Twila Kay Swartwood, almost 3, 3108 Brooks Drive. Sgt. Jack Darr (retired), 61, 3220 Daele Drive. John E. Botts, 37, Medford. Mrs. Lucille Strandland, 58, Dixon, Ill., hit-in-traffic victim.

### MISSING

Sharon Swartwood.

### DAMAGE

72 homes completely destroyed, 270 homes suffered major damage, 238 homes suffered minor damage. \$3 million in estimated total residential structural damage. 4 businesses destroyed, 20 businesses sustained minor damage, 36 businesses sustained major damage. \$115 million estimated total business damage. \$1.5 million estimated damage to St. Mary's Hospital. \$75,000 to \$100,000 estimated damage to city sewage disposal plant. \$20 million total estimated damage in Garfield County.

### AUTOMOBILES

Automobiles swept away and heavily damaged are being taken to the Trade-Mart parking lot on South Van Buren. Owners may claim them there with proper proof of ownership.

### TRASH DUMPS

Temporary trash dumps have been set up at seven locations throughout the city. Auto piles have also been suspended over lots at the city's landfill on South 10th. Dumps are at:

- Fairgrounds, Oxford St. west gate.
- Meadowlake parking lot, Rupe St. east entrance.
- City water plant, Chestnut entrance.
- City park in Brookside addition.
- Third and Walnut Sts. southeast corner.
- 10th and Market Sts. southwest corner.
- K-11 on S. Park, east Broadway.



Waiting For Help

Children rescued from the homes in the Brookside addition are placed atop a car hood awaiting a big truck to haul them to safety Wednesday night as flood waters swept through the area. Many families spent hours on the roofs of their homes waiting for help to come.

# Everyone Has A Story

Enid has a population of 45,000 people. Each of those 45,000 has his own story about the recent flood. Here are a few of them.

Although many Enid residents lost many of their possessions during the recent flood, one man gained a few. Robert L. Wilson, 513 W. Iowa, reported that Thursday morning, he discovered he had three barbecue grills, a red-wood picnic table and a hose with a sprayer, attached in his back yard.

About 20 stranded persons found shelter at the newly opened mart store at Oakwood and Lahoma Road last Wednesday night when they found they could not get through to their homes in America, Memo, Laboma and Armes. One stranded woman remarked that the carpenter in the men's clothing department was pretty soft, and K mart officials, still working offered them each a blanket and pillow, plus a free night supper.

Someone passed in a taxi that a St. Mary's Hospital nurse and a Catholic Sister were watching the water rise in the creek behind the hospital when the nurse's car was swept away downstream. Her comment was, "son of a b---" which got no reaction from the Sister with her. However, a few minutes later when the Sister's car started following the nurse's, the sister's only remark was "Ditto."

Harold Henson Jr., 711 S. Hayes, has a daughter, Linda, who is a student at OSU in

Stillwater. Linda, hearing the news broadcasts about the flooding in Enid Wednesday night, called her family to check on them. Her 6-year-old brother answered the phone and to her question "Are you all right?" her brother answered "The water's coming up and we're leaving." — then he hung up the phone. Needless to say, Linda did a lot of worrying about her family until she finally got word that they were all right.

The News and Eagle wasn't without its problems when the floods came. Despite the reported newspaper print shortage this fall, the News and Eagle kept a supply of newspaper at Enid's Van and Stroupe 202 E. Pine. As it turned out, 202 E. Pine was not high and dry Wednesday night like the newspaper advised. Mrs. Brooks Drive is counting her blessings ever though she lost many of her possessions from her home in Brookside. The mother of two was caught away from home the night of the flood, attending night school, and was unable to get to her home until 3:30 a.m. She worried all night about her two children, who were left at the home with a babysitter, but was relieved to learn the babysitter had taken the

children to her own home, which was away from flooding areas.

Basketball practice for 15 junior high school girls at Walker Junior High School Wednesday night was a little lengthy. As a matter of fact, the girls found themselves bedding down there for the night when it came to know that their parents would not be able to retrieve them.

Twigg, Bob Burnett kept pretty good Wednesday night while he was helping with the rescue operations throughout our flooded city. That is until he had to help a pregnant woman. He reported having as fast as he could try to make it to the hospital and south reports coming in has said "I would have gotten that car loaded if I had that help." Burnett said that the woman made it to the hospital in time, and his father has been very grateful.

Something thing about a day of working up St. Mary's Hospital was without doubt and without a doubt on Thursday. The Enid hospital was closed Thursday, leaving the central kitchen open for the day. But the news after a normal election, because they started working up means for Enid. Mrs. Mary's patients, which were donated and emptied through it, patients who might not have otherwise eaten quite so well. Many AFD training units also made meals available to the hospital.

Few people realized that

day, Friday and Saturday the work being carried on by the local members of the Enid Amateur Radio Club. Rev. Harold Henson, the emergency coordinator for the American Radio Relay League in Garfield County reports that the 14 persons from this area active in the local club handled 499 help and welfare requests from outside the city while long distance telephone communications were non-existent.

The Enid Amateur Radio Club supplied the city with the only outside communications for most of Thursday, at least. Rev. Henson said he explained that a club station on the Oklahoma State University campus in Stillwater aided in channeling the calls into Enid.

Marguerite Billingsley, 802 S. Hay, parked her car in front of her residence early on Wednesday evening, leaving the lights on to warn passing motorists. When she went out to turn the lights off a few hours later the car was gone. Thursday morning however she found it — 300 feet down a drainage ditch. She said it apparently was carried off by flooding waters, went through and over a 12-foot embankment. It got much consolation, but she wasn't the only one whose car drifted off.

A woman walked into our circulation department here at the News and Eagle office the day after the flood. Pathetically, she told the girls on the office "I'd like to stop my paper, please. My house isn't there anymore."



Months Of Work Ahead

Cleanup operations will continue for months to come for many Enid and area residents who fell victim to the 15.60 inch rain that delayed the city a week ago tonight. Lori LeGrand, left, and Mrs. Ken Geer, a friend of the family, clean up Lori's home at 3075 DuRoi Dr. They had finished ripping the water-logged plaster

board from the walls and were busy picking up the crumbled pieces from the floor. Lori is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne LeGrand. Her father was busy during the flood helping neighborhood residents who had taken refuge on their rooftops to safety in a speedboat. The family normally uses for water skiing.

# Enid Quickly Mobilized to Meet The Peril

**Editor's Note:** The storm came wearing the disguise of a tornado watch, but Enid residents quickly realized that water, not wind, would be their major foe that night. News reporter Helen Carmel began putting the story together early in the evening, and as it grew, more and more help joined her. The telephones quit and she relied on the police radio. Reporter Mike Bantz went out in a car, but it flooded out and he did his part on foot. This is what they wrote for Thursday Morning's News.

Oklahoma National Guard Units were mobilized after Enid was paralyzed Sunday night by a massive 14-inch rainfall that hit with such sudden intensity that scores of persons were left clinging to trees and rooftops.

Three unincorporated districts were reported and a number of persons reported missing.

Police, firemen, Oklahoma Highway Patrol personnel, Civil Defense workers and emergency workers worked throughout the storm and the night in all-out rescue efforts as calls came from every corner of town.

City Manager Tom Sallors Jr. called the governor's office for authority to call out the local Guard units. He got the call through about 10 p.m. from Gov. Hall, who said of the state guard authority (from his press secretary Ed Hardy) to get assistance from the local units.

Hardy said units from Oklahoma City would be sent to Enid as soon as they could be mobilized.

The Enid Morning News worked under a handicap from night-leveling services from the Associated Press and Press International, along with the Associated Press Photo transmitter, were knocked out by the storm.

Vanue Air Force Base personnel offered boats and men for rescue efforts. They tried to go by way of Southgate Road to 30th in order to reach Brookside in the southeast part of Enid, where a woman reported she'd be on the roof-top, but had trouble getting past Boggy Creek.

Nearness of Enid escaped the deluge. A woman and baby were reported clinging to a post on W. Forest during the early part of the evening and reports came in later that the infant had been swept away. However, no confirmation of this or the other deaths could be obtained because the available persons were too busy directing rescue workers.

Another death was reported in the vicinity of the Ideal Food Store in the 500 block of E. Broadway. A man reported to officials that he had seen the body of a man swept by in the current, and the man appeared to be drowned.

The third fatality was reported by a person seen floating down Boggy Creek. However, there was no confirmation of any of these.

Ambulances were called to several locations and were unable to reach the scenes where they were needed and two house fires were reported, with the Enid fire trucks unable to get through to battle the fires.

Brookside was believed to be hardest hit of any one sector of town, with persons reported stranded and houses under water. St. Mary's was reported without power about 11 p.m.

Army Reserve units were called out and ordered to report to Convoy Hall about 11 p.m.

Boats were called out for use at Fifth and Broadway, where St. Mary's was reported without power about 11 p.m.

Boats were directed to the 1500, 1300 and 1100 blocks of N. Quincy, N. Murray, N. Meadowbrook and N. Washington, with

residences at 1418 N. Quincy and 1118 N. Murray as first targets. Scores of cars and motorists were reported stranded in the high waters, with vehicles partially submerged.

A man was reported trapped in a pickup at 16th and Willow about 11:30 p.m., and boats were directed to that area. Boats were brought in not only from Fairview but from a number of other neighboring towns, with aid and one coming in from Henning.

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Persons in different parts of town were seen clinging to trees, where they later reported missing. Officials had no way of knowing if they were rescued or swept away.

Efforts were being made to evacuate elderly persons who were unable to seek shelter.

At 11 p.m. the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Station at Van Buren and Labama Road had some four feet of water inside it and personnel had abandoned it.

To the north, at the Sifton Stockade at 518 S. Van Buren, water was reported at least a foot deep at 10 p.m. "We took all our customers over to the Pizza Inn," said George Hartline, Stockade employe, "and we're just staying here, trying to catch the stuff floating around."

Hartline said there was a car almost completely submerged in front of the place. "It must have drifted 20-30 feet down here," he said.

Rescue efforts were being made at 9:45 p.m. to rescue a man from a tree a mile south of Ruge and Cleveland and water was reported to be up to the windows in houses in the 200 block of W. Indiana. A woman was reported still in a tree in the 200 block of Henlock, after being there for almost two hours.

Fairview officials offered the use boats and a number of them were to Enid about 9 p.m. An infant was reported in the 200 block of E. Henlock, and a boat was sent in from the north to pick up the child.

Calls for boats were almost constant. An elderly couple was reported to have six feet of water on the outside of their house, in the area of 1300 S. Meadowbrook, and a car was reported washed on a lawn in the 1700 block of E. Cherokee.

Offers of places to stay came in and were broadcast late in the evening. Haringer Allen Funeral home, Blumre House, the Oxford Hotel and Central Christian Church all offered shelter for those whose homes were flooded.

Enid was isolated late in the evening when highway coming downtown were closed by official order.

Water was reported up to the window sills in the 2300 blocks of North Madison and North Jefferson early in the evening.

Hardy on N. Van Buren had an inch of water about 9:30 p.m. and the employe were stranded there, with no way to get through the water that blocked most of the streets.

Jerry Resek, who heads the parks and recreation department, said he saw "the damnest sight. A police car was floating down the street, with its siren lights flashing away."

## Disaster Produced Herculean Labors

"We were acting as a stop-gap measure until the flood waters made over the weekend at Plainsboro Field. Other services included checks for flood victims and those who were located. The Oklahoma City office handled inquiries from throughout the state, also relatives in Enid, which in many instances was still cut off from the outside world until Friday.

Enid was perhaps as ready to cope with the emergency as any city ever.

The Red Cross activated its kitchens and was serving breakfast the next morning to flood victims and those who had worked through the night. It has continued to serve meals and provide food, clothing, shelter, medical and nursing care from disaster offices at 1023 W. Broadway. Over 4,000 persons had been fed to date, and the Red Cross has committed \$2,000 in emergency assistance.

The Salvation Army is providing clothing and gifts to flood victims from a location at 512 N. Independence.

The Seventh Day Adventists and Memorial United have disaster crews working in the Enid area.

On an informal basis, hundreds of Enid church members, Boy Scouts and high school students worked to help clean up the debris.

Enid policemen, firemen and other city staff members worked around the clock to get some order restored again. They were joined by the sheriff's office, highway patrol units and game rangers, and by police and firemen from many area communities, as well as National Guard and Reserve units from many state towns.

Phillips University students also went into action to assist where they could, aiding in rescues and clean up operations.

The university's status was of concern throughout the state when the news reports were still slim due to a lack of communications.

The first work the outside press corps had came when they accompanied Gov. David Hall on a fly-over tour of the flooded area and then at a press conference held at the police station here.

The first questions came from an Oklahoma City TV newsmen and was answered by City Manager Tom Sallors Jr. He said the TV station had had numerous inquiries about Phillips University.

Sallors said Phillips had come through with a minimum amount of damage, and then both he and Gov. Hall told of the rescue efforts of the university students.

Outside aid came from many sources. Typical of church assistance was the donation of 115 mattresses and blankets which came from Tulsa Church of Christ congregations. Sallors issued a truck for their delivery to Enid.

The state's two largest newspapers opened a fund drive to aid area flood victims. E. K. Gaylord, editor and publisher of the Daily Oklahoman and Oklahoma City Times, personally opened the drive with a \$2,000 contribution.

The drive is being administered by the Salvation Army, which has a specific emergency collection of funds and supplies to be to the Salvation Army at 512 N. Independence in Enid.

Two young Enid men found out Sunday night that their law enforcement officers might not tolerate looting of flood damaged property.

John Henry Fast, 467 E. Indiana, and Lorenze Johnson, 418 E. York, were sentenced to Monday's district court session to serve 30 days in the county jail and were each fined \$300 and court costs when they pleaded guilty to tampering with a vehicle.

Deputy Bob Burnett arrested the two men Sunday when he found them removing a wheel from a flood damaged vehicle. He reported that the two men had already removed all the lug nuts from the wheels, and had one wheel jacked up, ready to remove it.

City sanitation crews are back collecting not only garbage, but flood debris, however pickup in residential areas will be on a once-a-week basis for the next several weeks until all flood debris has been removed.

Sallors said commercial trash pickups are operating on a normal schedule, however.

The city manager said the water supply is in good condition, and pure and safe for consumption without residents having to treat it.

However, he advised owners of private water systems to take a sample of the water to the health department and have analyzed before using it internally without taking the proper precautions.



Noah's Ark In Reverse  
A barn, working pen and sheds sitting in the middle of a variable lake worth the impression of Noah's ark. The above scene was north of Pond Creek as late as two days after the deluge of rain hit the area. Hundreds of head of cattle, sheep and hogs were lost to the raging waters.

## Utilities Worked Rapidly To Restore Full Service

Utilities both city-owned and industry-owned, for the most part, are back in full operation, following Wednesday night's flood, a check with city officials and utility company officials Tuesday discovered.

But Frass at 644-F said his firm suffered some losses, such as washed-out poles and burned-out transformers, but service has been restored to all those homes and businesses which were ready for service to be restored.

"We had two line crews from Oklahoma City come here and work all day Thursday, that night and Friday to restore service," he said.

Frass also said three mechanics came here to work on company-owned vehicles which were under seven feet of water in the firm's garage at Fourth and Chestnut.

"Our biggest problem in restoring service in Enid and the Plainsboro area was the location of roads in the area," Frass said. He said Ringwood was off service longer than any other community, due to mud conditions and mud-clogged streets in cutting them.

At ONG, Bob Duffy said 225 gas connections were turned off at customers' requests after the storm. "We're turned on 120 of those, but 101 customers as yet haven't requested service since the storm. We're ready to turn these customers back on just as soon as they request it," he said.

City Manager Tom Sallors Jr. said city services, such as water, sewage and garbage pickup, are functioning.

"We still have our sewage treatment plants out of operation, but repairs will be made as

## 2 Get Jail In Multi-Million Dollar Tag Put On Farmland Damage

Flood damage to area farmland will run into the millions of dollars. L. D. Warkentin, Garfield County Extension Director, said tremendous damage had been done north of Enid and around the Harner-195 Kevlin areas, but hesitated closer to Garber.

"It is absolutely amazing that even the little wheat sprouts which had developed a little bit of root culture, could do so much toward saving the soil. It is the soil which had just been worked or planted that bore the brunt of the flooding. Some of those fields lost as much as five inches of topsoil," Warkentin said.

There is no estimate yet on the number of dollars which have been lost on livestock but it will run into the thousands. Hundreds of head of hogs, sheep and cattle were lost.

In the Pond Creek area, men were in boats and sometimes in water up to their shoulders trying to save hogs from the water. There were around 2,000 head of hogs lost in Grant County.

The Bibles and Soper Hog Farm near Pond Creek had 800 head of hogs before the flood and they succeeded in rescuing between 150 and 200 head of them.

The water pumps which furnish the city water supply in Pond Creek were covered with water which caused the electrically-operated pumps to fail, resulting in the city being without water. The pumps were back on Monday and things were back to near normal.

"About the only thing that's left to do is to help people dig out, otherwise, things are nearly normal again," said Keith Steates of the First State Bank in Pond Creek.

Grant County alone. "We don't know yet what conservation practices will be needed to correct the damages. I doubt that there is a terrace in the whole county which is not damaged or completely washed out," Hamilton said.

He said he didn't know of any ponds which have been destroyed but that many of them had

overlaid, and he was certain that several had been damaged. To the south, Droyer in Kingfisher County was probably hardest hit. The town was under water and the highways into it were closed. Most of the damage in that area was confined to the river, bottoms, because of the heavy runoff resulting from the rains to the north. The Dover-Crescent road is still closed due to washouts.

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Portage On Grand Avenue

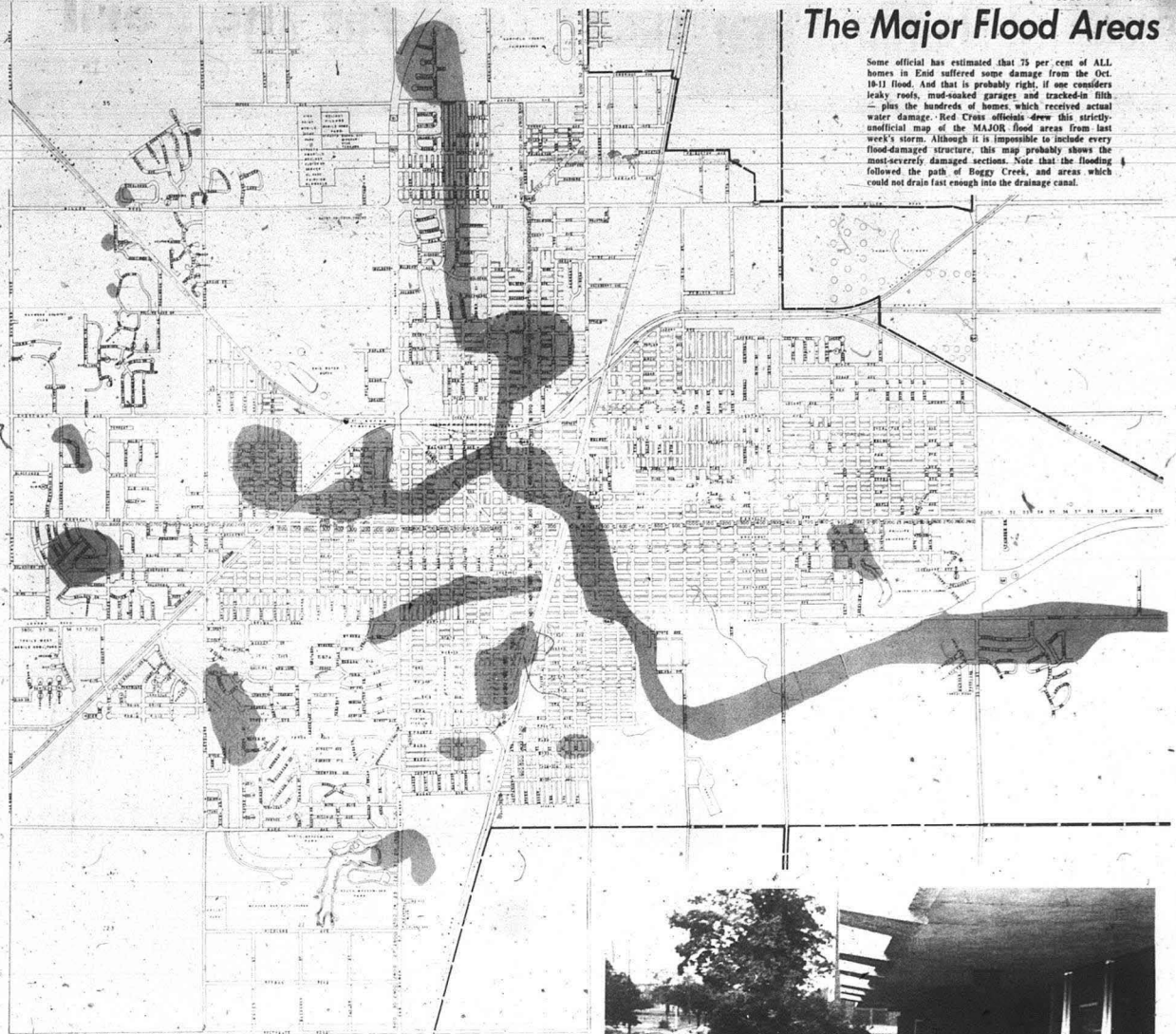
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# The Major Flood Areas

Some officials have estimated that 75 per cent of ALL homes in Enid suffered some damage from the Oct. 18-19 flood. And that is probably right, if one considers leaky roofs, mud-soaked garages and track-in-fish — plus the hundreds of homes which received actual water damage. Red Cross officials drew this strictly-unofficial map of the MAJOR flood areas from last week's storm. Although it is impossible to include every flood-damaged structure, this map probably shows the most-severely damaged sections. Note that the flooding followed the path of Boggy Creek, and areas which could not drain fast enough into the drainage canal.



### Saves Baby

## "I Couldn't Just Stand There..."

Editor's note: There were many acts of personal heroism as flood waters surged through the streets of Enid Wednesday night. Some will never be told, the people who did them too shy to tell their own stories, others still surprised by the inner courage they summoned when they needed it most. This story appeared in Friday's edition of the News.

It was dark and I couldn't see her, but I could hear her crying. "Mommie Mommie" and I found her was the way Tom Baker brakenman for the Fyssen Railroad described his rescue of a toddler that was swept from his mother's arms Wednesday night. Baker said he and switchman John Quarrels, along with engineer Allen, had been switching cars at the elevator and were passing the area of Second and First.

Quarrels said he thought he heard someone scream. Baker said, "We got off and ran down to the water. There was this little girl and a woman hanging on to a pole and we couldn't get to them but we saw the little baby go."

"I couldn't just stand there and I didn't know what to do. The water was deep and it was pretty salt, but I went on in and was hoping I would bump into the child or something. About that time I heard her cry and saw her head bob up so I got her."

Baker said the child was wearing a quilted jacket which probably saved her life as it provided some buoyancy.

He added a bit wistfully it seemed. "But I wish I knew who they were. I took the little girl up to the OGGE because she was so cold and shivering and we wanted to get her warm."

Mrs. Leland Cline, who lives at Second and E. Forest, said her husband was told they were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Haskins.

Baker said he visited the scene again Thursday. "The engineer lost his glasses and we went to look for them. I went to look for my cap too. I'd only had it a week," Baker laughed.



**St. Mary's Mop-Up**  
 Garber Junior High School girls volunteered and were pressed into service in the clean-up work at the sisters' convent just east of St. Mary's Hospital Friday morning. The convent was in an area particularly hard hit by Wednesday night's flooding rains (Friday Eagle)

# 'Please, Please, If We Can't All Go, Then Let My Children Stay With Me'

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** When the rains began Wednesday evening, News-Eagle reporter Michael Bates was at the office, waiting to attend a NODA meeting. The meeting was never held — but Mike spent the night at work providing firsthand information on the flood. The next day, at about his 31st consecutive hour on the job, Mike wrote this story which appeared in Thursday's Eagle.

**By MICHAEL BATES**  
 News-Eagle Staff Writer

When News-Eagle copublisher John Taylor left work Wednesday afternoon, he called back on the two-way radio and advised, "Somebody better roll up the windows on the news car. I think it's starting to rain."

I had no way of knowing what an understatement that suggestion would be, and how wet the news car would get Wednesday night despite the fact the windows were rolled up.

By noon today, when it finally came to rest in front of the News-Eagle building, that bulky blue news car had been up to its headlights in water, drowned out noisily, swept away several times, and eventually even overheated.

Even tagged but in rain that with plastic bag protection for my camera equipment water soaked into every stitch of cloth and every pore of skin. The first photos I shot, of North Johnson and West Broadway in the downtown area or on East Broadway near the Ideal supermarket, began to bring home the impact of the tragic disaster that was engulfing Enid.

First it was just a heavy rainstorm with some major damage. Then, when I got to the Brookside addition I began realizing there was a pitiful, pathetic human element involved.

There was a lot of shouting in the Brookside addition on the way hours of Thursday morning. But the first clearly distinguishable voice I remember hearing was a mother pleading with rescuers not to separate her family in the evacuation procedure.

"Please, please," she begged, "if we can't all go, then let my children stay here with the quilt someone else comes."

The woman, just mid-safety, but as the search for bodies and those badly injured began this morning, the thought that many people may not have escaped the swift fast-rising water was in everybody's minds.

Besides being loud, splashy and full of action, Brookside addition was at the same time quiet, eerie and depressing. Walking back to the news car, I happened to pick a street that had already been evacuated and had fallen quiet. Signs only echoed off walls in the distance.

Broken gaslines that had not to ornamental yard lights, housed eerily, over-turned cars, helplessly tossed boats, mutilated garage doors and well-manicured lawns that suffered deeply eroded ruts and light life tracks made the area depressing.

"Staff" just when all these things began to get to you, that creepy feeling you're being watched by someone hidden tangles your spine. I caught a sheep dog that was precariously guarding a roof top staring at me. And there were others.

The starting 1947 top dogs remained in the 17 people who had been plucked from a roof top onto minutes before when the water were still raging.

And the thought of people clinging to a roof top reminded me that the first daughter of a blue-eyed farmer had told me an Enid friend named Bill Smith had jumped from a rooftop. His family drove and frame to escape from their hubb. That report turned out to be false.

But Smith's small station wagon, still in the driveway at 3366 David Drive, was crushed beneath a motorist's bigger than that car.

Nearby, a resident had hurried to his garage. After his car, turned on the lights, started his backed nearly all the way through the garage door, before slipping. When rescuers arrived, the car

was still running the lights and wind about a page still on.

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Strangely enough, there was also humor in the tragedy of the flood and evacuation. A boy lost his pants and slumped bare-bottomed onto a rescue truck on the Brookside addition.

And one long-haired youth, standing knee deep in brackish water, got off one of the best lines of the night. He looked sternly at a companion and announced, "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature."

... Fire Memories Linger On And On

Editing the Fire Prevention Week story for Thursday's Eagle, we came across the phrase, "Gasoline is a fuel, not a cleaning agent."

And the memories came rushing back.

It was during my junior year in high school, a quarter of a century ago. We were sitting in typing class as I remember it. The town fire siren began blowing.

My best buddy's parents had just built a beautiful new home there in Buffalo — probably one of the most costly homes built during that decade. Bob and I especially liked it because there was a pool table in the upstairs game room. And anytime we were not busy with school activities, a bunch of us would be at Bob's new home, gathered in the game room to shoot pool, play records and drink Coke.

As the fire siren sounded that morning, I turned to Bob and quipped, "Well, Bob, there goes your home up in flames." We all laughed, even the teacher, and Bob came back with some equally high schoolish remark.

We continued our classwork.

Fifteen minutes later, the superintendent stepped to the door of that classroom. "Bob Baker, would you come here, please?"

And everyone of us in that class knew that my smart-aleck joke was a reality.

Bob's mother had been using a pan of gasoline for cleaning the cement from around the ceramic tile in her new kitchen. She said later that she did not know gasoline fumes would ignite... but they did.

The firemen saved the house — at least the walls. Bob's mother was released from the hospital a few weeks later, the burn scars healed. They rebuilt the beautiful home, cleaned out the smoke smell, moved back in — but she could not take it emotionally. The flash of fire would appear before her eyes every time she was alone in the kitchen.

They moved back to their old house and sold the new one. The new owners took up the continuing battle of getting rid of the smoke smell that returned every humid day.

As a newspaperman I have covered dozens of fires since then — some big ones like the Otisco store in Woodward, the oil well fire at Canton, the Esquire and American Legion fires in Enid, some that resulted in lost lives, and one where the mother literally threw her children out the window to save them.

But every once in a while I recall that day back in high school, and how we joked about Bob's house being on fire... until the superintendent stepped to the door.

It can never happen in my home, you say? Oh yeah!

Against Flood Damage

Probably Only Two Persons Had Insurance

Enid which was hit by the worst flood disaster in its history, will now begin to dry itself out and begin the massive clean up job over the city.

With losses expected to run in the millions, the number one concern of the people in the Enid area is insurance coverage.

Bob Lund, general manager of the general adjustment bureau, stated that many homes in Oklahoma are not covered with flood insurance.

"Oklahoma just does not offer the type of coverage," said Lund.

Very few people in the state are covered since we are not prone to many floods. However, for those people who suffered automobile damage, there is help.

Individuals with comprehensive auto coverage can get some relief from the flood," said Lund.

As for the businesses they are in the same situation as the home owners," he said.

John Martin, of the Mutual Insurance agency, stated that flood coverage in the state is not offered.

"There is no coverage under floods and I doubt if two people in the city have such a policy," said Martin.

But autois, with comprehensive coverage and motor homes, boats, campers with floater coverage will get some relief," he added.

"Mobile homes are also covered with flood damage under a comprehensive plan that is offered.

If there was any wind damage during the flood then they will be covered and relief should be trouble," Martin stated.

"But for those people in the Brookside area, there just is no help provided by the insurance companies," Lund remarked.

However, for the residents of the flood stricken community, the federal government could offer some assistance.

"According to Lund if the governor authorizes the area a disaster area then the federal government could provide some loan assistance.

"We don't know at this point just what extent the damage will be, but I anticipate it will be heavy," Lund said. "Last year we sent some of our men to the New England area and we assisted in their problems through the small business administration."

"We do have some experience in this area, but we will need a lot of outside help and establish a special office for handling the claims, if the federal government establishes the program and the number of claims warrant it," remarked Lund.

"As of today, Thursday we have no plans to set up the program.

Lund recommended to the people to begin cleaning up their homes and cars and to start their heating systems. "But when they start their heating systems they should be very sure that all the water is out of the house to prevent a blowout of the furnace," said Lund.

Enid will now undertake the massive clean-up of the city and the surrounding areas of the city with hopes of some federal aid and assistance to help the flood stricken city.

Fire Chief Gene Chaste is asking that you not call the fire department today to report water in your homes.

Firemen worked all night, along with the law enforcement officers, the National Guardsmen, reserves, Red Cross and other volunteers, trying to reach the emergency areas with help. They will continue to do so today, and will not even have time to make a list of flooded homes, Chaste said.

Please, wait until the hospitals and emergency areas have been helped until you place your plea for assistance from the firemen.

Some Damage In Area Towns

Enid Took Storm Brunt

News of the weather situation in the northwest area began filtering in during the late morning Thursday. Reports were also slow to the disruption of telephone service.

Shirley Pool at the Fairview newspaper office said that her rain gauge and the TV cable weather reporting service showed that about 4 1/2 inches of rain fell at Fairview on Wednesday night.

Reports are that very little rain fell east of Garber.

U.S. 81 highway south of Dover was closed at mid-morning Thursday because of flood conditions on the Cimarron River there.

At Flood Creek between 12 and 13 inches of rain caused damage due to 11 a.m. Thursday. Keith Scates at the Flood Creek bank said their principal problem at the present was that Pond Creek was out of water. The city pumps located near Salt Fork River, had been covered with water which shut off the electricity which ran the pumps.

"They're trying to work on the pumps, but their main problem is that they can't get to the pumps to work on them. We don't know when they'll get them working again," Scates said.

The highway east of Pond Creek, U.S. 60, is closed to high water. Scates said the river was higher than it had ever been that anyone could remember.

He said there had been reports of livestock being washed into the river but there had been no dead count yet.

Some homes were damaged and several businesses had water running through them.

Scates said he understood there were only about four families left in Jefferson and they were evacuating people by boat.

Mrs. Joe Thomas in Woodward said she wasn't sure how much rain had fallen there, but she guessed between three and four inches. She said the weather there wasn't really that bad.

Rita Pjeksy at the First State Bank

in Gottry said about 4 1/2 inches of rain fell there and they had a lot of wind along with it.

A trailer house northeast of Gottry belonging to Clarence Waymen was destroyed by the wind, maybe a small water tank, and they had a roof about 12 to 30 m. Mrs. Rita Pjeksy said.

There was also a considerable amount of damage to trees and crops, according to Mrs. Pjeksy.

St. Mary's

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the like were piled on desks, cabinets, chairs wherever they would be out of water.

No dollar estimate has been made on the devastation at St. Mary's Hospital, although it is expected to run very high.

McMillen indicated there was little panic Wednesday night and early Thursday morning among personnel or patients and anyone seemed to be doing a job or waiting to be assigned an area of work.

Relations coming to the hospital were able to see patients and others were referred to waiting rooms. Small groups of people stood sitting, sipping hot coffee or talking with nurses. Others slumped wearily into a chair for a moment's rest.

Directly across the street west from St. Mary's is a medical arts building. Sounding a variety of noises, saw monumental damage from flood waters.

Laboratories were demolished. X-ray facilities and equipment were put out of commission — maybe destroyed. Bottles of medical supplies and equipment lay in masses in each office as testimony to the destructive flooding from Boggy Creek.

Back at St. Mary's parking lots employees, all in one room, were put out wandering about the lots looking for their vehicles or upon finding them gone or damaged, stood staring at the destruction.

One youthful nurse asked a passing man if he had seen a little blue Volkswagen admit the debris. He shook his head "no" as he hurried past the nurse.

Cleanup operations began as soon as the flood waters began receding, reportedly shortly after midnight. The park areas to the north and the south of St. Mary's were filled with debris and mud, and many of the remaining people could be seen walking amid the ruins.

National Guardsmen were at intersections around St. Mary's Hospital directing the stream of traffic as persons tried to go to their respective jobs. Sightseers were out with their daylight cameras to see the traffic congestion.

The hospital administrator reported the manager of the Sunset Plaza Sweeney store was rescued out of bed in the middle of the night and he willingly opened the store in order to get food items to the hospital.

"However," Sallors pointed out, "those persons with private water systems or wells should take the flood precautions and treat water by boiling before using internally until the system can be disinfected."

Contaminated water can cause many diseases, some of which could prove fatal if not diagnosed immediately.

McMillen stressed that other hospitals are helping in every way possible to assist the flood-stricken St. Mary's facility and are anxious to prevent all the assistance and aid given light.

McMillen stated that several physicians have been working around the clock and that everybody is more than willing to help.

Five Injured During Storm

In spite of flood water destroying most all medical supplies, foods and linens at St. Mary's Hospital Wednesday night, five persons were treated in the emergency facilities there. All were treated and released.

Maria and Aquina Diaz, 87 and 83 E. Walnut, were treated for exposure and admitted to the hospital.

Debbie Farrier, 223 S. 6th, sustained a fractured toe when she slipped while making her flooded home. She was treated and released.

Merley Sullivan, 26, 2220 E. Maine, sustained multiple contusions and abrasions when she was swept under a trailer in the swirling waters. He had spent 30' at least in a boat in a tree before coming down. He was treated and released.

Rudney Pettiver, 18, 901 E. Elm, sustained a possible fractured right foot when he was trying to help push a car across a street and slipped and the car ran over his foot. He was treated and released.

Frances Tate, 309 N. 16th, sustained a possible fracture when she slipped on a step outside her home. She was treated and released.

Enid's Water Supply Free Of Contamination

Enid's water supply is free of contamination and needs no treatment for internal use. City Manager Tom Sallors Jr. reported this morning following the almost 16-inch depth of rain Wednesday night.

"However," Sallors pointed out, "those persons with private water systems or wells should take the flood precautions and treat water by boiling before using internally until the system can be disinfected."

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Downtown Enid Stores Damaged

At least three downtown stores received some damage due to flood waters which paralyzed Enid and surrounding areas late last night.

C. J. Briggs at TOAY reported that merchandise in the store was soaked due to civil leakage. Employees were mopping out the water this morning which helped the store to close for perhaps two days, according to Briggs.

Jim Evans, owner of Evans Co-Rite downtown, reported that water ran into the basement and caused a great loss of goods. Evans downtown will be closed until further notice.

Stores remaining open this morning although flood waters got into the basement, running merchandise in that part of the store, according to manager Bob Henderson. Damaged merchandise will be sold at a discount price as soon as the basement is restored. The basement floor will have to be replaced, Henderson said.

All other downtown stores appear to be unaffected by the flood.

President Tom Mobergen of First National Bank reported that the basement backed up in the basement causing flooding. Funds were being used this morning to get the water out.

The main floor had a little water due to leakage through the floor. The bank was operating on a small scale this morning and it will be open Friday for normal business.

Worst Storm

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Using the path of Boggy Creek starting in the Yucca addition in North Enid and following its path through Government Street, just east of downtown, to the Brookside addition.

A similar situation developed from around Hoover at Randolph and ran on into the Brookside area and eastward to the D. Ward Nichols apartment complex.

National Guard and Army Reserve units were alerted and joined with the police and law departments in rescuing persons trapped in cars and from rooftops. The storm issued a call for those with boats and heavy equipment to aid, and the response was overwhelming.

D. T. Antry, superintendent of schools, stated this afternoon that schools in Enid will resume classes on Friday.

As news of the storm developed throughout the area, others sent in personnel to help. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol has 24 units here, and all available Gas-Rangers are assisting.

The Red Cross Canteen from Oklahoma City is set up at Convent Park Hall. Both male and female students at Phillips University were among the first to offer their help, and they were still working where needed today.

A volunteer fire department also provided assistance.

Sendings of food and equipment here were free and police departments from Black Well, Perry, Cherokee, Garber, Cleveland, Woodward, and Woodward and Woodward also sent boats and tubs divers.

The storm put a cramp in telephone service as it was slowly getting back to normal today.

Yellow Cab Company suspended service at 8 p.m. when rising waters forced the cabs in. It was one of the rare times the cab company has had to suspend service. Normal service was resumed this morning.

After making an aerial survey of the city this morning, City Manager Tom Sallors Jr. said that he noticed several mobile homes and cars and trucks overturned in the Brookside area.

Sallors said the cars were stacked in the corner of St. Mary's parking lot, like a pile of logs. He noted that a new bridge on East Willow was washed out as were the foot bridges to Hooper School.

... And The Floodwaters Came

Heaven opened and rains came. That best describes conditions in the all-time record 15.68-inch rainfall that came to Enid Wednesday evening and in some hours Thursday. It far exceeds the previous record 10 inches that resulted in heavy flooding in Enid in May 1957.

Most streets and roadways in the Enid area became rolling torrents of water early in the evening and hampered rescue operations throughout the city. Boats with large motors came from as far away as Blackwell were launched throughout the city in efforts to rescue persons perched on housetops and clinging to tree tops.

Numerous reports of drownings were heard during the night but only one had been confirmed at daybreak Thursday. When the dawn rays and further flood surveys reveal a net to be told. One thing of which there is no doubt is this: Property damage from flooding will be heavy. Many residential properties were inundated and St. Mary's Hospital was flooded at two floor levels, with heavy loss in medical supplies.

Entrance to the city early this morning was confined to U.S. 81 highways and only vehicles bearing bearing supplies or on mercy missions were permitted to enter. Too, other communication facilities are reserved for emergency use and citizens are urged to use telephones only in compelling situations.

As the day progresses, the News and Eagle news department will be updated reports in stories and pictures in flood damages. We might add, if your paper has an unusual lack of makeup and content, it may be a result of newspaper shortage as the Enid Publishing Co. lost most of its newspaper stock in floodwaters.

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what we can do, when they kept phoning to report high water or fires. He kept promising to do everything possible for the excited callers, but there was no way to do very much for anyone. The water was too high.

Fire department units found that quickly when they tried to answer a fire call near Phillips University, and another in the Brookside addition. Phillips students extinguished the first house fire. The second house burned to the ground as firemen watched from the opposite bank of a flood-swollen and impassable Boggy Creek.

Strangely enough, there was also humor in the tragedy of the flood and evacuation. A boy lost his pants and climbed barebottomed onto a rescue truck in the Brookside addition.

A Kews Eagle city editor joked with this reporter about jamming the two-ton rescue over a washed-out bridge just like Steve McQueen would do it.

And one long-haired youth, standing knee deep in brackish water, got off one of the best lines of the night. He looked sternly at a companion and announced, "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature."

Don't Call Firemen About Water Damage

Fire Chief Gene Chaste is asking that you not call the fire department today to report water in your homes.

Firemen worked all night, along with the law enforcement officers, the National Guardsmen, reserves, Red Cross and other volunteers, trying to reach the emergency areas with help. They will continue to do so today, and will not even have time to make a list of flooded homes, Chaste said.

Please, wait until the hospitals and emergency areas have been helped until you place your plea for assistance from the firemen.



"I don't like this begging at the table — particularly, when you get to eat meat and I don't!"

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Emergency Phone Service Being Restored Quickly As Possible

We don't know how many telephones are out, but as getting the emergency phone lines back in service is our first priority. Southwest Bell Telephone number 3-1111 or 3-1111 ext. 2400.

St. Mary's Hospital probably the worst hit institution had emergency phone service back in 9:15 this morning. Fred Trice at the phone company was relaying St. Mary's calls to Oklahoma City for emergency medical supplies.

Also at mid-morning, Hays-Rogers Hospital phone service was restored and Enid Memorial Hospital was working line. Cabinet said.

During the night, back-up repair crews arrived from both offices in Woodward, Clinton, El Reno, Alva, Woodward and

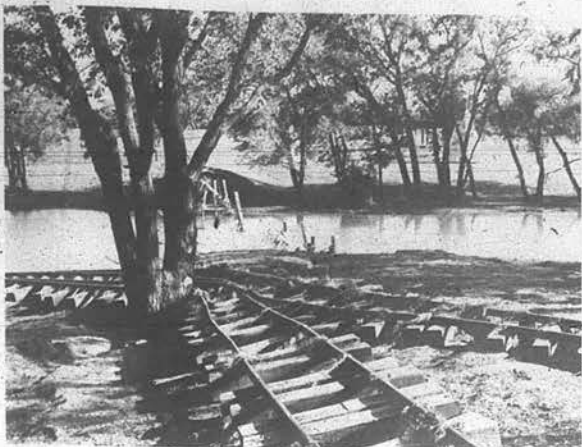
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**Rails To Nowhere**

The little Kiwanis train at Meadowlake Park has little track left to run on. The bridge on the west end of the lake went out and the tracks were twisted and bent downstream by the force of the flood waters.



**Tree**

The company that manufactures this lonely little microbus claim that their product will float, but they didn't put a tiller on them and this one wound up aground in a tree among the drifts of trash that swept down with the flood waters.

# Some Scars Will Take Years To Erase



**Clean-Up Job**

Mrs. P. J. Jones, secretary at the A-1 Electric Motor Service, 402 E. Randolph, faces a huge cleanup job after flood waters surged through the building Wednesday night.



**Flood Victim**

The wild traumatic experiences of the evening brought a sudden sadness to the eyes of youngsters thrust out of their homes by the floodwaters. This flood victim sipped a drink at Convocation Hall as he sought for something new to happen.



**End Of The Line**

Traveling on county roads in the End area will be difficult for a while until roadways can be rebuilt, washed out bridges restored to service and debris removed from rights-of-way.



**Clothing Store**

Flood victims who lost everything in the torrents had an opportunity to get a change of clothing in the clothing store set up at Convocation Hall by various religious organizations who rushed in supplies of clothing, household goods and supplies to get families back on their feet.



**Trestle Restored**

A work train crosses across the recently repaired trestle over Skeleton Creek two miles east of 30th Monday afternoon after crews got the line back into operation and speed rail service back into the city.



**Not Much To Claim**

Three Phillips University students, Donna Trumbly, Becky Skinner, and Margie Trumbly, examine cars hauled out of the creek and stored temporarily on the parking lot at Trade-Mart on South Van Buren. Most of the cars caught in the flood waters were unsalvageable.



**Dumping Pop**

The warehouse for Dr. Popper at 230 1/2 Elm was undrained part of the evening and the entire contents had to be destroyed. Workers piled cars and threw them out, to be hauled later in the dump.



**Carpet Care**

Charles Evans, left, 201 S. Burdell, and Dan Randall, 2114 Kowa, work on carpet in Evans' driveway as they try to salvage it from the mud and silt that were left by flood waters. Some carpet of gun-made fibers can be cleaned, but others will shrink and never fit back into the house.





**Washed Away**

Semi-truck trailers jam the railroad trestle in the 200 block on East Elm as well as the Charlie and Son Paint & Body Shop which used to be on the foundation at the right of the photo. Owner Charlie Todd reported

his building was completely washed away and the trucks and cars within it are scattered as far away as four blocks. All were smashed and overturned by the surging rush of water.



**All That's Left**

Picking up all that's left of her parents' household contents is Miss Louise Etter. She spent 5 1/2 hours on the roof of her parents' home at 2281 Dwellie Drive last night during the height of the flooding that severely damaged much of the Brookside Park addition. Miss

Etter, her parents, an aunt and uncle, and one small child waited on the roof until being rescued by Marshall Etter, a brother. Miss Etter said this morning, "I just thank God we're all alive."

# ...And The Rains Came, And Came...

This picture page appeared in last Thursday's Enid Daily Eagle, and is reprinted here with no changes.



**Heading For Higher Ground**

Marvin Navrell of 728 N. 15th, is the driver's seat, and another Western Company employee, Day, Baker, who resides in Brookside addition, took this big company sand truck into the flood waters of Brookside Wednesday night and drove 24 residents to 26th Street.

where highway patrol units rushed the residents to safe areas. The big truck was about the only unit capable of negotiating the floodwaters at the time. Here, some of the rescued Brookside residents are being loaded into the truck.



**Happily Reunited**

Two young people rushed into each others' arms at Convention Hall early this morning after apparently searching for each other. Many such scenes were in evidence as the center became the assembly point for flood victims. Thousands of Enid residents spent the night at the center after flood waters inundated their residences.



**South Wilson And Jefferson**

The big drainage ditch in the west part of Enid couldn't take care of the large amount of water which fell Wednesday night. At South

Wilson and Oklahoma streets, debris collected on the bridge, as well as a camper which was also deposited there.



**Another Storm Victim**

This car was demolished after being plummeted and overturned across the sidewalk and into the shrubbery almost at the east entrance to the medical arts building across the street

from St. Mary's Hospital. The various physician's offices in the medical arts facility sustained heavy flood damage from Wednesday night's vicious deluge.



**Boats From Everywhere**

Emergency calls for rescue boats went out during the night, and boaters came from a wide area. The water was so swift at times that only boats with large-horsepower motors could move upstream. This boat was, being

unloaded in Brookside during the middle of the night. One boatowner said he turned his rig over to rescue workers and at mid-morning didn't know where the boat was, but presumed it was still being used somewhere.



**Waiting Out The Storm**

Animals had a rough time in the flood Wednesday night, but this dog found a good spot to wait out the storm — in a boat, atop a pickup truck owned by Enid fireman Bill Smith, who lives at 2228 Dwellie Drive.



**Out Of Business**

Roger Canada, who operates an air conditioning business from this pickup camper, was washed out of business in Wednesday

night's flood. The high waters stacked up his pickup and a camper in his front yard at 2213 Dwellie Drive in Brookside addition.

# Solemn Faces Of Disaster



Governor David Hall announced at a press conference Thursday in Enid that he intended to declare Enid a disaster area possibly qualifying residents for some federal aid. The meeting followed an aerial survey of Enid by the governor and his staff in National Guard helicopters. Seated with Hall is City Manager Tom Saliers Jr. Standing behind them are Sheriff Pat McFadden, left, and State Sen. Duke, Northwest Area Coordinator for Civil Defense. (Friday's Eagle)



## Thanks For Life Itself

As if giving thanks for life itself following the flood, three staffers stand on the lawn near St. Mary's Hospital. The staffers are from the home of the Catholic sisters

who operate the hospital. Their home, like the hospital, suffered extensive damage in Wednesday night's flood. (Saturday's News)



## Clean-Up Crew

Friends of Rodney Babcock, left, 1209 Duette Dr., help with the cleanup after Wednesday night's flood which hit the Brookside Addition particularly hard. David Collins is at left with Mike Carmichael just behind

Babcock's right shoulder. The coffee they are drinking had been provided by a mobile Red Cross unit that came down the street offering coffee and sandwiches moments earlier. (Friday's News)



## High Water Marks

Squeezing mud out of his living room and hallway is Billy Burroughs, left, of 2223 Brooks Drive and his father-in-law, Kenneth Simpson, Covington. Note the high flood water marks left on the wall behind

Burroughs. Water marks were measured in several homes throughout that area at three-foot-one inches. (Friday's Eagle)

# St. Mary's Was Hit Hard; Many Volunteers Pitch In

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Hundreds of volunteers swarmed through the flood-ravaged areas of Enid the past six days, cleaning up homes, yards and autos. Probably the most volunteer work has gone into the cleanup at St. Mary's Hospital, which received \$1.5 million in damage when the basement and part of the first floor were flooded.

National Guard Army Reserve, Missouri Disaster teams, Boy Scouts and countless individuals worked on the cleanup of the hospital. Records, seemingly soaked beyond any further use, were taken to various churches where they were carefully pulled apart and allowed to dry. Hospital administrator John McMillen says the records will be more or less ruined, but the records can be discarded.

The flood proved one point. Entries made with ball point pens can survive water, but those made with the creaser felt tip pens are washed away forever.

Following is a portion of the story about St. Mary's which appeared in the Eagle hours after the flood.

By BETH LILLEY  
News-Eagle Staff Writer

Flood waters from Boggy Creek inundated the entire basement and put an inch of water on the first floor of Enid's St. Mary's Hospital, 30 S. Fifth Street, Monday night, destroying all linen, food and medical supplies.

Hospital Administrator John McMillen said this morning that he was able to get a phone line out during the night and asked several hospitals in Texas and Oklahoma to send emergency medical supplies. Their supplies were expected to be flown in today.

Ten of the 182 patients at St. Mary's Hospital were taken from the southernmost wing of the hospital and transferred to the two other hospitals in Enid.

McMillen reported no patients in the hospital employ sustained any injuries as a result of the flood.

National Guardsmen moved in their field kitchen equipment and an emergency kitchen was set up in the lobby of the hospital as workers attempted to get a meal to patients and food to hospital personnel and workers.

The entire basement had been sealed off as large pumps and Halibutson trucks and men worked to pump the water from the basement area. A wall in an area of the basement was reported to have caved in, but there was no apparent danger of above floors caving in.

All electricity was knocked out at the hospital early Wednesday night when a vehicle apparently tangled with the transformer pole behind the facility. There was no elevator service and employees were hand-carrying food to patients on pots and pans and whatever utensils they could find this morning.

Most employees have been working around the clock in a valiant effort to care as best they can for the patients. The parking lots immediately east of St. Mary's Hospital were walked from the hospital by the raging Boggy Creek. Cars of employees were piled three and four high along the creek bank. Wrecker units were on hand early this morning attempting to clear the creek to allow rain-all water to continue moving and to clear vehicles and debris from the bridges and streets immediately adjacent the hospital complex.

Nurses, doctors and the hospital personnel were making their way through the pitch-black corridors with flashlight batteries and candles as they worked to reduce some semblance of order and efficiency.

Officers and gurney equipment on the first floor of the hospital suffered minor water damage. Temporary telephone service had been restored as of 9:45 a.m. Books, ledgers, files, small machines and the law were piled in desks, cabinets, chairs — wherever they would be out of water.

McMillen indicated there was little panic Wednesday night and early Thursday morning among personnel or patients and everyone seemed to be doing a job or waiting to be assigned an area of work. Relatives coming to the hospital

were able to see patients and others were referred to waiting rooms. Small groups of people stood silently, sipping hot coffee or taking in low voices, others stamped wearily into a chair for a moment's rest.

Directly across the street west from St. Mary's is a medical arts building housing a variety of doctors' law monumental damage from flood waters. Laboratories were demolished. X-ray facilities and equipment were put out of commission — music destroyed. Bottles, files, medical supplies and equipment lay in masses in each office as testimony to the destructive flooding from Boggy Creek.

Back at St. Mary's parking lots, employees at midmorning were noted wandering about the lots looking for their vehicles in open flooding that gored or damaged flood starting at the destruction. One youthful nurse asked a passing man if he had seen a little blue Volkswagen about the debris. He shook his head "no" as he hurried past the "charge."

Cleanup operations began as soon as the flood waters began receding, reportedly shortly after midnight.

National Guardsmen were at an intersection around St. Mary's Hospital directing the steady stream of traffic as people tried to go by their respective jobs. Sightseers were out with the daybreak adding to the traffic congestion.

The hospital administrator reported the majority of the Sunset Plaza Safeway which was located out of bed in the middle of the night and for a while, ignored the store in order to get food items to the hospital.



## Commodities At Plainsmen Field

Local workers set up headquarters at Plainsmen Field Saturday to distribute emergency supplies to flood victims who were in need of food. The United States Department of Agriculture provided about 40,000 pounds of food through the Food Nutrition Service of the southwest region, under the direction of Martin Garber, the administrator. (Sunday's News)

