

BULLETIN

The Gas Co., thru its manager, C. J. Gassman, announces that service will be maintained.

J. R. Jacquet of the light company said Sunday that first, they are doing everything possible to get city water; and second, they will try and take care of the needs of the industries essential to McCook.

The Ice Co. is furnishing water for the Burlington, city and gas co.

BULLETIN—Everybody is asked to stay out of the flood and tornado areas unless they are assigned there by people of authority. Guards have already been set up in many areas to prevent pilfering—some of which has been started. **Please cooperate with the authorities in this time of need and follow their instructions to the letter. They are working for your best interests. HELP, DON'T HINDER.**

BENKELMAN—One entire family of eight are dead. There are eight more missing. Benkelman was not struck by tornado. All damage was south of town. Water came up to the depot. Reported that river has changed course about two miles east of town and is running where the railroad tracks were formerly located. Buildings at fair grounds badly damaged by flood.

STRATTON—Five known dead, 2 men and 2 women. None missing. The light and water systems both gone. Were expected to be back in operation some time last night. Several homes swept away by flood. Water was reported to have been up to the Diehl farm.

PARKS—One girl, four years old reported missing. About half of the town was inundated. Five houses in the south part of town were moved from their foundations by the flood.

TRENTON—The entire Williamson family of three is reported missing. Several houses in the lower part of town are completely destroyed.

Water authorities inspected the main leading across the Republican river today and reported that both it and the pumps were in good running order. Previously it had been feared that the main had broken from the pressure of the flood.

The bodies of Mrs. Charles Miller and 3 1-2 year old daughter were found several miles above Bartley according to official reports. South of Red Willow, parties were unable to find any trace of either living or dead.

The body of Fred Swanson was found in the pasture of Forrest Poore approximately a quarter of a mile south of the river. Latest reports said that the body of C. G. Bell was located about a quarter of a mile from the Swanson's body.

Joe Scott, Lloyd Miller and Geo. Jerram of McCook and Robert Reisher, Norcatour, Kansas, arrived in McCook Sunday after walking from Max. They said Max was not flooded, and there is not any loss of life between Benkelman and Stratton. Trenton was under water. It took the men more than 24 hours for their journey.

Earlier indications that there were several people alive and stranded on the driftwood received a set-back late Sunday when reports from searching parties were received. No one in that territory was found alive, it was reported after an exhaustive search by Roy Gillette. The families of Geo. Bussard, previously reported missing are safe at the Gillette home, as are Geo. Keen and family, C. L. Gillette and Pat Mitchells. It was reported that supplies are needed urgently in that section.

COMMUNICATION BULLETIN

Men are working to get abutments fixed on both sides of Red Willow bridge to allow passage of cars.

The telephone co., reported late Sunday night that all lines are working to the east, and that two circuits have been completed to North Platte.

A partial total of damage done in the tornado area is given at \$35,000. Of this \$20,000 is covered by insurance. This area includes the Roger Carlson, Franz Zander, Mrs. Koler, Bob von Riesen, Phil Moore, W. F. Pate, Claude Spaulding, Walter Modrell, Ed Steinke, and Ben Doyle Places.

City Councilman Dale Miller, and little Nadine Miller, daughter of the Chas. Millers, Jr., were rescued in the Driftwood area Saturday night, by Jimmy Adams and Mrs. Chas. Nelms. Nadine spent the night at the Nelms home, and Mr. Miller at the Ed Lofenborg home. They were brought to this side by plane Sunday morning.

Mr. Miller said that the water struck about 1:30 Friday, rising seven feet in 12 minutes. He, with Nadine succeeded in getting to a tree, and were saved. Clyde McKillip and Charlotte Ruth Miller were rescued Saturday. Johnny Miller, 10, was thought to be in a tree. The fate of the others is unknown, altho a report Sunday afternoon said that two Miller children were alive in a tree near Driftwood.

REPORTS ROLL IN FROM STRICKEN AREAS

To the east, west and north of McCook, reports of the flood damage are rolling in. Saturday, A. F. "Babe" Horne in a plane cruise up to Parks reported that the three-year-old daughter of Archie Burke was drowned, and the town was under water. The Pettit family of eight were drowned in their home at Doane. The bodies were recovered Saturday. Eight bodies were reported at Benkelman. Reports of missing at Trenton range from 19 to 30. Palisade received 16 inches of rain Thursday and Friday. Hamlet got 8 inches Friday. Tracks are washed away and grade destroyed all the way up the line. Roads are ruined and bridges washed out. Benkelman and Parks were flooded. Trenton was said to be badly damaged. At Culbertson the Wallace family of five are lost, and according to reports of men who drove 75 miles to get thru to McCook Saturday, the fate of between 8 and ten is as yet unknown. The bridges are out and the Republican has cut a new quarter mile channel.

In the east three persons are reported missing at Cambridge, one man at Arapahoe, one man at Holbrook, three at Oxford. The National Guard unit of 250 men and 20 officers is located at Alma, because of the terrible conditions in that area. Five big Missouri river power boats have reached that point and taken countless people from the trees and housetops.

At Curtis, a tornado struck Friday afternoon. The Maywood lake went out Friday afternoon, and the dam on the Curtis lake broke Saturday morning about 100 yards west of the mill. There is no communication except to North Platte by telephone. Practically the entire railroad yard destroyed at Curtis, and there is about six miles of track out in washouts between Wallace and Eustis. The first train came in to Elwood Saturday from Holdrege. One is dead at Curtis, and approximately 10 seriously injured. There are no missing.

In the south part of Cambridge many homes were moved from their foundations and the occupants left homeless. The Red Cross has established a base there and is taking care of the homeless.