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Hail, Damaging Winds, Rain Punish State

By Mike Shannon
and Janis Berry

Severe thunderstorms hammered southern and eastern Oklahoma Thursday night, leaving behind damage caused by high winds, large hail, lightning and heavy rainfall.

Baseball-sized hail was reported at Wilson, west of Ardmore, and persons there said considerable damage resulted during the 20-minute hailstorm.

High winds swept through eastern portions of the state, knocking out power and telephone lines in many areas.

Phone service was disrupted at Dustin, in northeastern Hughes County, when strong straight winds ravaged trees and three hay barns.

At Stuart, west of McAlester, lightning reportedly struck a cafe, causing a fire, but the extent of that damage was not known, authorities said.

Heavy rains caused threats of flash flooding in many areas, and the U.S. Weather Service posted flash flood alerts along with tornado watches during the stormy night.

One tornado was reported sighted at Seminole, where trees north of town were uprooted, briefly blocking a highway. However, officials said no one was injured anywhere in the state.

Almost the entire Wilson business district received damage, all windows of the north side of the school were shattered, and cars, trailers and houses throughout the town were hit.

B. T. VanCleave, owner of the Paradise Inn, reported heavy damage to his car. The hail knocked dents "bigger than a hen's egg" in the roof of the auto.

"It was the biggest hail I've ever seen in my life," he said.

Mrs. A. P. Holmes said several storm windows at her home were shattered and all the neighborhood cars were "dented pretty badly."

"I've never seen hail like it," she said.

Two windows were knocked out at the Sonny Tucker home, where the hail resached golfball size. Mrs. Tucker said most houses in her neighborhood received window damage and several car windshields were broken in the hailstorm.

Damage to some cars and windows from golfball-sized hail was also reported at Marlow.

Large hail was reported at Duncan and Marietta in southern Oklahoma. One-inch hail was reported at Annadarko, but damage was slight.

Vinita reported minor street flooding when 3 to 4 inches of rain fell during the evening.

The highway patrol office at Pawnee reported water standing on some roads in the district, but said roads were passable.

Severe thunderstorms produced up to 2 inches of

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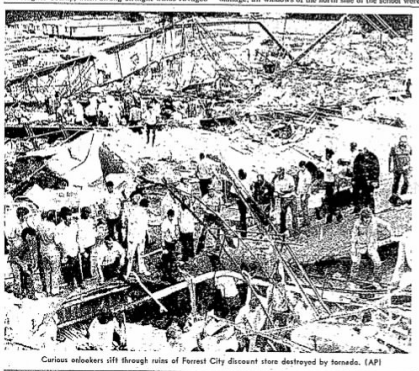

Curious onlookers sift through ruins of Forrest City discount store destroyed by tornado. (AP)

Arkansas Twister Kills 8 in Store

75 Shoppers Trapped When Roof Caves In

400 to 500 Homes Damaged; Injury Toll Put at 200

FORREST CITY, Ark. (AP) — A tornado tore through sections of this eastern Arkansas town Thursday evening, and a deputy sheriff said eight persons were killed. At least 200 persons were reported injured.

Joe McCollum, deputy sheriff in this St. Francis County town of 12,500, said all the dead were trapped in a large discount store which was demolished by the twister. He said about 75 persons were injured when the roof of the Gibson's discount store collapsed.

A nearby supermarket also was in ruins, and a congressman said 400 to 500 homes were damaged.

20 Admitted

Hospital officials estimated that 200 persons were injured, a few of them seriously. The congressman, Rep. Bill Alexander, D-Ark., said he had been told that 300 to 200 persons were injured. However, the local hospital had only about 20 persons admitted. A few more were taken to hospitals in nearby towns.

The Red Cross said 250 homes in Forrest City — located about 50 miles east of Little Rock and 40 miles west of Memphis, Tenn. — were uninhabitable, and that 3,000 persons were homeless.

Search Continues

A funeral home administrator said bodies of two victims had been brought to her funeral home, and the local hospital administrator said bodies of two apparent tornado victims had been brought to the hospital. It could not be immediately determined if they were among the eight victims reported by Mc-

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Dying Man's Pleas Related by Convict

By Robert B. Allen

McALESTER—An inmate confined to "the Rock" at the state penitentiary here pleaded in vain for two days for medical aid following a grossing attack that proved to be fatal, federal and state agents investigating matters at the prison were told Thursday.

Investigators probing the May 22 death of Robert Forsythe, who was gassed by prison guards two days earlier, moved into the prison Thursday to interview persons who might have knowledge of the death.

Center of the investigation Thursday apparently was a 25-year-old inmate who reportedly told agents he helplessly watched Forsythe die in his isolation cell.

Allen Livingston, who reportedly was the last man to see Forsythe alive, has claimed guards refused for two days to secure medical help for the man, even after he fell unconscious.

"His last words were, 'please get me a doctor,'" Livingston said.

Investigative teams from both the FBI and the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation entered the troubled prison early in the day, where they spent several hours apparently talking to inmates. There was no indication they had interviewed any prison personnel.

The probe, which is expected to take at least a week, was carried out under the watch of McAlester lawyer Willard Gatcher, an associate of state Sen. Gene Stipe.

Gatcher, who served as attorney for Warden Park Anderson after he was named in several civil rights suits filed by inmates, has long represented many penitentiary employ-

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Patty Indicted in Bank Holdup

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Fugitive newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was indicted Thursday by a federal grand jury for armed robbery in the $10,050 holdup of a San Francisco bank.

The indictment, returned in U.S. District Court, also charged the 20-year-old Miss Hearst and other unnamed persons with use of firearms to commit a felony in the April 15 robbery of a Hibernia bank branch. The two charges against her carry maximum prison sentences of 25 years.

Miss Hearst, kidnapped from her Berkeley apartment Feb. 4 by the Symbionese Liberation Army, had been charged as a material witness in the holdup. Four SLA members were charged with bank robbery, but their charges were dropped when all of them were among the six SLA members killed in a May 17 shootout with police in Los Angeles.

Surveillance cameras photographed Miss Hearst ending a carbine in the bank, but federal authorities said at the time it was not clear whether she was a willing participant.

And after Miss Hearst declared in a taped message that she had been a willing participant, authorities and the woman's family said she may well have been

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Obscenity Guidelines Handed Down

By Ray Parr

The Court of Criminal Appeals Thursday upheld constitutionality of Oklahoma's obscenity statutes but issued new guidelines for trial courts to follow in order to comply with U.S. Supreme Court decisions.

The court is telling out the new guidelines reversed the conviction of defendants in two cases and ordered new trials.

The landmark cases had been carried on appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, which remanded them to the state appeals court for further proceedings.

One of the cases involved the conviction of Cherokee News & Arcade, Inc., Joyce Stoffell, Rosalie Lansdale, Walter Lansdale, David A. Goldsmith and Mike Fox in Comanche County for sale of obscene materials. Defendants were fined $100 each.

The other case involved the conviction of W.E. McCrary in Oklahoma County for the offense of distributing, publishing and keeping for sale obscene and indecent writings, books, pictures and photographs. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison and fined $5,000.

The state court had originally upheld convictions in both cases.

Defendants contended Oklahoma statutes were unconstitutional because of a U.S. Supreme Court opinion in Miller vs. California.

The Supreme Court held state statutes designed to regulate obscene materials

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Doctors Err; Bill Awarded His Diploma

STEVENSVILLE, Mich. (AP) — Fourteen years ago, doctors told the William Yores their son Bill belonged in an institution; that he never could hope for anything better than a job selling newspapers on a street corner.

Wednesday night, the Yores were in the audience beaming proudly as Bill, 19, graduated from Lakeshore High School in this southwestern Michigan community and gave a commencement speech that his mother and some of his instructors helped him write.

Bill managed to get his degree from a normal high school by combining some regular classes with special education courses for retarded students and an on-the-job training program in which he worked as a janitor and a short-order cook at a fast-food restaurant.

In the speech, which he was chosen to give by his fellow students, Bill related how his parents took him to a hospital for a neurological examination when

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Oil Industry Foes Left in Shambles

By Allan Crossley
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A proposed repeal of the oil depletion allowance was sidetracked Thursday in a slick maneuver by the House of Representatives' smartest legislative brakeman.

Rep. Wilbur Mills, D-Ark., pulled it off with a seldom-used set of signals, leaving proponents of an oil tax bill running up and down the train in confusion.

What had seemed like an almost certain House Rules Committee vote to open the bill to even greater levies against the petroleum industry ended in an angry shouting match, with Mills looking on in amusement.

As House pages gathered up debris from the committee table, members filed out in stunned disbelief, wondering exactly what had happened.

That's what industry experts were trying to figure out at the end of the day.

The best guess was that the bill's chances of becoming law had been severely damaged — unless proponents can find some way of combating Mills' devastating parliamentary tactics.

It was an extraordinary rules committee show — Mills at one end of the table as a witness, and

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BULLETIN

TULSA (AP) — The body of Craig Neal, 5, missing since Monday, was found late Thursday night in a ditch across the street from his home, police said. A 15-year-old boy reportedly was being questioned by police.

Senate Rejects Troop Cutback

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate, agreeing with the Nixon administration, rejected two proposals Thursday to force U.S. troop reductions overseas.

An amendment by Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield, D-Mont., to reduce the approximately 411,000 overseas ground troops and airmen by 76,000 over the next 18 months was beaten 46 to 44 on a roll call vote.

Kissinger Supported

Mansfield's original proposal to cut overseas forces by 125,000 failed by a substantial margin, 34 to 55.

The majority supported the position of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger that reductions now could undermine current negotiations with the Soviet Union for mutual force reductions in Europe and jeopardize efforts for a permanent peace in Asia.

Savings Cited

Mansfield and his supporters called large overseas troop deployments "wasteful and extravagant" in a period of inflation and increasing budget deficits.

The Democratic leader said it is costing Ameri-

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Miss Warr Acres Swimsuit Winner

TULSA (AP) — Girls from Tahlequah and Warr Acres won preliminary awards Thursday night in the Miss Oklahoma pageant here.

Deborah Knight, 22-year-old Miss Warr Acres, won the swimsuit competition and Miss Green County, Andrea Baker, 21, Tahlequah, won the talent contest.

KIDNAP CASH RECOVERED

Ransom Paid, Socialite Safe

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Annette Friedland, wife of the president of the Food Fair grocery store chain, was kidnapped from her $200,000 estate Thursday by three gunmen, the FBI said. She was released unharmed about four hours later after a ransom had been paid.

The FBI said one of the kidnappers, two of whom wore stocking masks in the noontime abduction from fashionable and exclusive Main Line suburban area, was arrested and $50,000 in ransom money was recovered. Police said all the ransom money was recovered.

FBI agent Robert E. Kent said Mrs. Friedland, who was being interrogated by authorities Thursday night, was in good condition, but said she would not meet with reporters or issue a statement before Friday.

Kent said her husband Jack Friedland received a call at his Philadelphia office at 2 p.m. from a man who demanded that the ransom be paid in exchange for the safe return of his wife.

During a second call, which Friedland placed from a pay phone, Kent said the food chain executive was instructed "to make the drop in south Philadelphia using his own personal car. He left the car as instructed for 28 minutes."

A short time later, Kent said, Mrs. Friedland, who is 43, called her husband's office and said she had been released in south Philadelphia.

Police said they arrested Frank Wyatt, 18, of Philadelphia not far from where the money was left. Kent

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Annette Friedland

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