

Bodies Of More Flood Victims Found

The bodies of two more flood victims were found in Grant County, W. Va., Wednesday, bringing the total number recovered there to seven, with about seven still reported missing. The state's total death count is up to 31, with 17 still missing.

Identified Wednesday were the bodies of Ronald Gatto, 44, of Fallowfield, Pa., and John McMillan, aged 38, of the Cabins, W. Va., area, as reported by Cpl. R. L. Johnson from the Grant County Communications Center.

Friday's edition of the Times-News will carry a story and photographs about Rowlesburg, W. Va., another community which was devastated by last week's flooding.

The two were found within 150 yards of each other and were recovered from waters at the confluence of the North Fork and South Branch of the Potomac River outside Petersburg, Johnson said.

McMillan was taken into the current Nov. 4 from a trailer camp in the Cabins area of Pendleton County, and his body had traveled about 15 miles downstream, Johnson said. Gatto's body was recovered about three miles downstream of his point of entry into the rushing flood waters Nov. 4.

McMillan's was the second body reported missing in Pendleton County and recovered in Grant, Johnson noted. Five others that had been reported missing in Grant have been found dead, and about seven remain unaccounted for yet.

In charge of the Grant County search is Sheriff Larry Ours. Assisting are Virginia state police and private citizens who have been bringing dogs to sniff out the bodies from under brush piles and debris.

Favorable weather conditions have been prevailing, Johnson noted, and progress on cleanup in Petersburg has been progressing, albeit slowly.

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The center of town had been closed to outsiders earlier in the week, but the downtown area was opened to traffic by Tuesday, Johnson noted, and vehicles were back to normal.

"There are a lot of sightseers," he said, and if necessary this weekend, traffic may be routed around the downtown area so cleanup and

Highway Conditions Listed For Flood-Stricken Areas

Reports from West Virginia Department of Highways officials in Burlington, Elkins and Clarksburg disclose the following conditions of several Mountain State highways.

•U.S. 50 — the bridge over the South Branch of the Potomac west of Romney is impassable. Highway officials hope the bridge can be reopened in about one week. Otherwise, the highway is open all the way to Clarksburg.

•U.S. 220 — the bridge between Petersburg and Moorefield is gone. The structure, longer than 300 feet, has not yet been found. It has not been determined when passage will be available there. South of Franklin, there was little damage to this highway.

•Pendleton County — the entire county, with the exception of traffic on U.S. 220 and U.S. 50, is open only to emergency and local traffic. There is no vehicular access into the Smoke Hole. Officials are considering building a portable bridge at the site of the former bridge that spanned the North Fork of the South Branch near Cabins so that access can be obtained to residents there. The road leading out of the Smoke Hole to U.S. 220 is impassable.

•W. Va. 28 — basically impassable from Petersburg south to Cherry Grove. Check with local authorities for locations here and there along former highway that can be reached by other routes.

•U.S. 33 — there was damage east of Franklin in Virginia but

the most damage in Petersburg has been incurred downtown, where 80 percent of the business district has been destroyed. Cleanup crews are being sought to help in private homes. Any interested may contact Myers Kimmel, pastor of the Petersburg Memorial Church of the Brethren, 12 Highland Avenue, 304-257-4765.

as reported in a plea for help from the Church of the Brethren West Marva District. That church's report has been combined with others compiled on the disaster situation in other flooded areas under coordination of the Church World Service Disaster Network.

It notes further that in

Moorefield in Hardy County, hundreds of private homes have been damaged. "They have plenty of food and clothing. Cleanup crews are needed," the report states, and those willing and able to help may contact the Rev. Laurence Smith at Moorefield Church of the Brethren.

Harman in Randolph County is extensively damaged. Help can be directed to Harvey Vance, Box 135, Harman, 304-227-4510.

Aid is being directed into Preston County through the Rev. J. Rogers Pike, Oakland, 301-334-9410.

Also coordinating congregation and church efforts for flood victims' assistance is Interfaith Consortium.

Volunteers with vehicles are needed everywhere to collect and distribute donated items. Underclothes are needed; otherwise, clothing needs are not a problem, the report notes.

Those offering time and labor or wishing to report families in need may contact the consortium in the city at 777-7388; First Presbyterian Church, 777-5700, or Associated Catholic Charities, 777-8665.

In the Oldtown area, several families lost their homes, but other damages are under control, the report states.

Nearby Paw Paw, W. Va., needs 20 to 30 volunteers to shovel out mud filled basements. Also needed there are personal hygiene items; canned goods (no boxed items); cleaning supplies; paper products, like toilet paper, paper towels, plates and cups; linens and soap.

There is parking in Paw Paw at Lee Street behind the High's Store, and the parsonage at 55 Lee Street is a hospitality area for volunteers. City Hall will direct people to sites, 304-947-7476.

Residents are reminded that the Human Resources Development Commission and Department of Social Services' advocacy departments can

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Hughes To Seek Federal Aid

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Flooding from heavy rains and a strong northeast wind caused more than \$19.2 million in damage in official flood zones along the Potomac River and the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay, Gov. Harry Hughes said Wednesday.

Hughes said he will seek federal aid of about \$15 million to help flood victims.

The information was compiled by state and local civil defense officials.

Wayne McDaniel, a Hughes aide, said the damage occurred

mainly in Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Anne Arundel, Calvert and St. Mary's counties. He said the federal government will pay 100 percent of the repair costs for some projects and 75 percent for others.

"Flooding along the Potomac River and its tributaries was responsible for the damage in Western Maryland, McDaniel said.

A strong wind that blew several days from the northeast forced water up into rivers and

inlets on the western shore of the bay, producing flooding at high tides, he said.

Figures compiled by civil defense showed damage of about \$9.1 million to bulkheads and piers along the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, McDaniel said.

There was also \$2.1 million in damages to road in western and southern Maryland as well as \$1.7 million in damages to Oldtown School in Allegany County.

Hughes said a request for federal aid would be submitted Thursday.

Workers Display True Grit

The Kingsford Products Company plant in Parsons, W. Va., sustained damage estimated at more than \$5 million during last week's flooding.

Plant Manager Tim Windham said while cleanup and repair work is already under way, it could be as long as eight to 10 weeks before the plant resumes operations. No injuries were incurred, he said, and all employees have been accounted for.

"During the flood, our primary concern was for the safety and welfare of our people," he noted, "now that we know our people are safe, all of us are committed to resuming operations here as quickly as we can."

Windham said he has been impressed by the steadfast attitude of Kingsford employees. "Our people take a great deal of pride in their mountaineering heritage," he said. "They figure these mountains weren't conquered by timid people and high water isn't about to run them out."

The Clorox Company, which owns Kingsford Products, has committed \$10,000 for use in employee relief. Clorox also donated some 2,000 gallons of liquid bleach, which will be used for disinfecting purposes during cleanup operations here. Food, clothing, and funds also have been received from other company locations to aid in the

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Four Hurt In Mishap; Town Without Power

A Cresapstown woman still was being treated, and three youngsters were being released Wednesday night at Memorial Hospital's Emergency Department following a two-vehicle crash at Route 220 in Cresapstown.

Beverly Frankenkerry, 29, was with the doctor late Wednesday, but treated and being prepared for release were Barth Howard Frankenkerry, 9; Benjamin Harrison Frankenkerry, 9, both of Cresapstown, and Elizabeth Renee Shipley, 7, of Cumberland.

According to investigating State Police Tfc. R. Yaniga, Mrs. Frankenkerry was driver of the vehicle in which the

children were passengers when it collided with another car operated by John Porter, of Cresapstown. Porter refused treatment, Yaniga said.

The collision occurred around 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the intersection of Route 220 and 53. Investigation is continuing on details on the incident, the officers said.

As a result of a separate 7:30 p.m. accident along Route 220 in the vicinity of Siple Creek, the entire town of Port Ashby, W. Va., was without electrical power Wednesday night.

West Virginia State Police are investigating, and a

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Water Supply Affected

A damaged city water main resulted Wednesday morning in lessened supplies at PPG Industries and Precise Metals at the industrial park off Route 51, and several volunteer fire companies' transportation of water from an outside source allowed the plants to continue uninterrupted operations.

City Water Department Superintendent Paul Mouse said the 18-inch steel water line was damaged around 10 a.m. Wednesday while Mattingly Construction crews were working on the Route 51 construction project in the vicinity of PPG.

Water supply was shut off around 11 a.m. Mouse said, and without water until nearly 3 p.m. were the Mexico Farms Industrial Park area and residents and businesses served by the Oldtown Road main line.

Fire city water department workers and several Mattingly company employees worked in those four hours to replace the 18-inch steel section of steel line.

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Code Violations Noted At Elementary School

Three serious fire code violations exist at the Westport Elementary School, and the school must be closed next September unless plans for immediate correction are implemented, according to Robert H. Shimer, assistant chief deputy fire marshal.

Shimer said the only alternative would be the installation of a completely approved automatic sprinkler system. Shimer listed six violations at the school in a letter to Dr. H. William Mitchell, superintendent of Allegany County schools. Dr. Mitchell read the letter at Tuesday's meeting of the Allegany County Board of Education.

Shimer said his office recently conducted a re-inspection of Western Elementary in accordance with Article 28-A of the Annotated Code of Maryland. All schools in the county have fire inspections every year.

The letter continues: "During the past six years the following violations have been cited by this office with no attempt by the Allegany County Board of Education to make corrections."

"1. Provide self-closing devices on corridor doors and cover louvers with an approved

non-combustible material.

"2. Replace all plain glass between corridors, third-floor area around the gymnasium and the auditorium, with wired glass.

"3. Janitor closets need not be protected with a sprinkler system or self-closers. However, all present janitor closets must be separated from the rest of the building with construction of at least a one-hour fire resistant rating. This would include the doors in the openings. Doors must be kept closed at all times when not in use.

"4. Enclose an existing open interior stairway (which is located at the west end of the building from the basement level to the third floor) at each floor level with material of at least a one-hour fire resistant rating and approved self-closing fire doors.

"5. Rooms used for preschool, kindergarten and first grade pupils shall not be located above or below the level of exit discharge. Rooms used for second grade pupils shall not be located more than one story above the level of exit discharge. Shimer noted that due to design of the original construction, all students must either go up or down stairs to

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Suspect Eludes Police

Bank camera photographs of a suspect who robbed the First National Bank at Hills Plaza Tuesday evening have been processed, City Police said Wednesday, and will be ready for public circulation Thursday.

City police continued searching Wednesday for the robber who walked into the bank armed around 7:50 p.m. Tuesday with a small calibre gun then fled on foot from the plaza bank at Industrial Boulevard.

The suspect is described as a white man aged in his early 20s, blue eyed and about six feet tall. He is reported as having worn a green Army flight jacket, blue jeans, brown boots and a green and yellow ski mask at the time of the alleged robbery.

He last was seen running on foot toward the A&P Market at Hills Plaza.

State Police, Allegany County Sheriff's Department deputies and the FBI are assisting in the investigation. Additional information about the armed robbery was made available Wednesday evening.

Boy, 13, Stabbed To Death

A 13-year-old Terra Alta, W. Va., youth was found stabbed to death late Tuesday morning by a searching party composed of volunteer firemen, the Preston County Sheriff's Department said Wednesday.

The victim was identified as Jeremiah Matthew Watkins, son of Mrs. End (Zweyer) Watkins, with whom he resided. A Sheriff's Department spokesman said that the investigation is continuing, and suspects are in custody at the present time.

The boy's body was found on the outskirts of Terra Alta. A search party was organized after he was reported missing on Saturday, authorities said.

Born in Morgantown, W. Va., the youth was also the son of the late James E. Watkins.

Besides his mother, he is survived by one sister, Jamie Victoria Watkins, at home; his maternal grandparents, Edgar Zweyer and Glenna (Stone) Zweyer, Kingwood; and his paternal grandfather, Edward Watkins, of Ohio. His paternal grandmother was the late Cora (Tappelee) Watkins.

Friends will be received at the Fike-Watson Funeral Home, Terra Alta, Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Services will be conducted at the funeral home Friday at 1 p.m. by the Rev. Philip Boyals and the Rev. Wesley W. Moats. Interment will be in the Arthurdale, W. Va., Cemetery.

DEATHS

CARTER — James A., 60, Lakeland, Fla.

CLARK — Mrs. Martha W., 76, formerly of this area.

COWDEN — Robert L. (Punch), 61, of Avirett Avenue.

HUMBERTSON — Mrs. Joseph, 67, formerly of Cresaptown.

MITCHELL — Mrs. James, 95, formerly of Lonaconga.

SEK — Mrs. Jesse S., 78, Moorefield, W. Va.

STEPHENS — Mrs. Herman C., 89, city.

WATKINS — Jeremiah M., 13, Terra Alta, W. Va. (See separate story.)

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Weather

FORECASTS

Allegany, Garrett counties — Cloudy Thursday with a 40 percent chance of showers. Highs to 65. Light winds. Cloudy Thursday night and Friday with a chance of showers. Lows Thursday around 45. Highs around 60. Winds east around 10 miles per hour. Chance of rain is 30 percent.

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