



**CLARKE FLOODING:** The South Branch of the White Breast Creek roars out of its banks in Franklin Township, Clarke County has sustained severe damage to crops and roads.



**SOYBEANS FLOODED:** White Breast Creek overflows covering 117 acres of bean ground of Steve Smith. By measuring trees in the picture it was estimated that at least 12 feet of water flowed over the beans, destroying any hopes of a crop. Smith is a Clarke County Supervisor and we appreciate his sharing these pictures with the Sentinel-Tribune.

## MORE ON FLOODING

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water on hand when the flood waters swamped the Des Moines municipal water plant. An Osceola woman heard the news and purchased Texaco's entire stock for her daughter who lives in Des Moines.

Brenda Brommel of Handy Shop sold out of her supply early Sunday. "We had lots of inquiries and phone calls about water all day Sunday," she said.

Dr. Fred Wood, chairperson of the Osceola Water Board and water superintendent Herman Gracy have the Osceola system ready to supply Des Moines with if needed.

However, as of Tuesday, municipal water departments closer to Des Moines, have been filling National Guard tanker trucks.

KJJC radio station manager Steve Russell of Osceola, accompanied by three other pickups with poly tanks, took water to Des Moines Tuesday morning for distribution by the National Guard.

Elbert Weakland of the Osceola Water Department said the three tanks held about 1,300 gallons. The city donated the water.



**BRIDGE ISOLATED:** Chris Smith and Harry Palmer stand on a bridge east of the Woodburn Cemetery. Note the gaping hole caused by erosion to the approach of the bridge. Clarke County road crews have been battling to keep county roads passable. County Engineer Rich McKnight said the workers are doing the best they can under difficult circumstances.

Interstate 35 was closed to northbound traffic at the Highway 34 interchange in Osceola about 8 p.m. Saturday.

Vern Marvin, foreman at the Iowa Department of Transportation garage in Osceola, said the closing was for traffic control caused by the flood conditions in Polk County.

Marvin had a four person crew directing traffic. The first crew worked a 12-hour shift. The relief crew received orders at 10 a.m. Sunday to allow traffic to proceed on I-35.

Don Cole's two laundromats have been busy with Polk county residents driving to Osceola to wash clothes. The Clarke County Hospital has to find another way to do its laundry. Normally it goes to Des Moines.

## Document your flood losses IRS urges

Iowans who have been battered by floods recently should now give some thought to documenting their losses.

Generally, people may deduct losses to their home, household goods and personal property on their federal income tax return. However, it's also important to document these losses, emphasizes the Internal Revenue Service.

To take a deduction for a casualty or theft loss, a person first must be able to show that there was a casualty loss. Photographs and receipts can be very helpful in establishing and substantiating the allowable deductions.

The IRS has a free workbook that will help people figure their losses in the floods. It's Publication 584, entitled "Nonbusiness Disaster, Casualty, and Theft Loss Workbook."

The IRS also emphasized the importance of protecting federal income tax returns and keeping records safe during the flooding. If tax returns are destroyed, free copies can be obtained by disaster victims through the IRS.

Other publications and instruction available from the IRS are Publication 547, "Nonbusiness Disasters, Casualties, and Thefts" and Form 4684, "Casualties and Thefts and Instructions." Form 4684 is used to report losses to personal property and business and income-producing property.

These publications, additional information and copies of federal tax returns can be obtained by calling the IRS toll-free number (800) 829-1040.



**ANOTHER STORM:** Clarke County, already suffering the worst disaster in the state's history, had another rain storm Tuesday morning. It became so dark at 8:45 that the Osceola street lights automatically came on as sensors were fooled into reacting to a night time situation.

## Osceola banks join in offer of low interest loans to help all of us weather ravages of storms

Osceola's banks, expressing concern for weather related economic problems caused by nearly nine months of excessive rainfall, announced Tuesday a loan program to aid the situation.

Adverse weather has effected not only area farmers, but also retail and wholesale businesses, construction businesses and homeowners. Ken Baker and Jim Schipper, chief executive officers of Clarke County State Bank and American State Bank, announced five percent loans with five year maturities.

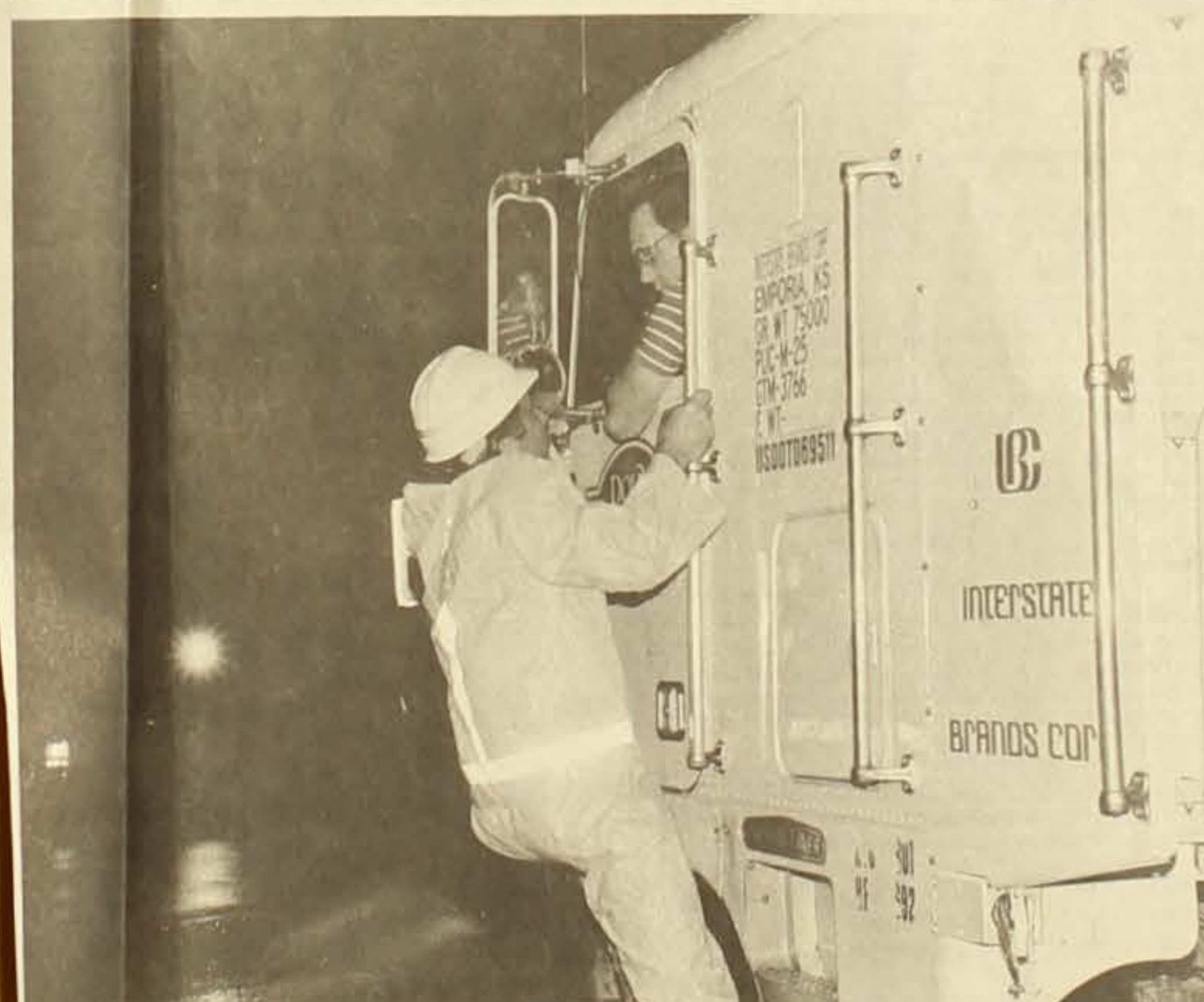
Loan approvals will be based on an individual basis, meeting necessary credit criteria and validation of losses.

Baker and Schipper issued this joint statement: "When a disaster of this magnitude happens, everyone is effected — agricultural customers, homeowners, business owners, and consumers in general.

With this program we sincerely hope to help ease the concerns of all citizens of the communities around our area. The losses from this wet weather will not be immediate — many will not appear for months into the future."

The two bank officers said their bank staff will continue to monitor the situation, give assistance, and participate in any possible state and federal assistance programs.

Both banks will also be accepting donations for the Iowa Red Cross program to assist people who are affected by the disaster. If you wish to donate, please make your check payable to the Iowa Red Cross, in care of Clarke County State Bank or American State Bank, and drop it off at any of their locations.



**STOP TRAFFIC:** Rod Adams of Murray talks to a trucker when northbound traffic on Interstate 35 was stopped at Osceola early Sunday morning. The action was for traffic control to avoid the floods that ravaged

through Polk County said Vern Marvin, foreman of the Iowa Department of Transportation maintenance garage in Osceola. The interstate was closed from 8 p.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday.