

Heavy Rains Halt Repairs To Rail Bridge, Highway

Showers last night and heavy rain today hampered workmen as they strove to clean a contaminated Woodbury reservoir, to repair a washed-out railroad bridge between Wenonah and Sewell, to salvage crops and to open unsafe highways, caused by Sunday night's heavy storms.

At Woodbury, city employees worked to start the pumps once again from the impounding reservoir into the million-gallon main reservoir. The water supply in the large reservoir was below 200,000 gallons last evening, but Harry Petersen, president of the city council, predicted the pumps would begin early today and that residents would not get "one drop of contaminated water." The smaller reservoir was flooded Sunday evening when Mantua Creek overflowed during the extreme storms.

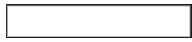
A bus shuttle service between Sewell and Wenonah continued today after the railroad bridge washout Sunday evening. Railroad officials stated it will be several days before the damage is repaired and service to Millville and Vineland resumed.

Despite barricades on the washed-out Paulsboro and Glassboro highway between Sewell and Wenonah, some motorists attempted to drive over the concrete road, unaware that only a ribbon of concrete and steel supported it over a washout 19 feet deep.

Despite heavy rains in this area early this morning, the weatherman hopefully foresaw the end to 11 days of storms and showers.

No untoward damage was reported from rain in the Vineland area, although some housewives have discovered mildew in their homes from the excessive dampness, and poultrymen say the rain has reduced production. Produce farmers are hampered by the storms from harvesting crops and say the continued rains may water-log pickles in time.

Roads along Mantua Creek washed out.



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