Broussard Area Hardest Hit By Acadiana Rains

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About 60 or 70 homes in a Broussard subdivision were apparently the hardest hit by flooding resulting from steady rain which drenched Acadiana Friday and Saturday. The rain will continue Sunday.

At presstime, forecasts indicated bad weather may continue until Sunday night or early Monday. Lafayette officials were keeping close

because of “too much rain, too fast. It can’t drain. It’s backing up on us.”

Most “Brick City” residents reportedly fled the area.

Rains began in Broussard at about 6:30 p.m. Friday and by 6 p.m. Saturday, about 12 inches had been recorded there, he said.

About nine or 10 streets were blocked to prevent cars from trying to travel along them since they created waves which forced water into homes, according to Boudoin.

A trailer park located on the heart of Broussard was also affected when water reached the 4-5 foot level.

About four homes on Cypress Island in St. Martin Parish were evacuated because of high water.

A tornado touched down just outside St. Martinville at about 4 a.m. Saturday.

A spokesman for St. Martin Sheriff Charles Fuselier said the twister damaged a car dealership and 26 cars parked there and also knocked down several trees which fell on Fuselier’s house.

Several roads were closed in St. Martin Parish, including La. 92, La. 182, La., 96, and U.S. 90. State Police said La. 339 and La. 734 west of Youngsville were also closed.

High water conditions were

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Broussard reported in New Iberia and Breaux Bridge.

Meteorologist Dick Faurot told The Advertiser about 5 in-

ches of rain was recorded on the south side of Lafayette while 7 inches was reported at the Lafayette airport from midnight Friday to midnight Saturday.

Rain probability for Sunday should be 60-80 percent, he said.

A few isolated cases of heavy winds were noted, but no reports of damage were received.

Farout said winds in Lafayette gusted up to 40-45 mph at the airport Friday night.

Although several parishes did not report any flooding, some persons were pessimistic.

One Abbeville law enforcement officer noted Saturday, “I think we’re gonna have some flooding by the time the night’s over, because it’s raining like hell.”

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RAINDROPS KEEP FALLING — These houses along the Breaux Bridge highway look like they’re located along lakefront property, but they’re actually victims of high water caused by showers and thunderstorms which have lingered over Acadiana this weekend. The town of Broussard seemed hardest hit, but flooding occurred at various locations throughout the area. More rain is expected today. Unofficial reports are that more than a dozen inches of rain fell in the Broussard-Youngsville area of the parish since the rains started Friday. (Staff photo by Mike Breaux.)