JOURNAL-PATRIOT HAS BLAZED THE TRAIL OF PROGRESS IN THE "STATE OF WILKES" FOR OVER THIRTY - TWO YEARS



London -- Aerial torpedoes propellor-stemmed cylinders of destruction-were loosed by Nazi bombers last night in attacks which smashed houses by the row and buried uncounted victims in the ruins.

The torpedoes were hurled, along with shrick lombs, at one southeast town after a day of ceaseless hit-and-rin attacks by lone Nasi raders while the royal air force kept up its steady counter-punching at German bases.

worker cottages was smashed into a tangle of debris where the torpedoes were launched horizontally. Numerous other residences were wrecked

One old woman just put to bed to splinters by the explosion. The son alone crawled from the wreckage.

Not one brick was left upon another where the adjoining house had stood.

Dig For Bodies

ruins for bodies. Beneath other rescuers believed they might find some still alive who had ore trapped.

"I saw a bomber sweep down from the clouds." one witness related. "It had its engines shut off and as it dived I saw a huge black bomb shaped like a torpedo leave the plane. As the torpedo dropped the plane seemed to shoot up into the air as though after releasing a heavy load."

The witness said the explosion "shook the whole town". It's crater measured more than 30 feet long. Customarily aerial torpedoes

are launched at sea from planes diving close to their targets. Another raider splattered southeastern town with six bombs which killed one man in a garden, smashed a row of stores, and wrecked an empty school air-

raid shelter. Change In Tactics

The Nazi aerial invastion other materials across the Yadbrought a change in tactics- kin because the bridge was wash- Estimated 60 Per Cent Of darting attacks by individual ed out. It is expected that the Elk planes where only a few days ago Creek line from Ferguson will be

ing hundreds. Solitary raiders appeared here of places. and there along that "corner of hell," the southeast coast; over the industrial midlands, over Wales and ucrtheast England.



Lines Repaired A whole row of eight little Harley Community On Highway 421 Only Place

Without Electricity All of Duke Power company's more than 300 miles of electric by her son was in a house ripped lines in Wilkes county are on with the exception of about five miles in the western part of the county along highway 421, it was earned today from Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., manager of the North

Wilkesboro branch. Extensive damage was done to Late into the night firemen the lines in the flood Tuesday and rescue squads dug into the night and Wednesday of last week. The entire system here was out last Wednesday due to a pole being out on the main line to Winston-Salem and flooded transught shelter in basements and formers at Lookout dam but service in the Wilkesboros and on some rural lines was restored on

last Wednesday night. Since that time all available repair men here, including a crew of 17 who were engaged in building new lines, have been busily engaged getting rural lines repaired and in some instances

reconstructed. The five miles on highway 421 have not been repaired because there are no roads over which supplies can be hauled into that section, Mr. Gibbs said, and it is

necessary to rebuild a few miles there which were destroyed by the torrential flood waters of

Lowis Fork creek. Electric service was restored yesterday to the almost devastated village of Ferguson 15 miles west of here on the Yadkin. Repair crews had to float poles and

Mail Constant of the lot tion was necessary at a number

Mr. Gibbs explained that construction of new lines will be temporarily suspended until all

Yesterday; Plant Oper-

ating Normally

By J. B. SNIPES, existing lines are fully repaired. Wilkes C. C. Camp City Water Here curity administration, was called Member Is Killed Pronounced O.K.

At Elkin Tuesday Tested By State Laboratory some conclusion as to the damand also, discussed steps to take in order to get assistance from

City officials here today an- the federal government for per-

DELIVERS ACCEPTANCE

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Agricultural Authorities Ask Aid For Farmers Who Lost Crops In Flood Areas

In anticipation that some form of aid, possibly a direct federal grant, may be secured, all farmers in Wilkes county who suffered food losses are

Wilkesbore and give an estimate of the damage sustained in the flood, J. B. Snipes, Wilkes farm agent, said today.

Cragan On Public **Relations Group** Of The N. C. E. A. hers from rural parts of Wilke

Paul S. Cragan, superintendent of North Wilkeshoro schools, has circumstances, all the way from been appointed on the Public Relations committee of the North Carolina Education Association. services of women of the city by be held at the city hall here on

on the important committee of in, at relief headquarters and $!_0$ clock.

Officials of the Great North-Pair announced today that the 1940 exhibition would be held as usual, although several buildings on the fairgrounds were washed away by high water.

Urge Registration Unemployed In Flood Persons In Dire

Contracts for free acts, fireworks and midway attractions were signed several months ago, fair officials state. Plans are now being made to charge only a small gate admission with stage acts and fireworks free to all attending

and night. Interest In Dam **Proposal Here Is** Definitely Up

Citizens Asked To Urge Construction By Government Of Flood Dam

Interest in the government's proposal to erect a flood control trict as the result of the flood. dam on the Yadkin about one mile west of Wilkesboro has vastly increased since the flood of

last week, which caused damage the valley of the Yadkin in Wilkes. A dam on the Yadkin was con-

tained in a flood control project which was once submitted to congress and the proposal advanced far enough for a survey to be made two years ago. It was estimathd that a dam of sufficient to control Tackin

Supplies are being purchased lo- flood would cost six million dol-A request that interested citizens make their desires relative to the construction of a flood con-

trol dam known to congressmen and senators was made in a meeting of business men held here last week.

District Meeting Of Masons Friday

J. W. Nichols has announced that The Red Cross appreciates the a district meeting of Masons will

In Favor Jobless In Test Case Here Over 1,000 Industrial Em-

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Area To Get Benefits

ployes Here Are Affected By The Ruling

Raleigh .- Thousands of North Carolina industrial employees, thrown out of work by floods that heavily damaged factory buildings and machinery, will be eligithe for benefits to jobless under two policy - shaping decisions handed down yesterday by the State Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Charles G. Powell, chairman of the commission, estimated that 1,000 to 1,500 workers in North Wilkesboro alone may draw unemployment compensation under yesterday's rulings directly affecting only three employees.

Powell's "guess" was that 7 .-000 have lost their jobs in North Carolina factories as a result of floods. Workers would be eligible for U. C. C. checks if the "evidence is the same" as that presented at North Wilkesboro, he said.

The ruling in the North Wilkesooro flood case was made on petitions for claims brought by Paul N. Luffman, William H. Bryant and Allie McGlamery, who were employed respectively before the North Wilkesboro flood by the American Furniture Company, Oak Furniture Company and Wilkes Hosiery Mills.

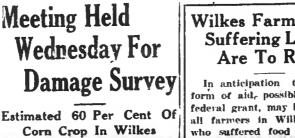
In order to meet the requireall of the state line that prevents persons who lost their jobs from catastrophes from collecting payments, the commission held that the floods ceased to be the "immediate" cause of the three

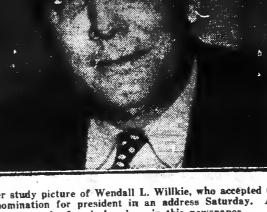
men's unemployment after August 15, the day the waters receded. One of the three claims brought

in North Wilkesboro involved a plant destroyed by fire during the flood. The commission ruled that a single fire could not be construed as a "catastrophe."

District Deputy Grand Master Similar hearings will be held in Roanoke Rapids on Friday, Powell said.

> It was learned here today from B. G. Gentry, manager of the





A character study picture of Wendall L. Willkie, who accepted the Republican nomination for president in an address Saturday. Ac-count of address may be found elsewhere in this newspaper.

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TO HAVE FAIR Commission Rules Red Cross Doing Wonderful Job Of Caring For Emergency Needs In County Representatives of the National Red Cross here to administer emergency relief to flood victims

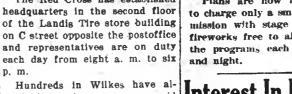
Need

Assistance

said today that it is important that persons in the county who have lost because of the flood and who are unable to carry on without help register at Red Cross headquarters immediately.

NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C. THURSDAY, AUG. 12, 1940 11:50 IN THE STATE 12:00 OUT OF THE STAT

The Red Cross has established the programs each afternoon



and representatives are on duty each day from eight a. m. to six Hundreds in Wilkes have aleady been given emergency aid by the Red Cross in the form of food, clothing and household furnishings. The relief work of the organization has been augmented

by supplies from the Surplus Commodities Corporation, distributed through the county welfare office and also by clothing fur-

nished the welfare department by the WPA. It was learned today that about 200 additional workers have been added to WPA rolls in this dis-

Two representatives of the National Red Cross have arrived to investigate reports of need in homes throughout the county and of several million dollars along the organization has given assurance that emergency needs be-

tween what must be secured and what the flood stricken can do for themselves will be met. Although no exact figures were given out, it was learned today that the Red Cross has already spent

Him RI. SOA. for emergence relief here during the past week. proportions cally and with whatever firm the lars.

recipient chooses. Reports on registrations are varied and interesting, giving a

cross section of the general picture of flood damage. Applica tions for aid did not reach headquarters in any substantial num

until this week. Applications are being made on the basis of many total destruction of homes to crop damage or loss of income.

His appointment to membership working in the emergency kitch-Friday night, August 23, eight

Wilkes Farmers Suffering Losses Are To Register

office of the county agent in

Total & Distance (Wilkes County Farm Agent) A meeting of the township and county committeemen of the AAA and also the county commissioners, also with the district supervisors of the Tri-Creek Soil Conservation service and Farm Se-

together in the Wilkes county courthouse on Wednesday morning, for the purpose of coming to age of the recent flood to the crops in the county as a whole,

ville, Hit By A Car On Hugh Chatham Bridge

Vin A. Powell, Of Parson-

Alvin A. Powell, 18, enrollee of Camp Clyde R. Hoey of the CCC near Elkin, fatally injured Monday night at 9:30 when struck by an automobile operated by Milton A. Mullis. of Charlotte, died clean bill of health. in the Elkin hospital Tuesday morning.

end of Hugh Chatham Memorial of commission by the flood last The accident occurred near the bridge on the Yadkin side of the Wednesday and extensive dam- follows: river while Powell, with a fel- age was done to the generators low camp enrollee, Lonnie Evans, and motors by flood waters. Howwas parolling the bridge section ever, the plant resumed operaas they had since the flood, warn- tion Saturday but warning was ing travelers of the danger of put out by the health department lighted matches tossed into the to boil the water before drinking in having the federal government oil-covered water.

Mullis, with a companion, was driving east and was blinded, he said, by undimmed lights of a passenger bus and was prevented from seeing the youth in time to avoid striking him. Lonnie Evans, another CCC youth, dashed to the edge of the road, escaping injury. Mullis, engaged in repairing pow-Ilines at Elkin felled by the fod, remained to offer every assistance at the hospital.

In an investigation of the tragedy by officers of Yadkin county and of the state highway patrol, no charges were preferred against Mullis, the accident apparently being unavoidable.

The victim is an orphan, a native of Parsonsville. Wilkes county, 16 miles from North Wilkes-Loro. He had been with the camp three months, His nearest relatives are an aunt. Mrs. Alice Spears, and two brothers, of Parsonville.

Funeral and burial services were held Wednesday at 2 o'clock Cony Hill church.

amgarner Gets Postmaster's Job . At Wilkesboro

Washington, Aug. 13.-The senate confirmed today the nominstion of Millard F. Bumgarner as postmaster at Wilkesboro, N. C., and William F. Van Hoy as postmaster at Yadkinville, N. C.

nounced that water in the North sons affected by the flood.

Wilkesboro system has been ex-The conclusion reached in this amined and approved and is all per cent of the corn in Wilkes right for drinking purposes. county, 10 per cent of the peas, A report from the state labora-25 per cent of the beans, 60 to on September 14. tory Wednesday gave the water a 70 per cent of meadows, 10 per

The filtration plant and pump- cent pastures, and one per cent ing station at the reservoir here of the tobacco was affeoted by on the Reddies River was put out the recent flood. A resolution was drawn up, which reads as

"We, the undersigned officials and citizens of Wilkes county, do hereby respectfully request the assistance of the AAA and the North Carolina Extension Service to declare Wilkes county to be until it could be tested and anain a flood zone and qualify as

The resolution was signed by

vas discussed at length by Dis-

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possible.

many farmers as are eligible to receive a direct grant of assist-**Telephone Service** ance from the Federal Government. Is Being Restored "All crops along the Yadkin River and most of the tributaries

in Wilkes County have been submerged by water, and as a result Wilkesboro To Get Service hundreds of tenant farmers in our Today; Three Crews Are county are left with no food. Working On Task feed, or provisions to carry them

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through the winter months". Telephone service is being retored on all parts of the North J. B. Snipes, county arout; J. M Wilkesboro branch of the Cen-German, chairman, AAA county tral Electric and Telephone comcomm tiee; M. F. Absher, chairpany, George Kennedy, local manman, county disard of commissionerse P. W. Edwards, district supager, said today.

A temporary long distance cirervisor, Tri-Creek soil conservacuit was strung across the Yadkin tion service. here last Wednesday evening as Copies of this resolution were soon as flood waters receded but forwarded to: Senator Robert R. the town of Wilkesboro had been Reynolds, R. L. Doughton, chairman, Ways and Means Commitwithout telephone service until this afternoon. Difficulty in lotee; Congressman W. O. Burgin, cating cable caused some delay and Dr. I. O. Shaub, director, and a substantial amount was fin-North Carolina Extension Service. The proposed mattress project

ally found in New York City. Three trucks from branches of trict Agent O. F. McCrary, and the company in Virginia are as-Northwestern District Home Demsisting the local repair crew. onstration Agent, Anameric Ar-Tho temporary lines were set ant, with the committeemen, it up to Elkin Monday and, the Jef was agreed upon and approved. ferson toll line was temporarily and the organisation will be set repaired Sunday.

Total damage by the flood to up and put into action as soon as the system here was estimated a: from \$5,000 to \$6,000.

Mrs. John R. Leigh, of New Miss Frances Cranor is quite York City, is here visiting at her home in Wilkesboro. mother, Mrs. W. H. Crews. ill at her home in Wilkesboro.

the association was announced other points. Appreciation is also Features of the meeting will North Wilkesboro office, that matter was that: from 60 to 70 by S. G. Hawfield, president.

Scouts of North Wilkesboro.

expressed for all donations and include moving pictures of the The first meeting of the Public for the splendid services rendered Masonic and Eastern Star home Relations committee will be held by the Boy Scouts and the G.rl at Greensboro and the Masonic orphanage at Oxford.

claims of persons out of work because of the flood will be dated s of Friday, August 16, and all. these claimants are asked to re-

port on Friday of each week. According to the usual proceedure, those who have not already had a two-weeks waiting period this year may draw benefits for the week ending September 5 and may receive their first check the following week.

Train Service Resumed Here On Wednesday

Tracks Repaired In One Week, Much Earlier Than After The 1916 Flood

Train service was resumed beween North Wilkesboro and Winston-Salem yesterday after being out exactly one week as the result f the disastrous flood on the Yadkin last Wednesday.

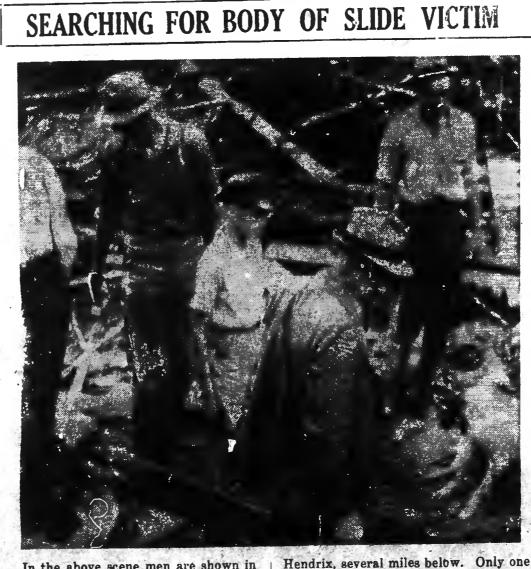
Resumption of service was nuch earlier than following the lood of 1916. However, the raiload bridges were not destroyed his time and only track repairs were needed.

Passengers on yesterday's train vere Milas Jones, Earl Edwards and Doughton Eller, of Ronda, who made the round trip specifically to view flood damage scenes along the Yadkin.

Meanwhile the highway situation remained the same as far as opened and closed routes were concerned. Large crews of men and machinery are working constantly on the main routes closed in this part of the state.

Highway Commissioner J. G. Hackett and Division Engineer V. Stewart went to Raleigh yes terday to confar with state officials and department heads . the to repair and reconstru of roads and bridges in this

a ravine on the headwaters of Stony Fork near Highhway 421 searching for bodies of persons skilled in a slide near Deep Gap. The picture was made Sunday afternoon about the time the body of Johnnie Green, age 9, was found near



In the above scene men are shown in of the eight persons killed in the slides in that area is unaccounted for, that being Mrs. Iona Miller Bumgarner. Note the presence of a dog, which was used to facilitate the search. (Staff photo by Dwight Nichols).