

War News

London. — Aerial torpedoes—propeller-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 shriek bombs, at one southeast town after a day of ceaseless hit-and-run attacks by lone Nazi raiders while the royal air force kept up its steady counter-punching at German bases.

A whole row of eight little 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 by her son was in a house ripped 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
Late into the night firemen and rescue squads dug into the ruins for bodies. Beneath other houses voices were heard faintly and rescuers believed they might find some still alive who had sought shelter in basements and were 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". Its crater measured more than 30 feet long.

Customarily aerial torpedoes are launched at sea from planes diving close to their targets.

Another raider splattered a 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 invasion brought a change in tactics—darting attacks by individual planes where only a few days ago

ing hundreds.

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

Wilkes C. C. Camp Member Is Killed At Elkin Tuesday

Alvin A. Powell, Of Parsonville, Hit By A Car On Hugh Chatham Bridge

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 in the Elkin hospital Tuesday morning.

The accident occurred near the end of Hugh Chatham Memorial bridge on the Yadkin side of the river while Powell, with a fellow camp enrollee, Lonnie Evans, was paroling the bridge section as they had since the flood, warning travelers of the danger of lighted matches tossed into the 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 power lines at Elkin felled by the flood, 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 Parsonville, Wilkes county, 16 miles from North Wilkesboro. 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 at the Zion Hill church.

Bumgarner Gets Postmaster's Job At Wilkesboro

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

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All Except Five Miles Of Power Lines Repaired

Harley Community On Highway 421 Only Place Without Electricity

All of Duke Power company's more than 300 miles of electric 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 learned today from Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., manager of the North Wilkesboro branch.

Extensive damage was done to the lines in the flood Tuesday 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 transformers 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 Lewis 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 other materials across the Yadkin because the bridge was washed out. It is expected that the Elk Creek line from Ferguson will be

tion was necessary at a number of places.

Mr. Gibbs explained that construction of new lines will be temporarily suspended until all existing lines are fully repaired.

City Water Here Pronounced O.K.

Tested By State Laboratory Yesterday; Plant Operating Normally

City officials here today announced that water in the North Wilkesboro system has been examined and approved and is all right for drinking purposes.

A report from the state laboratory Wednesday gave the water a clean bill of health.

The filtration plant and pumping station at the reservoir here on the Reddies River was put out of commission by the flood last Wednesday and extensive damage was done to the generators and motors by flood waters. However, the plant resumed operation Saturday but warning was put out by the health department to boil the water before drinking until it could be tested and analyzed.

Telephone Service Is Being Restored

Wilkesboro To Get Service Today; Three Crews Are Working On Task

Telephone service is being restored on all parts of the North Wilkesboro branch of the Central Electric and Telephone company, George Kennedy, local manager, said today.

A temporary long distance circuit was strung across the Yadkin here last Wednesday evening as soon as flood waters receded but the town of Wilkesboro had been without telephone service until this afternoon. Difficulty in locating cable caused some delay and a substantial amount was finally found in New York City.

Three trucks from branches of the company in Virginia are assisting the local repair crew. The temporary lines were set up to Elkin Monday and, the Jefferson toll line was temporarily repaired Sunday.

Total damage by the flood to the system here was estimated at from \$5,000 to \$6,000.

Miss Frances Cranor is quite ill at her home in Wilkesboro.

DELIVERS ACCEPTANCE



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

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

Meeting Held Wednesday For Damage Survey

Estimated 60 Per Cent Of Corn Crop In Wilkes County Destroyed

By J. B. SNIPES, (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 Security administration, was called together in the Wilkes county courthouse on Wednesday morning, for the purpose of coming to some conclusion as to the damage of the recent flood to the crops in the county as a whole, and also, discussed steps to take in order to get assistance from the federal government for persons affected by the flood.

The conclusion reached in this matter was that: from 60 to 70 per cent of the corn in Wilkes county, 10 per cent of the peas, 25 per cent of the beans, 60 to 70 per cent of meadows, 50 per cent pastures, and one per cent of the tobacco was affected by the recent flood. A resolution was drawn up, which reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned officials and citizens of Wilkes county, do hereby respectfully request the assistance of the AAA and the North Carolina Extension Service in having the federal government to declare Wilkes county to be in a flood zone and qualify as many farmers as are eligible to receive a direct grant of assistance from the Federal Government.

"All crops along the Yadkin River and most of the tributaries in Wilkes County have been submerged by water, and as a result hundreds of tenant farmers in our county are left with no food, feed, or provisions to carry them through the winter months."

The resolution was signed by J. B. Snipes, county agent; J. M. German, chairman, AAA county committee; M. F. Absher, chairman, county board of commissioners; P. W. Edwards, district supervisor, Tri-Creek soil conservation service.

Copies of this resolution were forwarded to: Senator Robert R. Reynolds, R. L. Doughton, chairman, Ways and Means Committee; Congressman W. O. Burgin, and Dr. I. O. Shaub, director, North Carolina Extension Service.

The proposed mattress project was discussed at length by District Agent O. F. McCrary, and Northwestern District Home Demonstration Agent, Anamerie Arant, with the committeemen, it was agreed upon and approved, and the organization will be set up and put into action as soon as possible.

Mrs. John R. Leigh, of New York City, is here visiting her mother, Mrs. W. H. Craws.

Wilkes Farmers Suffering Losses Are To Register

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 urged to register at the office of the county agent in Wilkesboro 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.

Paul S. Cragan, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, has been appointed on the Public Relations committee of the North Carolina Education Association. His appointment to membership on the important committee of the association was announced by S. G. Hawfield, president.

The first meeting of the Public Relations committee will be held on September 14.

Urge Registration Persons In Dire Need Assistance

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 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.

The Red Cross has established headquarters in the second floor of the Landis Tire store building on C street opposite the postoffice and representatives are on duty each day from eight a. m. to six p. m.

Hundreds in Wilkes have already 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 furnished the welfare department by the WPA.

It was learned today that about 200 additional workers have been added to WPA rolls in this district as the result of the flood.

Two representatives of the National Red Cross have arrived to investigate reports of need in homes throughout the county and the organization has given assurance that emergency needs between 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 more than \$1,500 for emergency relief here during the past week.

Supplies are being purchased locally and with whatever firm the recipient chooses. Reports on registrations are varied and interesting, giving a cross section of the general picture of flood damage. Applications for aid did not reach headquarters in any substantial numbers from rural parts of Wilkes until this week. Applications are being made on the basis of many circumstances, all the way from total destruction of homes to crop damage or loss of income.

The Red Cross appreciates the services of women of the city by working in the emergency kitchen, at relief headquarters and other points. Appreciation is also expressed for all donations and for the splendid services rendered by the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts of North Wilkesboro.

Unemployed In Flood Area To Get Benefits

TO HAVE FAIR

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

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 the program, each afternoon 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 dam on the Yadkin about one mile west of Wilkesboro has vastly increased since the flood of last week, which caused damage of several million dollars along the valley of the Yadkin in Wilkes.

A dam on the Yadkin was contained 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 estimated that a dam of sufficient proportions to control Yadkin flood would cost six million dollars.

A request that interested citizens make their desires relative to the construction of a flood control dam known to congressmen and senators was made in a meeting of business men held here last week.

District Meeting Of Masons Friday

District Deputy Grand Master J. W. Nichols has announced that a district meeting of Masons will be held at the city hall here on Friday night, August 23, eight o'clock.

Features of the meeting will include moving pictures of the Masonic and Eastern Star home at Greensboro and the Masonic orphanage at Oxford.

Commission Rules In Favor Jobless In Test Case Here

Over 1,000 Industrial Employees 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 eligible 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 Wilkesboro flood case was made on petitions for claims brought by Paul N. Luffman, William H. Bryant and Allie McClamery, 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 requirements of the state law 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."

Similar hearings will be held in Roanoke Rapids on Friday, Powell said.

It was learned here today from B. G. Gentry, manager of the North Wilkesboro office, that claims of persons out of work because of the flood will be dated as of Friday, August 16, and all these claimants are asked to report on Friday of each week.

According to the usual procedure, 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 between North Wilkesboro and Winston-Salem yesterday after being out exactly one week as the result of the disastrous flood on the Yadkin last Wednesday.

Resumption of service was much earlier than following the flood of 1916. However, the railroad bridges were not destroyed this time and only track repairs were needed.

Passengers on yesterday's train were 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 E. V. Stewart went to Raleigh yesterday to confer with state officials and department heads relative to repair and reconstruction of roads and bridges in this section.

SEARCHING FOR BODY OF SLIDE VICTIM



In the above scene men are shown in a ravine on the headwaters of Stony Fork near Highway 421 searching for bodies of persons killed 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

Hendrix, several miles below. Only one 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).