

Second Flood In Two Weeks Damages Crops, Property

Little Tennessee Reaches 1923 Flood Crest At Lake Emory

Swollen by a record rainfall of 8.7 inches in less than 24 hours, the rampaging waters of the Little Tennessee river and its tributaries wreaked havoc throughout the county last Thursday night. It was the second "flash" flood that the county has suffered in less than two weeks. Franklin was cut off from all transportation facilities from the east Friday as the Little Tennessee rose over U. S. Highways 64 and 23 on the outskirts of town. Arnold's Bridge on Highway 64 to Highlands was temporarily washed out as were many bridges on secondary highways throughout the county.

All highways have now been opened with the exception of U. S. 23 to Dillsboro where the bridge across the Tuckasegee there was swept away.

At the Nantahala Power company's dam on Lake Emory, five miles from here, the waters reached a flood stage of 13 feet above normal, the highest crest recorded since 1920. Little damage was done to the company's property.

Crops, which suffered \$50,000 damages in the last heavy rains, were devastated. County Agent Sam Mendenhall said he would be unable to give an estimate on the amount of damage done before next week. Flats, Sugarfork and Smithbridge townships appear to be hardest hit.

Flood waters and mud did an estimated \$2,000 damage to the Standard Oil company of New Jersey's storage plant here, according to their agent, J. S. Conley. Several homes along the river were inundated.

In Flats township, Middle Creek swept away a grist mill belonging to Zeb Bryson, burst a grist mill dam belonging to John Burnette, and took off a wagon and 50 bushels of wheat of T. T. Vinson. M. S. Burnette also lost a new \$100 wagon.

REVIVAL PLANS ARE COMPLETE

Rev. Excell Rozzelle To Begin Tabernacle Revival Sept. 8

Final arrangements for the meetings to be held in Friendship Tabernacle were completed by the pastors of Macon county at their meeting last Monday.

Rev. Excell Rozzelle, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Gastonia, the evangelist who will conduct the two weeks revival, will preach his first sermon Sunday night. Services will be held each night in the tabernacle at 7:30 o'clock, and from 9:45 to 10:30 each morning in the Baptist church. A 15-minute song and devotional service will be followed by a message by Mr. Rozzelle.

The following chairmen will be assisted by working committees: Music, Rev. Philip Green; publicity, Rev. C. F. Rogers; entertainment, Rev. I. V. Roberts; finance, Rev. J. A. Flanagan; personal work, Rev. J. C. Swain; ushers, Rev. R. F. Mayberry; tabernacle, grounds and parking, the Angel brothers, Herbert Angel, chairman; decorations, Mrs. Sallie Moore.

Mr. Rogers, chairman of publicity, begs all to unite to make the guest preacher feel welcome, and that all denominations cooperate to fill the tabernacle next Sunday night and all other meetings. He asks that those who come endeavor to bring someone with them. Perhaps a neighbor who has no car will be glad to fill an empty seat in your car.

Mr. Rogers suggests that when these meetings are over that each one be able to say "I did my best in cooperating and trying as I could to help make Franklin a better place to live, by helping men to have a higher vision of life and the things that make life worth while."

Many Take Part In First Partner Day

Despite the rival attraction of President Roosevelt's dedication of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Macon county's first Partner Day, sponsored by the chamber of commerce, created considerable interest here Monday. A street square dance concluded the day.

John Harrison Named Mayor To Fill Balance Of Frank Ray's Term

John O. Harrison was sworn in as mayor of Franklin Tuesday, to fill the remainder of J. Frank Ray's term, following his election by the town board of aldermen at their regular meeting Monday night.

Ray's letter of resignation was read and accepted by the board. He left here several weeks ago to accept a position with the Department of Commerce in Washington.

Mayor Harrison will serve until the town election next May.

The town board also voted to employ an auditor, R. M. Dillard of Gainesville, Ga., to audit the town books as is required by law.

Prize Winners In Missing Word Contest Announced Next Week

The missing word contest closed yesterday afternoon. All answers are being carefully checked by the judges, who will announce the names of the winners in next week's issue of The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian.

DRIVER HELD AFTER WRECK

One Killed; One Critically Injured In Accident Monday Night

Fred Khoury, 40 year-old Seneca, S. C., taxi stand manager, is being held in the county jail here on a manslaughter charge, following an automobile accident on the Georgia highway late Monday night in which Mrs. Lou Campbell of Seneca was instantly killed and her son, Jack, critically injured.

No hearing has been set as yet pending the outcome of the youth who suffered a badly fractured skull in the accident. Khoury was arrested on a warrant sworn out by State Patrolman Ed C. Guy.

Doctors at Angel hospital gave Campbell an even chance of recovery Thursday morning.

According to Khoury, the driver of the car, the accident occurred when the brakes of the automobile locked and it swerved into Commissioner's bridge, about a quarter of a mile from the Georgia line.

Khoury said that he had been engaged by young Campbell to bring his mother home from Mountain City, Ga., where she had been spending the summer. They were returning to Seneca via Highlands when the collision took place.

A colored girl in the car was slightly injured.

The body of Mrs. Campbell was taken to Seneca Tuesday for funeral services.

Prison Trusty Back In Camp Following Brief But Exciting Escape

Wade Campbell, 22, cook and trusty at the state prison camp here, is back in custody this week, facing a possible sentence on Federal charges as a result of his break for freedom last Saturday night.

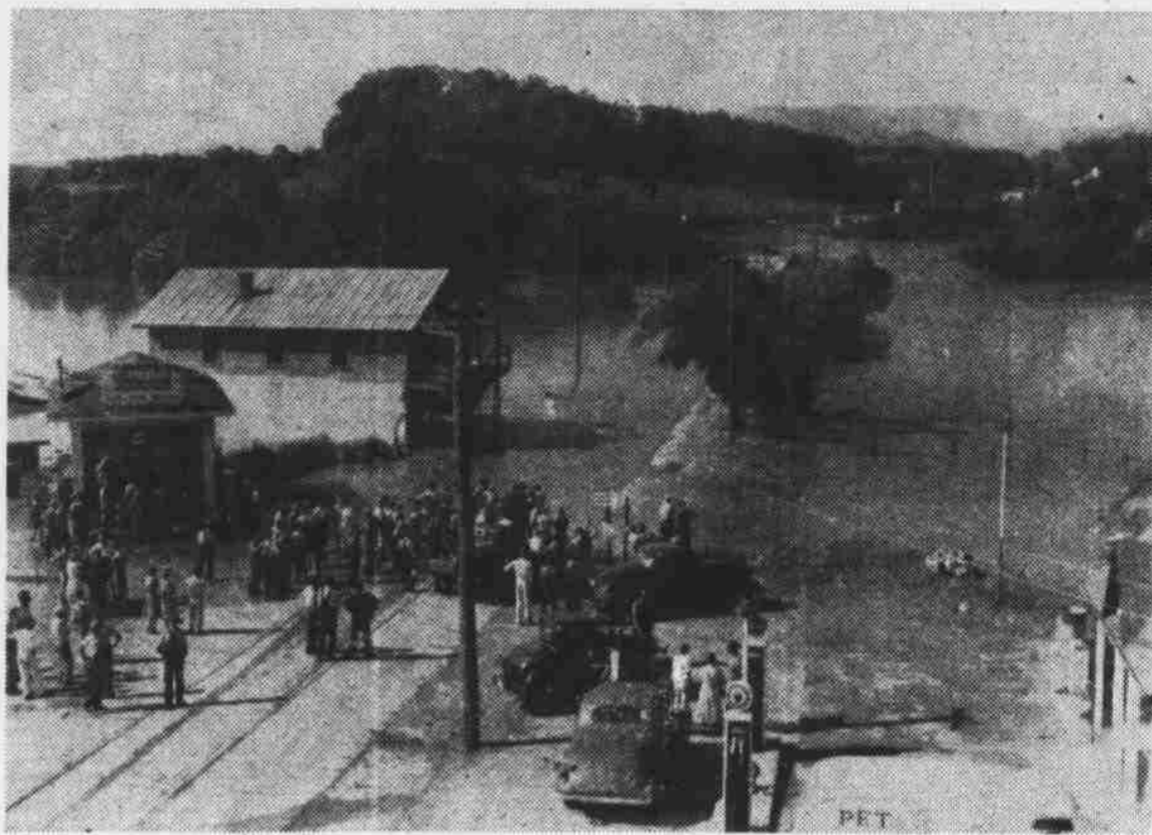
Campbell made his escape about 8:15 p. m. by climbing over the fence at the rear of the camp into a woodland. A little later he discovered Jess Conley's automobile parked before his home on Harrison avenue with the key in the switch and made off across the Georgia border with it, thereby violating a Federal law against the transportation of stolen automobiles across a state line.

The automobile was wrecked when it turned over on a curve near Lakemont, Ga., about 35 miles from here. Campbell escaped with minor bruises.

He was apprehended and lodged in the Rabun county jail when two Georgia youths became suspicious of his behavior and notified Sheriff Luther Rickman at Clayton. Sheriff A. B. Slagle and Chief of Police C. D. Baird brought him back to Franklin early Sunday morning.

Campbell had only six more months to serve on a sentence of two years and one-half for forgery, imposed on him in Guilford county. He was transferred to the camp here in July, 1939.

Flood Waters North of Franklin Bridge



Residents of East Franklin on their way to work Friday, August 30, found their way cut off by the flood waters of the Little Tennessee. This picture was taken where the Highlands road—Highway No. 64, joins Highway No. 23. Bridge in upper center marks normal course of L. C. river. —Photo by Crisp.

Rev. Frank Bloxham



Resigns Work In This Section To Accept Call To Lincolnton

Rev. F. Bloxham

Accepts Call Of Church In Lincolnton

Rev. Frank Bloxham announced to the congregation of St. Agnes church last Sunday his acceptance of a call to St. Luke's church, Lincolnton. Expressing deep regret at leaving this field which he has served for nearly seven years, Mr. Bloxham stated that he and his family would leave for his new post on the first of October.

Rev. and Mrs. Bloxham came to Franklin in January, 1934. His charges have been St. Agnes church, Franklin; Incarnation, Highlands and part of that period he has also served Good Shepherd, Cashiers and Messiah, Murphy.

St. Luke's Church is one of the oldest parishes in the diocese of Western North Carolina. Mr. Bloxham will also have charge of the Church of the Redeemer, Shelby, and Our Savior Mission at Woodside, at both of these places the erection of new church buildings will be under his direction.

Dig Your Potatoes

Is Advice To Farmers By Plant Pathologists

Sam Mendenhall, county farm agent has reported that Howard R. Garriss and Don E. Ellis, extension plant pathologists, spent the day in Macon county Tuesday, September 3.

With the county agent and the assistant several farms were visited in regard to potatoes rotting in the field. Several fields were examined and a considerable amount of loss was found due to this rot.

It was determined that the rot was caused by late blight on the tuber and that the loss was increased by the excessive wet weather. It was recommended by these men that farmers finding this trouble in their patches should dig their potatoes immediately, destroying the infected potatoes and storing the remainder in a cool, dry, dark place. This, it was thought, would help prevent some of the loss that would occur if the potatoes were allowed to remain in the ground.

As The World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events In State, Nation and Abroad.

LONDON

German bombing of London and other sections continuing with increasing fury have been countered with destructive attacks by the R. A. F. on Berlin and other points, including air bases in the Black Forest, and on the French coast. The greatest of all air battles continues in fury, while R. A. F. stiffens the defense of home shores.

Practically all of French Equatorial Africa—166,489 square miles of territory—has been aligned with Britain, making British "land bridge from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean and Red Seas," General De Gaulle, leader of "free Frenchmen" has announced.

The French government has acknowledged that rebellion has broken out in Indo-China and French West Africa, following the action of French Equatorial Africa in going over to Britain.

BERLIN

Adolf Hitler, with a triumphant year of war behind him and an unpredictable winter ahead, spoke out to his British foes yesterday with fury and jeers—and a threat that the bombers of Germany will "erase" English cities to avenge the night raids of the RAF.

He warned the British not to become impatient for the invasion by Germany. The high command reported today that a single submarine had sunk six armed British merchantmen totalling 51,507 tons and including the 15,007-ton Dunvegan Castle, previously reported by both the Germans and the British.

BUCHAREST, RUMANIA

An attempted assassination of King Carol climaxed the critical situation in the Balkans yesterday, resulting from the axis' demands for transfer of Transylvanian territory to Hungary. The Nazi Iron Guard demands capital punishment for "those to blame for Rumania's trouble."

DESTROYERS TO BRITAIN

Congressional approval exceeded protest when President Roosevelt announced on Tuesday the transfer of 50 "over-age" destroyers to Britain.

The United States is to receive, in turn, the right to construct a string of naval and air bases from Newfoundland to South America "to keep an overseas enemy from our front door."

60,000 GUARDSMEN CALLED

President Roosevelt has summoned 60,000 national guardsmen to a year's military service starting September 16.

LABOR DAY WEEK-END HAS HEAVY DEATH TOLL

Floods, traffic accidents and the greatest disaster in the history of American commercial aviation swelled to 217 Sunday night the death toll in the nation's celebration of the long Labor Day week-end. Automobile accidents on high-

ways crowded with vacationists took 147 lives. This number has been increased by later reports.

SENATOR LUNDEEN KILLED IN FATAL CRASH

An airliner out of Washington, bound for Pittsburgh, crashed in a storm Saturday afternoon, and all 25 aboard were killed. Among the victims was Senator Lundeen of Minnesota.

WALKER APPOINTED POSTMASTER GENERAL

The President's appointment of Frank C. Walker, New York lawyer and business man, and former treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, to succeed James A. Farley as Postmaster General, was expected to be submitted to the Senate Wednesday.

DEMOCRATIC RALLY NEXT SATURDAY

The address of J. M. Broughton, Democratic gubernatorial candidate, to a state-wide rally in Hendersonville Saturday will be broadcast by radio station WWNC, from 11:45 a. m. to 12:15 o'clock. The two N. C. senators, Congressman Zebulon Weaver, A. L. Bulwinkle and Robert L. Doughton and all candidates for state offices will attend.

Danger Warning

Issued By Health Dept. Following Flood

The following instructions are issued by the state and local health departments:

1. All persons living in areas affected by flood waters should be vaccinated for Typhoid Fever at once.

2. All water used for drinking purposes should be boiled at least ten minutes unless Bryson City water supply is used.

3. Wells or springs which have been flooded should be pumped out and sterilized before again being used.

To sterilize well—take one-half pound of HTH, or Perchloron or three-fourths pound BK or two pounds Chloride lime—mix in two gallon pail and after stirring pour into well. Allow to stand 24 hours and then pump out. Boil all water until after this is done.

4. Open privy pits should be filled at once.

5. Bury human wastes until new privy can be installed.

6. If water has been in your house, scrub walls and floors with hot soapy water. Be sure to get all mud and dirt out. Then rinse all shelves, walls, and floors with chlorine solution made by mixing 1/2 teaspoonfuls of HTH, BK, or Perchloron in each gallon of water used. If chloride of lime is used, it is necessary that seven teaspoonfuls be used to each gallon of water.

These instructions are for the protection of your health. If assistance is needed, call on your health department.

Typhoid inoculations can be obtained at the Macon county health department Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

THE PRESIDENT DEDICATES PARK

Ceremony In Smokies Witnessed By 10,000 Labor Day

Standing before the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial on the summit of Newfound Gap, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt Monday dedicated the Great Smoky Mountains National Park "to the free people of America."

It was a fitting climax to the years of effort on the part of citizens of North Carolina and Tennessee for the establishment of the vast recreational area—and a beautiful and impressive setting for the simple dedication ceremonies.

More than 10,000 persons, some of whom had been waiting since early morning, filled every available space within the Gap to see and hear the president. Radio facilities of three major networks carried the president's speech to millions more.

"The old frontier, that put the hard fibre in the American spirit and the long muscles on the American back lives and will live in these untamed mountains to give future generations a sense of the land from which their forefathers drew their homes," Mr. Roosevelt said.

"If we are to survive, we cannot be soft in a world in which there are dangers that threaten Americans—dangers far more deadly than were those the frontiersmen had to face.

"It is good and right that we in all this should conserve these mountain heights for the benefit of the American people. But in this hour we have to safeguard a greater thing: the right of the people of this country to live as free men.

"The winds that blow through the wide sky in these mountains—the winds that sweep from Canada to Mexico, from the Pacific to the Atlantic—have always blown on free men. We are free today. If we join together now—men, women and children—and face the common menace as a united people, we shall be free tomorrow."

Above the president's head as he spoke, three American flags and the state flags of North Carolina and Tennessee whipped in a stiff breeze. It was a perfect day for the ceremonies; clear, cool and in the distance, the blue haze that gives these mountains the characteristic nickname of "Smokies."

Scheduled to begin at 4:30 p. m., the dedication did not start until 5 p. m. In the car with the president as he arrived at the Gap from Gatlinburg were Mrs. Roosevelt, Secretary Ickes, Sen. Reynolds, and Sen. McKellar of Tennessee.

The ceremonies, presided over by Secretary Ickes, opened with an invocation by Rev. Fred F. Brown of Knoxville. Prior to the president's address, Governors Clyde R. Hoey of North Carolina and Prentice Cooper of Tennessee, spoke briefly. Governor Hoey's emphatic "there should be no quarters given to fifth columnists anywhere in this free land," drew a large burst of applause from the crowd.

On the speakers' platform were many notables. Besides the president and Mrs. Roosevelt there were the governors of North Carolina and Tennessee; Governor Burnett Maybank, of South Carolina; Governor Johnson, of Kentucky; Paul V. McNutt, head of the Federal Security Administration; Secretary Ickes and Mrs. Ickes; Bernard Baruch, noted New York financier; James L. Fly, chairman of the Federal Communications commission; Captain Paul L. Callahan, naval aide to the president; Brigadier General E. M. Watson, military aide and presidential secretary; Dr. Ross T. McIntyre, White House physician; Senators Reynolds and McKellar; Congressman Zebulon Weaver, of Asheville; Will W. Neal, chairman, and Charles A. Webb, vice-chairman of the North Carolina Park Commission; Col. David C. Chapman, president of the Great Smoky Mountains Conservation association and former chairman of the Tennessee Park commission, and other officials of the two states, including members of their park commission.

Also on the platform were Newton B. Drury, director of the National Park service; Arno B. Cammerer, former director; J. Ross Eakin, park superintendent; Congressman Scrugham, of Nevada, chairman of the house sub-committee on Interior Department appropriations, and Harlan P. Kelsey, of Salem, Mass.