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Describe Toll Taken By Neuse

Need For Action To Prevent Floods Told at Goldsboro Meeting; Damage in Rec- ent Years Considerable

GOLDSBORO, Aug. 16.—Major W. A. Snow, United States district engineer, today heard unanimous spokesmen tell of the great toll taken by the Neuse River and its tributaries from their sources to the river mouth.

The mighty freshets of the river were described vividly for the engineer by the residents of the valley. One instance cited was of the loss in only two counties reaching \$5,000,000 in a single freshet while another was of a widow who lost all of her cattle when the water rose suddenly.

— Various Groups Represented. —

Many varied groups were represented at the meeting, which was attended by several hundred persons, and among the speakers were: Congressman Charles L. Abernathy and John H. Kerr; J. Hatch for Wayne county; H. Galt Braxton for Lenoir county; R. E. Snowden, highway engineer second district; L. I. Moore for Craven county; J. B. Slack, county farm agent for Johnston county; E. W. Gaither, district agent for the extension service; N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce; L. A. Roney, chairman Wayne county board of commissioners; Dr. W. H. Whitfield; Bob Edwards, former sheriff Wayne county; Gurney P. Hood, and H. B. Parker, former state senator.

Further Data Requested.

The meeting was adjourned hurriedly so that Major Snowden might leave for Washington. All persons with data to present who were not heard were urged to write "the facts and figures" and send them to his Wilmington office.

Out of today's meeting, government surveys, etc., it is hoped that the summary of the situation, which will be sent to Washington by the end of October, will contain a clear plan which will bring relief to the farmers, merchants and manufacturers of the entire area; make provision for renewal of river transportation and provide for power development if any is to be allowed.

Captain Nathan O'Berry, State Treasurer, who could not be present, sent word by Attorney J. J. Hatch that the State is behind the project and would like to see it go through.

Bed of River Filling Up.

Attorney Hatch stated that the bed of the Neuse river seems to be filling up and freshets are occurring more and more frequently. He read a report from the State Hospital at Goldsboro stating that the flood of 1928 invaded three barns, three dormitories, laundry and other buildings, weakening the foundations of buildings, causing furnishings and stock to have to be removed, and the marooning of patients besides the loss of crops. Damage was estimated at \$9,000. In a previous freshet the damage was estimated at \$25,000.

A report from B. G. Thompson, of Goldsboro, stated that he lost \$30,000 by last year's flood. H. Weil's report showed \$10,000 worth of buildings standing vacant and land abandoned that should bring in \$8,000 per annum.

"The rivers of North Carolina run through some of the most fertile lands in the world," said Judge Kerr. "This country has spent millions of dollars trying

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston County, and to the one deciphering their name and presenting a copy of this paper to the Herald office, we will present a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Ralph Clarence Canaday recognized his name.

TODAY'S TANTALIZER
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McLeod Is Found Guilty Second Degree Murder

Is Sentenced To 30 Years In State Prison; Other Cases Tried Here Last Week

At 2:30 Friday afternoon the jury filed into the court room and rendered a verdict in the case of Marvin McLeod, negro, charged with the killing of Annie Ennis, a colored woman of Clayton township. The jury made the following report to the court: "Is the defendant now insane? No. Is the defendant guilty of the felony and murder of which he stands charged? Yes, second degree murder."

The judge then imposed a sentence of thirty years in the state penitentiary.

It is our information that McLeod will be under the surveillance of an alienist for a period (Turn to page four)

Negro Boy Victim Accidental Shot; White Boy Is Slightly Wounded

J. B. Artis, a 16-year-old colored boy who lived near Four Oaks, was accidentally shot and killed Saturday morning about 8:30 o'clock. The accident occurred on Mr. Joe Strickland's farm. Artis, together with Mr. Joe Strickland's son, a white man and two negro boys whose names we were unable to get, went to a field to take up some fodder. They were riding on a wagon and one of the negro boys had a loaded gun. As he got off the

Grand Jury For Poultry Car At Co. Farm Colony Selma Aug. 24

Recommends Such An Estab- lishment For Detention of Female Prisoners; Advises Certain Repairs to County Property

The Grand Jury completed its work about five o'clock Thursday afternoon, and made due report to Hon. C. C. Lyon, judge presiding over the August term of Superior court. D. T. Creech of Pine Level was foreman of the grand jury, the other members being: W. C. Jordan, F. L. Wall, W. H. Woodard, Johnnie Flowers, J. L. Berton, J. F. McGee, G. T. Pope, J. T. Davis, W. S. Earp, J. H. Morgan, D. G. Stephenson, W. G. Pike, L. F. Sasser, D. C. Johnson, J. S. Rogerson, J. P. Raines, and P. L. Clifton.

The outstanding recommendation of this body was that a farm colony be established for the detention of female prisoners that are sentenced to jail, this to be established at the county farm. The recommendation is made to the end that those prisoners may be worked as the county may see fit in order to maintain their expenses.

Another recommendation was that the sterilization law be enforced in extreme cases.

Other items covered in the report of the grand jury include the following:

"We have passed upon all bills of indictment sent to us by the grand and examined all witnesses accordingly.

"We have visited the county home and found it well kept. We recommend that two leaks on the roof of the dining room be fixed; also we recommend that the two barrels of floor enamel that is ready there be put on the floors of the home, and that outside painting of the home needed be done.

"We have visited the convict camps and found them in good sanitary condition with premises well kept.

"We have visited the offices of the courthouse and find them in good condition. We recommend that the plastering be repaired to safe condition.

"We find jail is kept in good condition, and prisoners in good condition."

Professor Middleton: "Ernest, what is dust?"
Ernest (after much thought): "Mud with the juice squeezed out."—Ex.

Entering Diplomacy



John N. Willys, veteran Ohio auto manufacturer, may be offered the post of U. S. Ambassador to Turkey or the diplomatic post in Paris.

27 Farmers Enjoy Observation Trip

J. B. Slack, Johnston's Farm Agent Plots Party Through Eastern N. C.; Visit Farms and Allied Industries

A party of 27 Johnston county farmers returned to Smithfield late Thursday afternoon from a three-day trip through counties of Eastern North Carolina. The members of the entire party were loud in their praise of the trip and reported an enjoyable as well as a very beneficial trip.

This fine group of Johnston's best farmers led by County Agent J. B. Slack left Smithfield at eight o'clock Tuesday. The first stop was made in Lenoir county where different farms and institutions including the Kennedy Home and Caswell Training school were visited. The county agent of each county visited met the party as it entered the county and led them to various farms and places of interest.

After leaving Lenoir county the party headed for New Bern where several dairy and hog farms were visited.

Tuesday night was spent in New Bern and was probably the most enjoyable part of the trip for here the entire group was the guest of the Craven county Farmers' Club at a delicious fish fry. Before partaking of the bounteous meal prepared by Craven county's most famous cooks, the two groups met and exchanged ideas on various agricultural topics.

On Wednesday morning after visiting the big plant of the Rowland Lumber company, the pickle factory and the Cutter Pamlico, the group left for Jones county and Duplin county where more farms were visited. At Chinquapin in Duplin county the group enjoyed a bountiful dinner prepared by Mrs. Sanderson, one of Duplin county's graduate homemakers.

After leaving Duplin county the party headed for Wilmington Beach. Here the party spent the night and enjoyed bathing and fishing. And to prove that they really fished one of the party brought home a ten-pound drum fish.

Leaving Wilmington Beach on Thursday morning the men returned to Smithfield where they were the guests of W. H. Royal, representative of Swift and company, on a boat trip up the river and an inspection of the mammoth fertilizer plant of Swift and company.

After leaving Wilmington the party visited bulb farms at Castle Hayne, and the Invershield Stock Farm, and stopped in Wallace for lunch.

The last and probably most interesting farm visit was made Thursday afternoon when the group visited the Lower Coastal Plain Experiment Station near Willard. After visiting the field plots where valuable information was gained on the growing of various crops, the group enjoyed a feast of ice cold watermelon tendered by Dr. Dearing, head of the station. It was here that one of the many amusing incidents of the trip happened. A small group of the party lagged behind in the field trip and found the station's melon patch and proceeded to help themselves to melons which had been exposed to the

Henry Lee Kills Self With Pistol

Mind Was Unbalanced Fol- lowing Stroke of Paralysis —Wife Witnessed Tragedy

Henry Lee, 42-year-old farmer who lived five miles west of Smithfield, took his own life Friday morning about eight o'clock, shooting himself with a pistol. Several years ago Mr. Lee suffered a stroke of paralysis. About six months ago he suffered a second stroke, since which time his mind has not been right. He feared a stroke of paralysis. About six months ago he suffered a second stroke, since which time his mind has not been right. He feared a stroke of paralysis. About six months ago he suffered a second stroke, since which time his mind has not been right. He feared a stroke of paralysis.

On last Friday morning, Mrs. Lee had gone to the store of her father, Mr. U. C. Capps, to tend store while he had gone fishing. Mr. Lee was also at the store. His wife found him searching for some gun shells. Whereupon she secured the shot-gun which was at the store and was making an effort to put it beyond the reach of her husband. In the meantime, Mr. Lee picked up a pistol which Mrs. Lee did not know was at the store. Divining his intention, she called to Mr. Tom Johnson who lives near the store to come and get the pistol away from her husband. Mr. Johnson responded to her call but before he was able to reach him, Mr. Lee fired the fatal shot, the bullet entering his head from under his chin. Death was instantaneous.

The deceased leaves a wife and six children.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ATTEND STATE MEETING

Messrs. J. T. Edgerton, J. I. Creech, and L. D. Mitchell, county commissioners of Johnston county, and R. L. Fitzgerald, county auditor, attended the meeting of county commissioners and auditors of the state at Battery Park hotel at Asheville last week. Commissioners from 65 counties were in attendance and auditors and accountants from 26 counties. The local men report royal entertainments while in Asheville, a banquet and automobile ride being among the courtesies extended.

DR. AND MRS. HOLLAND MOVE TO DURHAM

Dr. and Mrs. N. T. Holland are leaving today to make their home in Durham. Dr. Holland has been practicing dentistry specializing in pyorrhea, in Durham for several years, going back and forth from his home here. His family will be greatly missed in Smithfield. Mrs. Holland has been active in church work and in music circles of the town.

hot sun all day. You can imagine their chagrin on returning to the house and finding the balance of the party feasting on melons which had been in the ice box since early morning.

Leaving the station about 4:30 the crowd headed for Smithfield arriving at seven o'clock, tired but happy and loud in their praise of the trip.

The trip was made in a bus belonging to the Carolina Coach company, and handled by their best and most courteous driver, Mr. H. H. Mizelle. Not a single mishap occurred to mar the pleasure of this trip.

A similar trip through the Valley of Virginia and other points is already being discussed for next year.

Those making the trip were: S. P. Honeycutt, W. T. Wilson, J. A. Smith, W. H. Flowers, H. T. Smith, R. B. Smith, J. L. Lee, R. A. Sanders, N. R. Wilson, G. B. Smith, John Goff, G. W. Murphy, Sneed Sanders, O. L. Boyette, John Radford, L. R. Langdon, Frank Honeycutt, Albert Johnson, B. E. Gardner, G. R. Johnson, J. K. Sanders, A. J. Whitley, Jr., J. W. Stephenson, George Scott, T. C. Young, Chairman County Advisory Board, W. H. Royal, representative Swift and company, and J. B. Slack, county agent.

A Typical Small City Airport



This airport is located at Le Roy, New York. It is pictured as a model small city airport.

Negro Loses Life in Shooting Scrape At Sawmill Near Selma

Another homicide occurred in Johnston county Sunday afternoon around five o'clock at R. D. Johnson's sawmill near Selma when Matthew Sanders, colored, was shot and mortally wounded. The crime is said to have been committed by George McNair, also colored. Both negroes are said to have come from South Carolina and had been employed at the sawmill.

Johnston county officers were called to the scene of the shooting late in the afternoon. When they reached the mill no one was to be found. Later they gained the impression that the affair did not amount to much and that Sanders was not seriously hurt. They returned to Smithfield however, and inquired at the hospital where the wounded negro had been taken, concerning his condition. They were told that he had died about five minutes before.

A coroner's inquest was held yesterday morning. At that time McNair had not been apprehended but officers were making every effort to locate him. The dead negro appeared to be about 35 years old. Circumstances leading up to the killing are not known, but officers state that there was evidence of beer around the place where the affair occurred.

Receives Serious Blow On Head H. N. Morgan Is In Local Hospital After Being Hit On Head by Hallie Johnson

A most distressing occurrence took place Saturday afternoon about two o'clock, when Mr. H. N. Morgan, superintendent of the water and light department of this city, was knocked down by Hallie Johnson, seventeen-year-old son of J. R. Johnson, a local plumber, and was rendered unconscious. Mr. Morgan is now in the Johnston County Hospital in a serious condition, and young Johnson is in jail pending the recovery of the injured man.

The happening grew out of some trouble over a plumbing job which J. R. Johnson was doing for W. H. Lassiter. Mr. Morgan had gone to the new house which Mr. Lassiter is erecting in Brooklyn for the purpose of passing off the job. The boy was assisting his father with the plumbing job.

Mr. Morgan had only recently returned home from Norfolk, Va., where he was in a hospital for several months with a serious mastoid trouble. His head was not entirely well, and it is understood that he was contemplating going back to Norfolk for examination this week.

JORDAN'S HARDWARE HOUSE

Mr. W. W. Jordan has moved his stock of hardware into the store on Third street formerly occupied by the Home Pride Store. The building has been newly renovated and fitted with shelves suited to hardware. It has also been painted and the location can easily be designated as the store with the white front.

Mr. Jordan came to Smithfield in 1902 and has been engaged in the hardware business ever since he came to Smithfield, but until a few months ago he was associated with others. He has now opened a store of which he is the sole proprietor, and he expects to carry a good line of hardware, mill supplies, sporting goods and Christmas goods. He also has a picture framing department.

Watch for his advertisement in the next issue of the Herald.

Miss Mary Norcross spent a few days last week with Miss Addie Barber in Cleveland township.

J. R. WILLIAMS DIES

AT FOUR OAKS
FOUR OAKS, Aug. 19.—Mr. J. R. Williams, who was struck and knocked down by an automobile about a month ago at Four Oaks, died Saturday afternoon at four o'clock. Funeral services were held at his home Sunday afternoon and interment was made at the Lassiter burying ground about three miles northwest of town. One of the largest crowds ever attending a funeral and burial here was present at this sad occasion, both at the home and at the cemetery. A full account of his illness, funeral and burial will appear later.

A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for any assistance rendered us during the illness and death of our husband and father, PHAROAH LEE MRS. PHAROAH LEE AND CHILDREN.

Tragic Accident Near Princeton

One Negro Killed, Another Negro and White Man Seriously Injured When Car Turns Over

One man is dead and two are in the Johnston County Hospital badly hurt as the result of an automobile accident which occurred early Sunday morning one mile west of Princeton. The dead man is Harry Pearson, a negro, and the injured persons are W. L. Powell, a white man of Raleigh, and George Alston, a negro, also of Raleigh.

According to reports, the three were headed west on route 13 when the accident occurred on the curve near the Atlantic Coast Line overhead bridge. There were no eye-witnesses to the accident but a farmer who runs a filling station nearby stated that he heard a noise about five o'clock in the morning and going to the highway found the automobile turned over with the motor still running and the three men pinned underneath. With his help the two injured men were brought to the Johnston County Hospital here, a News and Observer truck which was returning from its trip through Eastern North Carolina bringing the injured persons here, Pearson was dead when the farmer reached the wreck.

It was stated at the hospital yesterday that the two men were doing as well as could be expected, though Powell is thought to have a fractured skull. The negro is badly cut up.

PYTHIAN HOME DAY TO BE OBSERVED IN CLAYTON

Today will be observed in Clayton as "Pythian Home Day," and Knights of Pythias from all over the state will be in Clayton for the annual program.

The Children's Home as maintained by the Pythians, has been established in Clayton since 1919. The board of trustees will hold its regular quarterly on this day.

The board is composed of the following: Hon. R. S. McColin, Chairman, Henderson; Jos. D. Pridden, Durham; C. W. Coghill, Rocky Mount; J. Fred Bower, Jr., Winston-Salem; Dr. W. T. Rainey, Fayetteville; E. I. Fleming, Rocky Mount; C. F. Gore, Weldon; Leonard Vyne, North Wilkesboro; Sam O. Worthington, Greenville.

GROWS APPLES AND PEARS FROM SEED

Mr. J. W. Barnes, of the Sanders Chapel section, brought an attractive assortment of apples and pears to this office Saturday. Mr. Barnes stated that he had heard that apples and pears could not be grown from seed and he had tested it out to see if the saying were true. His collection included large well-formed apples from the Delicious and two other varieties of apples and two kinds of pears. All came from seed which he planted from apples and pears he bought. Mr. Barnes has several young trees and expects to get plenty of fruit from them.

Aunt Roxie Opines By Mc—



"Sum may think green gal-lus's iz purty—ah neva' did izk ter see too mennie green things together."

"Hit use ter be flyin' news, now hits flyin' wimmen."