



ARROW shows where the steel waterwheel was torn from the Cove Creek mill and washed downstream against the highway bridge, which was moved six feet off its foundation. The road to White Oak was blocked because of the damage to the bridge. (Mountaineer Photo).



ROAD SCRAPERS had to clear 3½ miles of road following the flash flood of Cove Creek Saturday. The road was scraped from the end of the pavement to three miles up the Suttontown road. The operator is Bobby Davis. (Mountaineer Photo).



THIS IS a view of what damage was done to Marion Messer's farm by the flash flood Saturday afternoon. (Mountaineer Photo).

Cove Creek Flood Halts Old Grist Mill's Operation

By W. C. MEDFORD

After 84 years of continuous operation, a county record, the Cove Creek grist mill has been put out of commission by Saturday's flash flood.

The mill was built about 1872 by the first owners, Pack Owens and his father, Jake. It has been operated without a break since that time.

It was repaired in the late '80's by Mark Howell. New siding was added and some other repairs and additions were made.

Toward the last of the century it passed into the hands of D. W. (Manse) Cagle, who ran it for a number of years. Later Bob Boyd bought the mill and had it operated for many years, until some 12 or 15 years ago, when Temp Phillips acquired it.

Harry Stewart, who lives on Fie Branch, is the present owner. Norman Hannah has been operating

it for him. Other operators over the years included Tom Parks, Judge Roberts, Billy Davis, Allen Davis and Shafter Rollins.

This year's flood damage to water wheel, drive wheel, shaft, cogs and race represents the worst in the mill's history. It has withstood previous high waters and freshets.

The best of timbers went into the building—sills, beams, joists, plates, etc. There is one beam—the main central support—that is 4½ feet long and all in one piece. It was hewn out of poplar with a broadaxe, is one foot square, and "straight as a gun barrel."

The old reinforced front door is of two pieces, a throwback to the old range days, where there were many such doors.

More than 700,000 miles of rural U. S. highways were surfaced from 1920 to 1935.

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feet deep out in my bottom and 200 feet wide." The flood reached within a few feet of his house.

Jim Messer also lost the bottom land in his corn field. He lost about an acre and a half of corn and all of his small tobacco allotment.

George Boring and his partner, Franklin, lost approximately two acres of tobacco.

Roosevelt Ward lost 8 acre of tobacco, an acre of corn and beans and a quarter of an acre of oats. A rock wall on his property was washed away and a bridge washed out. Here also a flint boulder, estimated to weigh 1200 to 1500 pounds was washed up and moved some distance.

On the Widow Howell and Will Howell places damage was done to corn, tobacco and grass fields, especially on the latter farm.

Nearly all of Clyde Morrow's tobacco, growing on both sides of the creek, was washed away or covered with mud. Considerable corn and garden truck was carried away.

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ing quarters in the mill and keeps a small stock of groceries.

Clyde Morrow's old storehouse (not in use) was pushed by the flood off its pillars and left standing flat on the ground.

Those who saw where the cloudburst hit on Big Laurel said that it tore out a place in the ground as big around as an average-sized house.

There was perhaps a greater volume of water in the Cove Creek flood than in the one that occurred on West Fork of the Pigeon above Lake Logan in August, 1940. There was cer-

A monetary estimate of the damage had not been made this morning.

The Red Cross had not received any requests for aid from the flood victims.

The Soil Conservation Service planned an inspection trip to Cove Creek today preparatory to offering plans for farm ponds and dams which could take care of future flood waters.

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thirst and hunger.

After spending Saturday night at Ocala, the band resumed its return trip at 8:30 a. m. Sunday. Moving in heavy traffic, the two buses arrived at 7:30 p. m. in Augusta, Ga., where band director Charles Isley called Waynesville to notify parents of band members that the arrival of the group would be delayed.

The band's last performance at the Lions convention was at noon Saturday during the inauguration of John L. Stickley of Charlotte as president of Lions International.

Representing the district and the Waynesville Lions Club at the Miami convention were District Governor Lawrence B. Leatherwood and Mrs. Leatherwood and family; District Secretary Harry Whisenhunt and Mrs. Whisenhunt and son; President-elect James E. Fender and Mrs. Fender and son, and delegates Joe Tate, Jr., John Boyd and M. T. Bridges.

At the Florida metropolis, North Carolina Lions broke all records in attendance and in the magnificence of their program put on for "North Carolina Night" Thursday in the Orange Bowl Stadium, during which the Waynesville band performed. There were more than 4,000 Tar Heel Lions at the convention, and the crowd at the "North Carolina Night" exceeded 40,000.

The water poured down in such volume and with such force that trees the size of big telephone poles were uprooted, forced out of the area of the cloudburst and washed down with the flood.

These trees were sheared entirely of their limbs and bark and some were broken into pieces as if they had been mere match sticks.

Manitoulin Island in Lake Ontario is rated as the largest fresh-water island in the world.

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tom of a whirlpool at a depth of 12 feet.

Haywood's sheriff, Fred Y. Campbell, and Coroner Pate conducted the investigation.

Moody had been employed by the American Enka Corp. for the last 11 years.

Surviving, in addition to the son, are the widow, Mrs. Helen Davis Moody; one other son, Danny Keith; one step-son, Charles Aiken; one step-daughter, Sandra Aiken; three brothers, Robert J. of Clyde, Alvin of Canton and Ellis of Bridgeton, N. J.; four sisters, Mrs. Homer Constance of Santee, S. C., Mrs. Thad Tipton of Vader, Wash., Mrs. Nannie Dunn of Bridgeton, N. J., and Mrs. Dennis Caldwell of Waynesville; and the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moody of Canton.

Funeral arrangements, being handled by Crawford Funeral Home, are incomplete.

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the year.

Charles Way is secretary-treasurer, with C. G. Thompson, assistant.

The board of directors, besides the officers are: H. P. McCarroll, J. W. Fowler, Jr., Whitener Prevost, and Earl Brendall.

The program committee for July and August is composed of Admiral W. N. Thomas, Dr. Frank S. Love, W. Hugh Massie, and J. W. Fowler, Jr.

Bad Ethics

DALLAS (AP) — Two 9-year-old boys and their 14-year-old companion were released by police after they told officers they stole tropical fish from a school "because we wanted to go in business with tropical fish and make a 100 per cent profit."

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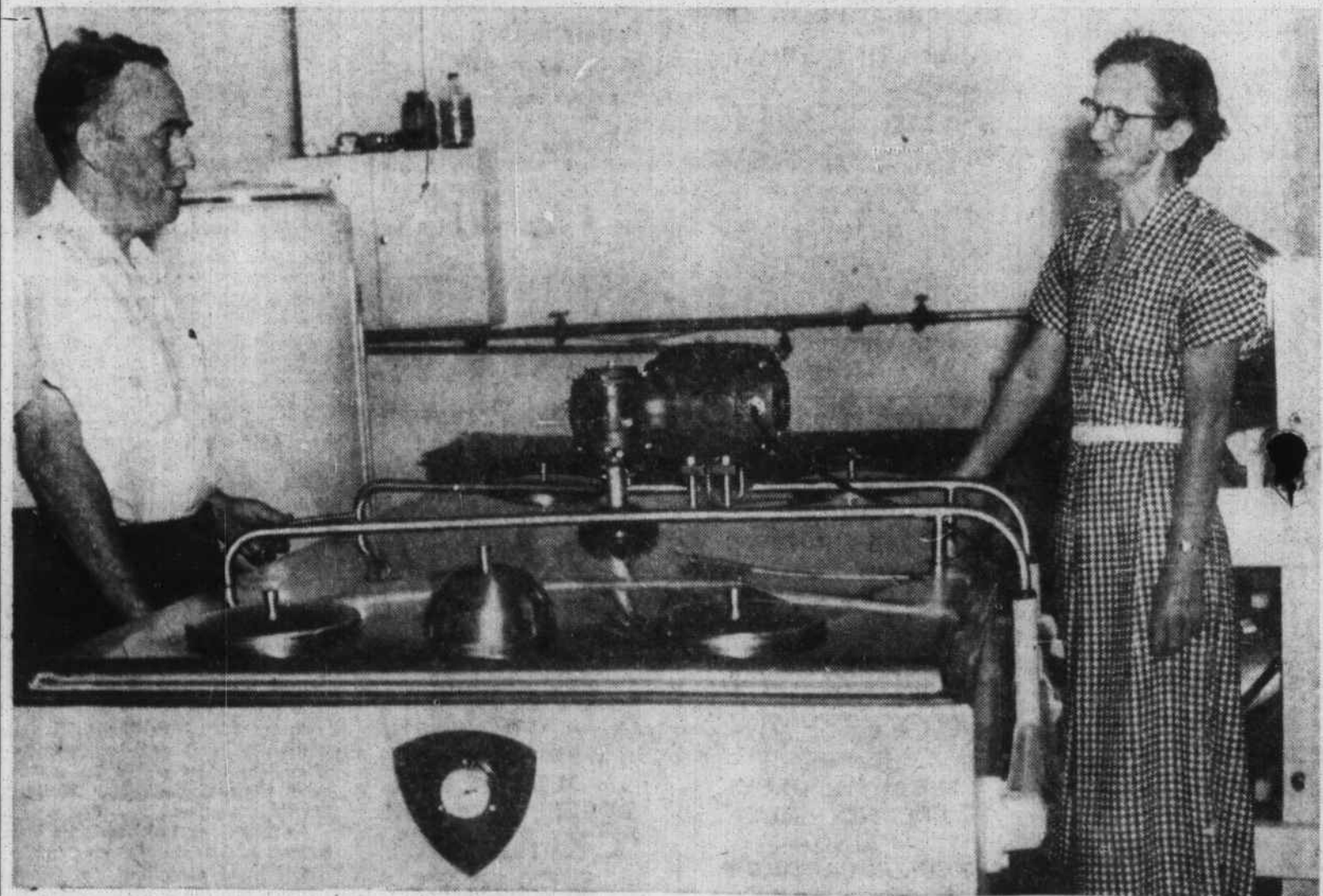
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