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Begins to look like Doc Gallup has picked the candidate he wants to win.

"A surgeon takes two great chances in deferring an indicated necessary operation. In the meantime the patient might die—or get well."—Washington Post.

### Leading Again

It began over in Ashe county, this experimenting with a new potato, if we mistake not, but the main thing that matters is that under the supervision of the State College horticulture department the State is about to be divorced from its dependence on Maine and other far away states for seed

years. But mostly we have had to order them at planting time and send our dollars to another state for our seed.

There is plenty to indicate that soon this order may be reversed, for the new Sequoia developed here in North Carolina has other varieties backed off the map. For it has made a hit with co-operators and growers in other sections of the United States and in Canada, Mexico and Cuba who were given seed samples last spring for a tryout.

From Florida comes the request for a carload of certified Sequoias and Virginia and South Carolina growers are talking in terms of carload lots. From Canada, Oregon, Ohio and Maryland come enthusiastic reports of yields at the rate of four to six hundred bushels per acre in test plantings, and the growers are particularly pleased with the "action" of the new potato, be-cause of its blight-resisting qualities and remarkable lack of "hopper burn."

Our State horticultural department distributed test samples to most counties of the State this season, and the county agents portioned these out to farmers who agreed to give the new potato a trial and to preserve it for next year's plantings. The farmers are definitely pleased with it. Production is increased over other popular varieties by from 20 to 30 per cent., and a smoother, larger and more edible potato was harvested. Long after other varieties had died to the ground, the tops of the Sequoia remained green and healthy-looking and obviously adding to the "make" of the hill until a much later digging time.

There is little doubt that North Carolina farmers privileged to grow a few of these potatoes this season will hang onto them for planting next spring. And this is well, for the source of stock will be limited, and the demand will be great.

### Chiggers and Wars

It is refreshing, it is encouraging, to reflect that while Europe is in a fever about when, how and where Hitler will strike at Britain, here in North Carolina Dr. Rey-nolds, head of the State Board of Health should be taking the time and trouble to discuss such little things as "chiggers."

Quoting a release from the United States Public Health Service, Dr. Reynolds gives his approval to the admonition: "Chase your chiggers before they sit down to eat." It is suggested that when it is necessary for one to go into the fields of tall essary for one to go into the fields of tall grass or weeds, or wherever there is heavy undergrowth, the use of "flowers of sulfur, applied liberally to stockings and underciothing as a partial protection against chiggers." "As soon as possible after being exposed to chigger bites," says this authority, "it is advantageous to apply a thick lather of soap all over the body surface—and the second time—then rinse thoroughly with clean water." with clean water."

Kerosene and 95 per cent. alcohol are also mentioned as killers of the red bug, but it is admitted that these might turn out to be more distressing than the bite.

Health Service gives this bit of interesting information about the chigger: "Contrary to popular belief, the chigger does not burrow into the skin and imbed its body. The mite apparently feeds on the upper layer of the skin and after this tissue has been dissolved by a substance which the chigger injects into the skin. It is the effect of this substance which causes the intense itching

we have never heard the noise of one of the pesky things falling off after "engorging" itself, and times no end we have had to Higher Than in 1916 was practically within its banks and a survey of demand in 1906. prize 'em loose by force and from deep in the skin.

And what is more, for all the new-fangled preventives and cures for chigger bites, we wouldn't give our old reliable salty meat skin applied promptly after each visit to the blackberry patch—all over.

We're much obliged to the government for its paternal interest in giving us the low-down on this little devil of a thing and we wouldn't discourage a soul in following the suggestions. But for us it's the strip-tease and a good fat piece of meat skin.

### **Hungry People Not Nazi Concern**

For brazen audacity, hand the palm to Germany. The other day John Cudahy, ambassador to Belgium, stated that Belgians face near-famine conditions by mid-September unless it receives American food sup-plies. And right-off Hitler's spokesmen placed the blame for this condition on England, because the British started the war, continues to successfully blockade the Reich, even when it is necessary to bring suffering to the neighbor nations conquered by Germany.

And now comes the bold assertion from Berlin that hungry neighbors are not a Nazi concern, and the German press takes a rosy view of Germany's winter food prospect and declare that there will be adequate food for Germans, even if France and the low countries are pinched by the British blockade.

We reckon Hitler's henchmen can keep repeating their version of who started this era of useless destruction until they actualpotatoes at planting time.

For decades the Cobbler and the Bliss have been our old standbys, with not a great deal of improvement in them through the easily be persuaded that it is so. But it is brazen audacity, to try to avoid responsi-

But there is deep purpose behind all this. It would be a miracle if there is no serious lack of food this winter in Europe. With millions of men lifted out of production and engaged in destruction, and with millions of others in confusion because of war, it stands to reason that food supplies will be seriously shortened. If any is to be had, Germany will get, for this super-race must not go hungry. If Hitler has to steal he'll steal, hungry. for it would not be good for his hide, to strut in the presence of empty stomachs. And so he considers it good business to let Uncle Sam know that Germany is not worrying about herself. It might serve to loosen our purse and our foodstream in sympathy for the starving in France, and Belgium, Holland and other countries. And Germany will manage to get some of it when it comes, else it will help to replace what Hitler has stolen and thus lessen the possibility of a revolution that even German military effi-

ciency cannot stop.

If we fall for it we are boobs, nothing less. It will be hard indeed, to know that people are sick from hunger when we have plenty and to spare. But if a winter's misery would bring Europe to its senses, the agony to American hearts would not be a high price to pay. The blockade is Britain's only hope of success, and Britain's success would be the greatest possible contribution to our own security, so we don't think Herr Hitler will inveigle us into demanding in desperation that Britain lift the blockade—which is mostly what it is all about.

## Encouraging, But—

North Carolina tobacco growers probably will be encouraged by the reports of demand will be great.

The development of the Sequoia may mean paving the way for a new source of income for North Carolina farmers.

Opening day prices close to an 18-20 cent average on Georgia and Florida markets. Interesting, too, is the news that representatives of the Imperial Tobacco Company

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It is earnestly hoped, of course, that these favorable prices will prevail when the Carolina warehouses open-favorable, that is, when they are gauged by the number of dollars that find their way into the farmer's draw-string money bag. But it must be remembered that when the farmer goes to exchange these dollars for things he needs, it will take increasingly more of them than it took last year. So he'd best not get too happy, in case the auctioneer's jabber leads to bigger figures on his sale card than he anticipated this summer when everybody was warning about a gloomy outlook. For the Greensboro Daily News looks at it this

"Price trends, especially as they affect our own North Carolina belts, are yet to be established. World conditions, as they relate to export and consumption of American tobacco, are just as uncertain as they have been. The prices which do obtain are largely pegged prices, thus carrying a surface deception, in that the government is financing a sizable portion of the sales and that these accumulated purchases go into a record carry-over. lated purchases go'into a record carry-over, which already hangs over the market's head and presents a growing problem in and of itself."

Nor should it be forgotten that if the eventual disposition of this surplus results in any tremendous loss to the government, the loss will be recovered from the farmer's money sack as well as from the industrialist's till. That, however, is rather vague and unimpressive, but it is meaty enough to justify every cooperation that promises to keep the government out of the red. Having agreed on a crop control program for next mite. After the chigger has become engorged with food, it loosens its hold and falls off."

year, the chief avenue for cooperation now is through agricultural readjustments that will leave the farmer less dependent on to-bacco and likewise less dependent on toassociated with the attack of this annoying year, the chief avenue for cooperation now falls off."

Some of us will be inclined to believe that our researchers have not learned about chiggers from chiggers. For our ownself

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wool from the storage warehouse on East Main street. Damage done could not be estimated un- estimated damage to highways whether to get out and leave the til waters had subsided and a survey could be made, W. A. Neaves said Wednesday night.

Along Big Elkin creek the famthe second floor of both houses the crest of the flood, while the J. P. Ipock Coal Company office was flooded by several feet the flood.

Books were moved out.

Numerous cars were stalled as Elkin creek bridge after the wapart of the bridge floor. A short being constructed near there. while later the water was so high in the afternoon.

The flood reached its crest about noon, rising, according to obliging motorists.

The approach igher than the previous flood. Bridges over the Yadkin river

at Roaring River and Ronda went out as the flood water rose over

As the muddy waters went by. houses, trees, lumber and wreckage were observed upon its crest. Numerous hogs, chickens and other farm animals were seen erched upon floating debris.

Early Wednesday morning elecric power failed, remaining off a short period of time. Later in the afternoon power again failed as the water damaged between Elkin and Winston-Saem. Power was restored to the hospital and telephone office a few hours later from the Carter Fall plant. About 10 p.m. Wednesday night lights again came on all over town.

West Elkin was without water Elkin creek. However, untiring efforts of the water department restored service around 7 p.m. Wednesday evening.

communication -was out Wednesout at 2 a.m. Wednesday morning and a few hours later other long distance lines failed. Lines to Boonville and Yadkinville were open at noon Thursday, as were lines to Sparta and Roaring Gap. Later in the afternoon it was an-

Western Union lines went out about 7:45 a.m. Wednesday morning and up until noon Thursday the wires were still dead. Messages were being taken to Statesville by automobile and dis-patched from there, the local office stated.

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A Southern railway freight engine, pulling three cars and cabose, which was dispatched to Elkin from Winston-Salem early Wednesday morning at the request of H. B. Holcomb, local agent, had reached a point about one mfle west of Crutchfield when the waters stopped it. At the crest of the flood the water reached the headlight of the engine. Mr. Holcomb said he wanted the engine to shift local freight cars to higher ground.

It was also learned that train service here will not be available within a week. It might be possible to get a slow freight here a day or so earlier, Mr. Holcomb said, but he doubted it.

The railway bridge at Burch Station, reported Wednesday might as having been washed out, was found to be okey early Thursday morning according to a preliminary inspection. A considerable length of track was washed out near the Federal Furniture plant, it was said. The plant itself was not believed damaged.

Statement.

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"Plain Sister," a comedy-drama in three acts, will be presented by Temple Hill Methodist church at the West Yadkin school auditorium, on Saturday ingight, August 17, at 8:30. A small admission fee will be charged.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

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ged.

The flood waters began to reede Wednesday afternoon and

## and a survey of damage in flooded areas was begun.

Company started moving wool and everything else that could be moved from their plant in the river bottom, during the night. Crews worked swiftly to move fact the fact was boards."

An inspection of wreckage on South Bridge disclosed slime and muck on everything. The floor in the showroom of the Elkin went dead and buckled as high as three boards." feet.

Reports from highway officials

Along Big Eikin creek the families of John Ratledge and Paul highway, the approach to the Eikin-North Wilesboro ture to the second floor and moved out. Water was almost to trestle close by appeared to be all

right, it was said.
At Crutchfield the old bridge went out during the height of Big Elkin creek was at its

The Elkin public library was highest point during the 50 years also flooded as the water spread it has been observed by L. B. swiftly up West Main street. Murray, of near State Road, Mr. water was around the old shoe notorists attempted to cross Big factory building, but it is understood it did little damage to the ter had covered the street and fill at the scene of the new bridge

The entire Elkin police force that it was impossible to get augmented by special officers and ing Gilbert and pulling him to through except by boat, and by numerous CCC boys, patrolled safety. His watch stopped at to town early in the morning to prevent looting. Men were stated by special officers and safety. His watch stopped at 2:30 yesterday morning. He was taken to a tourist camp on the ee the flooded river, were untioned at each end of the new Wilkesboro-Yadkinville road, and able to get back to their homes bridge to caution motorists brought to Yadkinville at about until the water had subsided late against smoking as they crossed. 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning by No foot traffic was allowed, pedestrians being carried across by medical supervision.

The approach to the new glood, from 18 inches to two feet bridge on the Jonesville side of after the waters had receded to bridge itself was in no way dam- Home here shortly afterwards. aged, it was said. It was feared however, that pressure of gas Blazes Break Out; storage tanks and other debris the bridge out during the height of the flood. All traffic was halted for several hours Wednesday afternoon until the danger was believed passed.

Although figures are estimated and are not accurate, a survey by North Carolina and southern Vir-The Tribune has disclosed following damage to various 18, of Angiers, who was drowned Duke Power Company equipment places of business affected by the flood: Hayes & Speas, \$500: Eagle

Furniture Co., \$500; J. C. Penney Co., \$1,000; Duke Power Co. heavy but as yet unestimated; Boyles & Transou, \$150; Gulf Service Station, \$2,500; Marion Esso Service, \$80; Caropractically all day Wednesday as lina Ice & Fuel Co., \$5,000; Cash a water main went out on Big & Carry Stores, \$15,000; Rose's 5 & 10 cent Store, less than \$500; Walker's 5 & 10 cent Store, \$200; Carl Rose, \$1,200; ey's, \$3,500; Roller Mill, \$1,000; All telephone and telegraph Central Electric & Telephone Co. \$6,000; Sydnor-Spainhour, day morning. The long distance of the long distance lines to North Wilkesboro went to \$3,000; H. P. Graham, Sinclair agent, \$5,000 to \$10,000; F. W. Graham, owner of the Gulf Bottling Company, \$10,000 to \$15,000; F. A. Brendle & Son, \$12,000 to \$15,000; White Swan Laundry, \$20,000 to \$25,000; Dobnounced by W. S. Beddingfield, of the local office, that a long distance line had been gotten vice Station), \$6,000 to \$8,000; through to Winston-Salem, via Elkin Lumber & Manufacturing On Highway Force

wire was run across the new Elkin bridge and across the bridge and across the bridge under construction at Crutchfield. In some places this line is down in the mud, but was operating, Mr. Beddingfield stated.

Bryan's Double Eagle Service Highway Patrol force August 1, and is now stationed at Fayette-bridge was believed to be approximately \$3,000 Wednesday afternoon, but since the water went down it was found that the stated.

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The flood brought out practically every camera in Elkin and Miss Opal Martin and has lived went down it was found that the just south of town for several person, white and colored allike, was squinting through a camera went down it was found that the foundry had been damaged more than had been suspected, which would tend to increase this figure.

His friends will be glad to know of his good fortune in securing this position.

owners of the businesses concerned. Other losses were un-available due to the fact The Tribune was unable to reach persons authorized to make a statement.

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# LOSE HER LIFE

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suddenly the motor went dead again, and refused to start any more. By this time the water was over the running boards."

"We didn't know what to do," continued. "I didn't know Neaves said Wednesday night. Of dollars. One official said risen so last that we dimension that damage may be high, but until a final check is made, accurate he had inspected, nine had gone of the following the high said, that we climbed out on the railing of the bridge, trying to work our way back to the east side. saw we had to leave the car, and the coming appeal period, late

"The power line over the bridge was down, and before we reached a cluster of telephone poles we ran into the fallen wires, and the electric shock bent both of my arms and Opaline's up to our sides.

Gilbert's voice broke off at this point and it was several seconds before he resumed speaking. "By this time the water was up to my chin, and I was on tiptoes. I had Murray reported Wednesday. The had thrown me, and was pulling her behind me when she wrenched from me by the heavy waters from the river.'

The men along the flooded road finally succeeded in reachbrought to Yadkinville at about Solicitor Hall and placed under

The body of the girl was found by searchers late this afternoon the river sank several inches dur- some extent, and brought to ing the late afternoon, but the Mackie and Hinshaw Funeral

# against its supports might force Destroy Large Plants during the past ten years.

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were isolated by washouts and inundated roads.

Known deaths in northwestern the ginia were: Miss Opaline Smith near North Wilkesboro. Mrs. Hassel Hunt and her 3

year old daughter, drowned in Swords Creek along the Russell-Tazewell county line in Virginia. Homer Amos, 18-year old son of Chatham Va., storekeeper,

drowned while wading in flooded Cherrystone creek. An unidentified woman inmate of the Surry county home was

reported drowned, swept away in the waters of Fisher's river, bordering the grounds. The body of an unidentified

man was found at Ferguson, near North Wilkeseboro. Elk Park, near Lenoir, reported two deaths, Beulah 8, and Ruby, 18-months, daughters of Bynum Service Station, \$4,500; Elkin Shoemaker, who were killed when an avalanche swept their home nearly a half mile. Two other residents of Elk Park were reported missing.

# Yadkin Boy Goes

### JUDGMENT IN CASE FRAMED

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river was not subject to federal jurisdiction.

Judge Gwyn also permitted the intervention in the petition for modification by taxpayers represented by B. S. Womble, Win-ston-Salem attorney. But he warned that he does not intend to permit the intervention to delay the appeal of his judgment to the state supreme

Gwyn did not say whether his judgment would permit High Point to pay over to Yadkin county the \$20,000 binder on an agreement to purchase the county's poor farm, located in the area the dam's reservoir would inundate. But the inference to be drawn from his statements with regard to the effectiveness of his judgment indicated it would not approve the transac-tion until the McGuinn case had been settled. His implication was that the McGuinn case still stands as a bar to High Point's making any moves towards con-

struction of the dam. Judge Roy Deal and Attorney F. D. B. Harding represent the City of High Point. W. M. Allen, of Elkin, represents Yadkin county, and B. S. Womble, of Winston-Salem, represents intervenors opposing the settlement.

## Yadkin County's Population Increases 2,718

Official statistics for Yadkin county population were released Saturday by S. E. Raper, district census supervisor, which shows the county now has a population of 20,728, or an increase of 2,718

This is an increase of about 12 per cent., most of which is among the white population. The figures also show that Yadkin county has the smallest amount of foreign born citizens of any county in this section.

## Elkin People Take Disaster in Stride

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they would drown out. Help was plentiful and as cars stalled, spectators who didn't mind wet feet pushed them through. Small boys on bicycles vainly attempted to ride through the water. Several women who just had to get across the creek waded across.

Folks gathered from miles around to see the flood. They crowded the bridges although police warned that bridges were dangerous. About the middle of the morning the Bridge street approach to the old bridge went out. Luckily, no one was on it. On the new bridge Elkin police and highway patrolmen sought vainly to keep people off. Finally, at the price of being hard boiled about it they managed to clear the bridge. They were fearful that someone would toss a lighted match or a cigarette stub into the gasoline coated water below and cause an explosion of num-Ralph Edward Sprinkle, Yaderous oil storage tanks which inville, was placed on the State were lodged against bridge sup-All cars that were allow

person, white and colored alike, was squinting through a camera His friends will be glad to of some sort. Hundreds of pictures were taken from every conceivable angle.

# NOTICE TO OWNERS OF FLOOD-DAMAGED AUTOMOBILES

If Your Car, New or Old, Was Bought from Us and Financed with General Motors Acceptance Corporation, You Are Protected Against Damage Done to It By the Flood, and Should Get in Touch with Us Immediately!

Phone 255

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