

MIRE AND MUCK FOLLOW FLOOD

Excitement of High Waters Gives Way to Plenty of Hard Work

DAMAGE IS WIDESPREAD

Plenty of excitement was available Wednesday of last week as flood waters moved into a new record high, but as the waters moved out little of excitement was left—just mire, muck, wreckage, and plenty of hard work.

The river fell as fast as it had come up. Down on South Bridge street, where a large part of the damage was done, was a scene desolate to contemplate. Wreckage there was in profusion where but a day before had stood prosperous business establishments lining each side of a busy street. Slime, over shoe-top deep, was over everything. Gone was the White Swan Laundry. Gone was the Riverside Cafe, Coke Marion's Esso Service, R. L. Church Oil Co. Badly damaged was Bryan's Double Eagle Service Co. The old jail stood under a heavy load of wreckage, a great hole bashed into its front. Gone were the familiar aluminum colored gasoline tanks of the Texas Co. Wreckage everywhere.

Those buildings which had withstood the flood had not escaped the fury of the rampaging waters. The floor in the Elkin Motor Car Company had swelled and buckled to a height of three or four feet. On the used car lot cars were piled around like some giant had tossed them hither and yon in play. In the repair department slime was several inches deep.

The J. C. Dobbins store, the Elkin Bottling Co., the Carolina Ice & Fuel Company—all weathered the flood. But all bore equal evidence of a river gone mad.

The buildings of the Elkin Lumber & Manufacturing Company were moved from their foundations and grouped in a haphazard jumble. The boiler house was wrecked. Lumber had floated away or had rammed into buildings.

In the bottom east of the street oil tanks lay in a jumble of confusion, amid wreckage of buildings and debris. Here and there was an automobile, half buried in muck and sand. Nearer the river was the approach to the old bridge—

many tons of steel girders that had been tossed there as easily as if they had been without weight. At the site of the laundry the floor remained, as did a majority of the equipment, all of which it is believed can be reclaimed.

A long look, and then the task of rehabilitation. Owners, their employees, CCC boys—everyone who wanted to work—went to work before the river was hardly within its banks. Slime was sluiced from buildings; wreckage was cleared from the street; wrecked cars were hauled away; lumber was removed and restacked. Day after day the work went on without cease. Soon some semblance of order began to prevail. The sun came out and helped dry up the pools of water; turned the mire into mud.

Things look better now to those who saw them at their worst, but still look bad enough. Already a new building is going up on the lower end of the street in defiance of the river.

But wreckage and damage was not confined alone to South Bridge street. Numerous stores on Main street saw their basements flooded; saw mire and slime and ooze over everything. Hard work there was to do in plenty, but a few days saw basements cleared and washed out; saw order restored where but short days ago was chaos.

Receding Waters Leave Wreckage

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stations below that point were washed away.

Combs Produce Company, which was located in the old jail, suffered a loss of around \$200. Early Combs said Wednesday. He said all equipment was swept away and the building was badly damaged by the flood. Now located at West End Grocery, in West Elkin, Mr. Combs said he hoped to be back at his old location by the first of September.

I. C. Yates, of the Elkin Lumber & Manufacturing Co., said Wednesday that his firm would be doing business as usual within the next 10 days, although building materials wet by the flood are being sold now at greatly reduced prices. New stocks are already arriving, he said, stating that the company was going to resume business as usual just as soon as it was possible to clear away wreckage and repair and rebuild damaged buildings and equipment.

The Elkin Motor Car Company is now open for business, although handicapped by necessary repair work to their building. Both their service and parts departments are operating, it was announced.

The Carolina Ice & Fuel Company is fast making a comeback and is continuing to serve customers with ice.

DeWitt Sparks, owner of a colored cafe and pool room which was located at the rear of the laundry building, stated that his loss amounted to around \$800, the buildings being swept entirely away.

Carl Rose has already begun construction of a small office building on the site of the old one, which went out with the flood.

The Chatham Manufacturing Company suffered damage to 2,000 bales of cotton, rayon, etc., which was on a siding near their plant. Workmen worked for several days unloading and cleaning up this stock, the greater part of which can be reclaimed, it is understood.

Oil distributors are planning to locate their storage plants on higher ground when suitable sites, located near the railroad, can be obtained, it was learned.

Normal telephone service over the wires of Western Union was expected to be resumed here late Wednesday afternoon or by today (Thursday) at the latest, it was learned from the local Western Union office.

The telephone office reported that its long distance lines are all open, but that so far only one line is open to Jonesville.

The first train to reach Elkin since the flood arrived sometime Monday night. A mixed passenger and freight train reached Elkin Tuesday afternoon after a delay of several hours near Crutcherfield where four freight cars were derailed. Wednesday an engine which had been marooned at North Wilkesboro, came through to Elkin. Uninterrupted train service has been announced as work on the road bed continues. The first train went through to North Wilkesboro Wednesday afternoon.

The Elkin water department continues to work at capacity. Mayor J. R. Poindexter stated Wednesday, with no surplus. Citizens are urged to conserve water and filling stations have seen their supply curtailed to the point that the washing of automobiles has been a thing of the past since the flood.

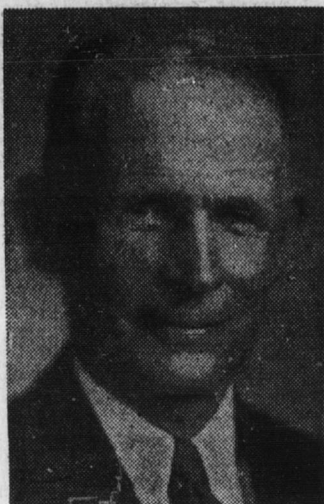
Several dead animals, including horses and cows, have been found at various points in the river bottom, and have been buried. The body of a small animal

Thousands Came to See—And Got Stuck in Traffic!



More automobiles than Elkin has ever seen before were here all Sunday afternoon as people came from far and near to see the damage done by the flood. Left photo was made from the north end of the Hugh Chatham bridge, showing a continuous line of cars and a few of the hundreds of spectators who jammed the bridge. Photo at right was taken from the Jonesville end of the bridge and gives an idea of the congested traffic as two lines of cars, coming in on the Boonville highway, and on route 21, met at the intersection of the two roads. Some motorists reported it took them from 30 to 40 minutes to get into Elkin from Jonesville.—(Tribune Photos.)

Passes Away



Dr. T. W. Shore, widely known Boonville physician, who died Friday morning in a Winston-Salem hospital from a heart attack.

C. C. C. YOUTH IS KILLED BY AUTO

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said that he was blinded by lights of an approaching car and did not see the watchman.

Young Powell, a native of Parsons, Wilkes county, was an orphan, and had been at the camp here about three months. His closest surviving relative is an aunt, Mrs. Alice Spears, of Parsons.

The body was removed Wednesday morning to Parsons, where funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Mayor J. R. Poindexter and town officials were shocked at the tragedy, the camp enrollees having rendered invaluable aid to the town during the recent flood, and the loss of a life of one of the boys in the line of public duty grieved the entire community. As an expression of their sorrow members of the local Merchants Association, the highway patrol and supervising officials and members of the young man's company at the camp sent flowers for the funeral, and six members of his company escorted the body to Parsons, and acted as pallbearers for the funeral.

J. C. OSBORNE ENDS OWN LIFE

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shotgun into his chest. He was rushed to the hospital here for attention, where repeated blood transfusions were of no avail.

Conscious afterward, he is said to have told members of his family that he could no longer carry on. He was an esteemed employee and popular with his fellow workers. No cause is known for his suicide.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Osborne, of this city, who survive him, with his wife, Mrs. Della Swalm Osborne, and two children, Wayne, 8, and Vena Mae, 6. One brother, Brady Osborne, and one sister, Miss Della Lou Osborne, both of Elkin, also survive.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Swan Creek Baptist church. The rites were in charge of Rev. J. L. Powers, Rev. Richard Day and Rev. Richard Pardue.

The Wooten Reunion To Be Held Sunday

The annual reunion of the Wooten clan will be held at Forbush Friends church next Sunday, Aug. 25, it has been announced.

There will be preaching at the church at 11 o'clock and a quartette has been secured to sing in the morning and in the afternoon also.

Dinner will be served on the grounds. All members of the Wooten family, their relatives and friends are invited to attend and carry a full basket.

WOMAN SWEEP AWAY IN FLOOD

Body of Mrs. Carrie Boyd Gates Found Caught on Snag in River

INMATE OF CO. HOME

The body of Mrs. Carrie Boyd Gates, 39, inmate of the Surry County Home, who was swept away in the flood waters of the Fisher's river last Wednesday morning, was found Monday morning lodged against a snag about one mile below the county home.

Officials of the Surry County Home had searched for the body of Mrs. Gates since her disappearance but all efforts had proved fruitless.

Her husband, Matthews Gates, of Mount Airy, continued the quest Monday morning and found the body caught against a snag in the water.

Mrs. Gates was a native of Patrick county, where she was born September 3, 1900, the daughter of Robert and Jennie McMillan Boyd. She is survived by her husband, her mother, one brother and two children.

Funeral rites were held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Boyd family cemetery near Ararat, Va. The rites were conducted by Rev. W. S. Epperson.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to our many friends our sincere appreciation for the sympathy and kindness shown us during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father, Dr. T. W. Shore, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

MRS. T. W. SHORE AND FAMILY

WANTS

For Rent—Cafe in Dobson, at reasonable rate. Have other business, is reason for renting. Address P. O. Box 76, Dobson, N. C. 9-50

For Sale—Rat Terrier pups. See E. T. Reece, at Reece Barber Shop. 1tc

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Wanted to rent—good upland farm with fertilizer and seed furnished. I will furnish all stock and tools. McKinley Mickle, care of P. Woodruff, Boonville, N. C. 1tc

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