

## THINGS WERE HAPPENING TOO FAST

In our rather checkered career as news photographer and reporter we've covered fires, tornadoes, train wrecks and whatnot, but last Wednesday was the first time we ever ran head-on into a real flood, and brethren, we hope we don't run into another one anytime within the next few weeks.

We've been in Elkin nine years come September 10, and we've heard the flood of 1916 talked about nine hundred and ninety-nine times, but to bad or worse than the one of '16 all day long. And we observed staring a fellow in the face is at that most of you were either that most or right behind us. ninety-nine times, but to come down town and find one as

Never before have we crammed as much excitement into one day as we did Wednesday of the flood. to watch the river. The higher than we were before, having jar-

SNOOPS: "Did the North

American Indians know much about drugs?"

People came from miles around We're now two inches shorter it got the more excited they got. Soon arguments broke out as to red ourself down that much run- where the water came to in 1916. ning from the river to the creek Some said it was higher then;

They certainly knew

about the therapeutic vir-

tues of our medicine plants.

While they mixed super-

stition with their know.

ledge, it is amazing how much they learned with-

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this flood went higher.

we checked with numerous peo-ple who were here for as accurate Fleming. Not having been here in 1916, a comparison as was possible to obtain. The nearest official figure we could obtain was that the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cockerham, of Concord, were the week-end Hobson, and daughter, Adelene Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mc-Allister, Miss Venus Faircloth and Mrs. at 18' inches higher than before. But you'll still find folks Stinson, of Winston-Salem, was also the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Martin, all of Winston-Salem. who'll argue the other way.

For instance, we were out on the end of the old bridge Friday morning taking a picture of the week-end guests of wreckage in the bottom on the Elkin side. Some old gentleman ambled out and informed us that although lets of felks and this country lets of felks and this country lets of felks and the sound of the country lets of felks and this country lets of felks and the country lets of th flood was higher than 1916, they were wrong. He said the '16 flood was six or seven feet higher. We didn't say anything, not wishing to start an argument. But he kept right on talking and as we was 10 feet higher.

that since the earlier flood the August 25.

this? It was plenty wet as it was.

Neaves was standing down by the railroad track on South Bridge street watching workmen unload bales of cotton from a box car which had been flooded. He told us the mill had 2,000 bales, all wet. We asked him if the cotton wouldn't have had to be washed anyway in process of manufacture, and he said yes, but he'd a doggone sight rather that it had been washed in clean water rather than mud.

We believe the thing that everyone regretted most was the going out of the White Swan Laundry. The laundry was housed in a new, modern building and contained all modern equipment throughout. It was doing good work and giving good service. Then "swoosh!" and it went floating off down the river.

As the yellow water crept ever higher, someone remarked that things could be worse. "Look at England," he said. "The people there are in much worse shape than we are.'

"Sure they are," someone else replied, "but they can at least halt the Germans by shooting at them, and you just try shooting at this flood and see what it gets

Some of the daily papers evidently were of the opinion that Elkin was hit far harder than it actually was. Why we didn't even know we were isolated until we got the afternoon paper the day of the flood. And Saturday morning an out-of-town daily called up and wanted to know if we had found any floating bodies.

The flood is gone now. But we've got around 75 excellent negatives to remember it by probably the most complete picture record existing as far as Elkin is concerned.

## BOONVILLE

The immediate members of the family of J. Lee Motsinger gathered at the home of Mr. Motsinger Sunday for a family reunion. Those enjoying the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Motsinger, of Winston-Salem; Miss Mattie Motsinger, of Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Shore and children, of Marshall-town, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Motsinger and children, of Boonville; Mrs. Olive Smith and son, Harvey, of Boonville, and Mr. Gene Motsinger, of Winston-Sa-

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Transou had as their Sunday guests Mrs. L. M. Williams, Mr. Hal Transou and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Transou, of Winston-Salem. Mrs. John Zachary and daughter, Nancy. are also the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Transou this week.

Mrs. Pressley Alexander, of Charlotte, has been the guest the past week of her mother, Mrs. A. B. Hobson. Mrs. Alexander returned home Sunday with her husband who was also the week-end guest of Mrs. Hobson and

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Stinson, of Winston-Salem, visited relatives and friends here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Woodruff

and children are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Woodruff and Mr. and Mrs. Graham Reece. Mr. Woodruff works with Duke Power company in

M. V. Fleming returned to Zeb-

others scoffed at them and said ulon with his granddaughter, Martin, of Raleigh, were the Nancy Whitley, and spent most guests Saturda, of the past week with Mr. and Albert Martin.

Mrs. Whitley and family. Mrs. Mr. and Mrs.

> also the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stinson.

their father, Dr. T. W. Shore. Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Steelman,

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Combs and daughter, of Elkin, and Mrs. Bill leaving he said the '16 flood Atwater, of Burlington, left Saturday night for Berea and Frank-

flood had been 10 feet higher it Airy last Friday night to play a would have been over Main street picked bunch of Surry League and standing quite a depth in players under the lights at Red-The Bank of Elkin building. dick Field, but the game was called at the end of the fourth inning. Some people who gauged the due to rain. The teams will play flood by marks on the depot again at Riverside Park in Mount didn't take into consideration Airy next Sunday afternoon,

that since the earlier flood the depot has been elevated 24 inches, thus throwing the 1916 mark 24 inches higher than the water actually came.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steelman and daughter, of Winston-Salem, were the guests Thursday night of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Steelman.

Misses Irene and Frances Cor-

am and Messrs. Ernest Collins and Miss Katherine Jones and Angelis Haire, of Mt. Airy, were the Sunday guests of Mr and Mrs. J. J. Coram.

Leroy Martin, Jr., and Sidney

guests Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Dobbins had as their guests Sunday Mrs. Dobbins' mother, Mrs. W. G. Hobson, and daughter, Adelene

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hobson left Saturday for Simco, Ontario, Canada, where they will aid Mrs.

ambled out and informed us that although lots of folks said this City, and Mr. Stewart Shore, of tist church met Tuesday night at flood was higher than 1916, they Pochomoke City, Md., were called the home of Mrs. Arlie Steelman. home Friday due to the death of Marie Finney was in charge of the program for the night, which centered around a study of the lives of Margaret Fund students.

The program opened song by the group. Miss Kathas 10 feet higher.

We got to thinking about it lows. They plan to be gone a gram were: Marie Finney, Mrs.

We got to thinking about it week or ten days. erine Jones led in prayer, after after we got to town, and the week or ten days.

Mrs. days gram were: Marie Finney, Mrs. wast Deal, Mrs. County Steelman, Mrs. Watt Deal, Mrs. County Ralph Coram, Miss Katherine Jones, Miss Dorothy Coram and Mrs. Allan Jessup.

After the program a short business session was held. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Katherine Jones, with Miss Jones and Miss Margaret Pardue as joint hostesses

Watermelon was served to the following: Misses Marie Hicks, Margaret Pardue, Marie Finney, Dorothy Coram, Virginia Anne Craver, and Mesdames Ralph Coram, Allan Jessup, Ethel Transou, Watt Deal, Dewey Combs,

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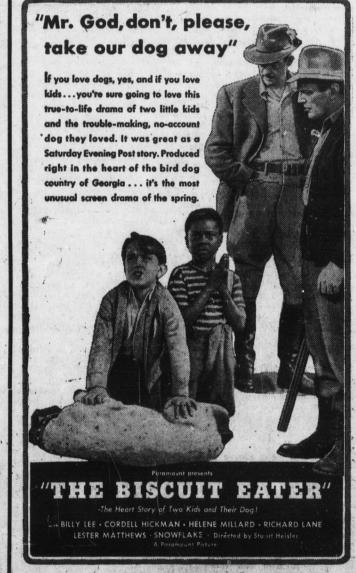
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