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RIVER OUT OF BANKS IN WORST RISE 14 YRS

UP AND DOWN WITH THE
The Avenue Editor

NOTHING TO DAM RUMOR

There is no truth in rumors circulated here today that the dam at Danville, Va. had broken and another big rise would come in the Roanoke River, according to the Chief of Police at Danville who talked to Power Co. officials at 8 o'clock tonight.

"If the dam here had broken, I would not be talking to you now," said the Chief, "I wouldn't be anywhere around here."

The river has fallen steadily there all day, he reported. The crest was a rise of 17 feet at Danville which had fallen nine feet tonight.

STATE FARM INUNDATED

The State Farm at Caledonia was reported to The Herald tonight as being marooned and cut off from the rest of the world.

This afternoon, Capt. Raines called Halifax and Weldon schools telling them to rush all pupils from the State Farm back there at once or it would be impossible for them to reach their homes.

2,000 acres of the farm are under water and it is impossible to get from one camp to another on the Farm.

DEATH of King George of England this week, with the Prince of Wales becoming King Edward VIII, brought forth recollections of war days to Veteran K. Lewis of the Weldon Coca Cola Co. We were indulging in some swell clam chowder at K's home, an appetizer for the Legion oyster roast which followed, when he brought out a somewhat faded photo. It showed sailors and marines on K's battleship lined up on deck. 'All eyes are on a small shipmate, a Chief Bosun's Mate, known as "Shorty" Schirm. Shorty had bragged a lot to the fellows about the King of England being a personal friend of his. It seems they were on a cruise together when the King was just a Prince and an officer in the British Navy. The fellows razzed Shorty a lot about his claims. Then during the World War, it became known that the ship would be visited by King George. The crew made life miserable for Shorty. Accompanied by Admiral Hugh Rodman, the King marched down the deck with the crew at attention. The King's eye fell on Shorty. He stopped, went back, called him out. Shorty took two paces forward, stood before the King. The crew gasped in amazement. King George shook hands with Shorty, said, "I remember you. We were off the Philippines together." Shorty grinned happily. It was His Biggest Moment. And at that moment someone on an upper deck snapped the picture. K. Lewis has it today.

FIRE ALARM yesterday noon was for a call from Camps Store where fire was reported at the Lewis Camp residence. It was under control before the Department left the city and they were notified in time to save a trip.

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Tornado Sunday Is Followed by Record Rise of Floodwaters

Coming Tuesday



Frank Preston Johnson

Famous speaker who will be here Tuesday night, Jan. 28th, on the third program of the Womans Club Festival. He will speak on "Recovery Thru Discovery".

Patrons of the Festival program held each Tuesday night at the High School Auditorium under the auspices of the Womans Club were delighted with the second program last Tuesday night furnished by the Lucille Elmore Revue. Miss Elmore completely won the hearts of the audience with her versatile performance and was ably assisted by the rest of her company.

The Festival will close Tuesday night, Feb. 4th with a play, "Paupers and Pews".

Fred L. Parker, 32, died Sunday at his home in Hornertown. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Williams Funeral Home by Rev. Gordon L. Price, with interment in the local cemetery. Mr. Parker had been an invalid most of his life. He is survived by his mother and several brothers and sisters.

FINAL FLOOD BULLETIN

The Roanoke River here is dropping tonight. The crest of the rise was at 5 o'clock this morning. The river had risen 22 feet 5 inches above normal at Roanoke Rapids, 47 feet 6 inches at Weldon. It kept this position for several hours and then started slowly dropping. At noon, it was down about two inches. At its highest peak, water stood 4 feet 11 inches in the boiler room of Roanoke Mills Co. It eased across the highway between the big bridge and No. 2 bridge. It reached the deck of the latter and No. 3 bridge was under several inches of water. Weaving, spinning and carding departments of No. 1 Mill ran today, with heat furnished the mill by a Seaboard locomotive. All highway traffic is being detoured. The plant of the Virginia Electric & Power Co. is down and current is being furnished thru connecting lines with the company's Richmond plant and with the Carolina Power Co. According to J. T. Chase's figures, this rise is 7 feet less than that of 1912, 10 feet less than that of 1877, stands unchallenged as the third highest rise in history.

A tornado Sunday, accompanied by driving rains, was followed by a steady rise in the Roanoke River here which started Monday and reached a record high early this morning that topped any rise since the all-time high waters of 1912 and 1877.

It has been fourteen years since anyone has seen what citizens here saw yesterday afternoon, last night and today. The highway across the river was closed to traffic late yesterday as the waters rose over the highways between Bridge 2 and 3 and dBridge 3 and Jim Gurkin's. The road to Roanoke Mills No. 1 and Halifax Paper Co. was under 2 feet of water with a heavy current running last night.

Practically all of the yards of Halifax Paper Co. was under water. Part of the pulp wood was pinned down, but many pieces washed away. The mill was down yesterday and today.

Most unique situation was that at Roanoke Mills Co. The mill was closed down Tuesday when water came into the boiler room. There was no way to heat the mill. It appeared that the biggest mill in town would be down the balance of the week.

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