

FLOODS

Roanoke River Doing Big Damage—Highest On Record

The following account was taken from Wednesday's News-Observer:

The all-consuming flood crest of the ravaging Roanoke River bore down upon the town of Williamston last night as Governor Clyde R. Hoey marshalled State and Federal relief agencies to care for homeless and needy in stricken areas up the stream.

John Scholl, assistant Raleigh meteorologist, warned residents in the lowlands near Williamston that the muddy Roanoke waters would rise even higher than he had previously predicted. Scholl said a crest of 21 feet, 11 inches above flood level, would reach there by tomorrow morning.

Highest on Record
The waters at Williamston will go to the highest level in Weather Bureau history, Scholl said. Previous high mark is 14.7 feet, recorded on January 27, 1930.

Evacuation at Williamston had already begun. Coast Guardsmen have been plying the lowest areas, under water already, and have carried dozens of families to higher ground.

Maj. John T. Armstrong, commander of the State Highway Patrol, announced last night that the Roanoke's waters had smashed through a sandbag barricade hastily thrown up Monday across a fl on U. S. 17 at Williamston. He said the highway was under six feet of water at 11 p. m. last night.

Windsor Section Hit
From 5,000 to 10,000 acres, planted mostly in peanuts, cotton and corn, were under water in Bertie County as the onrushing river sent approximately 200 families fleeing to safety.

The flood crest, dashing south-eastward from Roanoke Rapids, broke through a causeway of U. S. Highway 17 and felled about huge pieces of concrete. The water was 15 feet above swamp level, the highest in history. The causeway connects Windsor and Williamston. No drownings were reported in this county.

Residents of Plymouth, down the river, were making ready to get their share of the worst flood in northeastern North Carolina. Plymouth proper, however, is not on the river and to be flooded, water would have to rise through the marshy lands below it.

The floods in this section followed a series of "flash floods" in the northwestern North Carolina in which 22 lives were lost. Deaths in both sections now stand at 27.

Relief Speeded
Meanwhile, Governor Hoey speeded the work of relief and rehabilitation. Representatives of State and Federal organizations concerned with the program met yesterday in his office and discussed plans for immediate action.

Weldon, Aug. 18.—The raging Roanoke River ripped through Roanoke Rapids and Weldon Saturday night in the worst flood on record there, leaving at least two drowned, hundreds homeless, several missing and many industries paralyzed.

Roanoke Rapids bore the brunt of the onrushing tide, counting upwards to \$1,000,000 in property damage to river-side mills. The power plant collapsed and the town called on Virginia Electric and Carolina Power and Light for current.

Driftwood piled high against the NC 47 bridge, threatening to ram out spans already covered by water. The auxiliary water supply was swamped and the rising river threatened to overflow the main source of water.

Police reported the entire Town of Weldon covered by water, from a depth of seven inches at the police station to seven feet on US 301 leading south. The only highway outlet was across the threatened Roanoke bridge on US 301 to Garysburg and thence into Northampton County.

The American Red Cross in Washington, D. C., prepared to aid 600 Weldon families affected by the flood.

Captain Charles D. Farmer and Highway Patrolmen kept constant vigil on all roads and asserted they would be closed if floodwaters continued to threaten. Roanoke Rapids' only exit now is the southern highway to Henderson and Weldon, the latter fork covered by a shallow depth.

Julian Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids attorney, said that the town was suffering its hardest flood in years, with water destroying thousands of dollars worth of property, lowland crops, cattle and homes.

Manchester Board and Paper Company, Halifax Paper Corporation and Roanoke Mills (No. 1) Company were being swamped, and the textile mill was awash al-

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QUEEN TOBACCO VI



Martha Scott, co-starred with Cary Grant in "The Howards of Virginia", Colonial Williamsburg-filmed picture, will reign as queen of the Sixth Annual National Tobacco Festival at South Boston, Va., September 5th and 6th. Miss Scott will go to South Boston the day after the Richmond premiere of her new picture and will be acclaimed Regina Tobacco VI by over 150,000 people expected to attend Tobacco's official annual celebration. Hon. James A. Farley will conduct the coronation exercises.

Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorder's Court held regular session on Tuesday with John F. Matthews "pinch hitting" for Chas. P. Green, Prosecuting Attorney. The docket was small and was quickly disposed of as follows:

M. L. Ramsdell plead guilty to motor vehicle violation, judgment was suspended upon saving the County harmless.

Willie Strickland plead guilty to assault with deadly weapon, judgment suspended upon saving the County harmless and paying \$4.00 to Bruce Young.

Lehman Perry was found guilty of larceny and receiving and given 90 days on roads.

Eugene Debnam was found guilty of larceny and receiving and was given 6 months on roads. James Tatum was found guilty of forcible trespass and was given 90 days on roads.

The following cases were continued:

Glady's Roberson, motor vehicle violation.

Curtis Inascoe, operating automobile intoxicated, assault on female.

James Smith, reckless driving.

Isam White, disturbing public worship.

John Hockaday, assault with deadly weapon.

George Debnam, operating automobile intoxicated, careless and reckless driving.

Atlas Smith, operating automobile intoxicated.

ADDS NEW EQUIPMENT

F. H. Allen, one of Louisburg's oldest gin firms, announces the addition of a new device to better clean and hull cotton in the process of ginning. This is designed to increase the value of the cotton by producing a better and cleaner staple. Read their advertisement in another column.

TAKES OVER STANDARD

Mr. Red Taylor, of New Bern, has taken over the operation of the Standard Oil Co., distributing station at Louisburg, replacing Mr. S. C. Foster, who has served the Company and its patrons through this section so long.

TOBACCONISTS LEAVE

Messrs. L. M. Word and Jack Roddick left Monday for Timmonsville, S. C., where they will buy tobacco, the former for the Imperial Tobacco Co., and the latter for the Reynolds Tobacco Co. Mr. C. M. Howard also left Monday for Chadbourn to buy tobacco for the Export Tobacco Co. The market will open at these markets on the 20th.

TWO HEADS

Lakeland, Fla., Aug. 19.—The birth of a girl with two heads, two hearts and two pairs of lungs was reported today by Dr. V. S. Early, attending physician.

The baby, born to Mrs. Ernest M. Fair, died a few moments after delivery.

Dr. Early said there had been nothing to indicate the infant's abnormal condition, and he had prepared to handle the delivery normally. After the left head and shoulders were delivered, however, he said a podalic version was necessary to complete delivery.

The child was normal in the lower limbs, Dr. Early said. The two heads were perfectly shaped, with normal features.

Self Defense Verdict

Result of Coroner's Hearing At Youngsville Monday Night; Clara Williams Released

Clara Williams, colored, was acquitted on a verdict of self defense by a Coroners Jury Setting at Youngsville Monday night, for the fatal shooting of her husband Dave Williams on Saturday afternoon.

Six witnesses were heard by the jury which was composed of Luther C. Lowry, J. W. Freeman, Wilford Shadrack, Elijah Fuller, Tom Wilson and W. N. Jones. The trend of the evidence showed that Dave had a falling out with Clara Saturday afternoon, about her not going down town. He found her at a neighbors from where Clara ran home leaving her husband and went in the house and fastened the doors. Dave followed and tried to get in the house, finally succeeding in getting in a window of the kitchen to which Clara had taken refuge following picking up a pistol in her mothers room. Dave advanced towards her with rocks in his hand and declaring he would get her. She shot, according to her statement, to scare him, but the 32 Caliber bullet took effect in his right breast producing almost instant death. It was developed that Dave was a bully and had beaten up his wife many times and had served a sentence for wife beating.

The jury retired and soon came back with the following verdict: "The jury finding that from the evidence Clara Williams killed Dave Williams in self defense."

YOUNGVILLE SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. 4TH

The Youngville School will open Sept. 4, according to announcement of M. K. Carswell, Principal. Students will be classified before school opens so they can meet for work the first day.

The School will offer Home Economics this year for the first time. Last year is offered commercial courses for the first time. The students now have a broader curriculum than ever before. We hope the students and patrons will take full advantage of these opportunities.

Although we are losing some of our students to the National Guard, if they are required to go away for a year's training, we are proud of our patriotic citizens. A large proportion of our young men have lately joined Uncle Sam's defense forces. We are attempting to get a complete list of these young men which we shall send to the TIMES as soon as possible.

The following is a list of teachers in the Youngville School for the year 1940-41. In the primary department are, Miss Clellie Massie, Mrs. Thelma R. Hall, Mrs. Mamie Winston, and Mrs. Lula W. Moss. In the grammar grade department are Miss Beatrice G. Hill, Miss Effie Tharrington, Mrs. Maud W. Tharrington, and Mrs. Susan C. Green. In the high school are M. K. Carswell, English; Mr. F. C. Winston, Agriculture; Mr. W. R. Evans, Science and Mathematics; Miss Myrtle Mitchell, Home Economics and Science; and Mrs. Maude B. Scofield, Commercial and History.

ACQUITTED

J. E. Tuck, Negro Farm Agent, who was driving the car when the wreck occurred on July 25th which was the cause of the death of E. C. Hunt, Jr., was discharged from the charge of manslaughter following a hearing before J. L. Palmer, Justice of the Peace, Wednesday morning. Tuck was represented by W. L. Lumpkin and Hunt was represented by E. H. Malone.

SEVERELY CUT

Gaylon Rogers was severely cut by Herbert Perry in a fight in the store of the Louisburg Supply Co. on Saturday about one o'clock, the cause for the trouble was not brought out in reports. A warrant was issued for Perry by Justice W. C. Webb, and a hearing was given him yesterday morning resulting in the defendant being sent up to the Recorder's Court under a \$400 bond.

BREAKS UP TENT AND ORGAN

Information received in Louisburg Saturday stated that some unknown person or persons had broken up the tent and organ of the Holiness Preachers who were holding meetings at a location near Piney Grove church. It developed that an anonymous letter had been sent them, with no avail. The information did not give any reason for the acts of the perpetrators.

Mills School Opens Sept. 5th

The Mills School will open at 8:30 o'clock September 5th, with two changes in the faculty of the Elementary School, according to Supervising Principal W. C. Stroud. Miss Vivian Lucas, a graduate of East Carolina Teachers College, will have the work formerly taught by Mrs. Susie H. Jackson.

The State School Commission allotted one additional teacher to the High School Department for next year. A Commercial Department will be added to the High School, typing, short hand and bookkeeping, will be taught by Mrs. Susie H. Jackson, who has a certificate in Commercial subjects. We feel fortunate in having Mrs. Jackson to take charge of this work. Five new typewriters have been purchased, and tables and a room provided for this Department. It is necessary to collect a small fee from each student taking typing to pay for the machines, but there will be no fee for the bookkeeping and short hand courses. This course is open to tenth and eleventh grade students and may be substituted for French, for those who do not expect to go to college. Two years of foreign language is required for college entrance.

The Home Economics Department, directed by Miss Rogers is more modern and better equipped to serve the students than it has been in previous years. With two vocational departments, Commercial, and Home Economics, the Mills High School is better able to serve the needs of its students.

It is impossible to place every pupil in the room where each parent wants him to be and put the children with all their special friends and make an even distribution to the teachers. Lists of students are prepared on an alphabetical basis and will be assigned to the various teachers. This seems to be the fairest and most democratic way to handle this problem. No changes will be made in these lists.

High School Students will be charged a rental fee of \$2.40 for the use of their books for the entire year. This fee must be paid before any books can be issued. Partial fees are not accepted.

Basal books in the Elementary School are furnished by the State without charge. There is a small fee for the use of Supplementary Readers in each of the grades. First and Second grade pupils pay fifty cents; Third, Fourth and Fifth grade pupils pay sixty cents; Sixth and Seventh grade pupils pay seventy cents each. High School pupils should pay their fees the first day of school, and Elementary students pay theirs during the first week.

We are looking forward to the best school year that we have had, and we are asking for the full cooperation of both parents and students in order that our aims may be realized.

TO MOVE—ADD MARKET

Mr. E. G. Joyner, local Manager for Pender's Grocery Store, informed the TIMES that his Company has leased the store room next to City Barber Shop and will move therein about the first of September. In the new location they intend putting in an up-to-date modern Market and handle all the popular fresh and cured meats.

This building has recently been remodeled and modernized and will be made more attractive by Pender's.

S. T. LEONARD ENDS LIFE WITH PISTOL DISCHARGE

S. T. Leonard, prominent farmer of the Wood community, ended his life about 8 o'clock Sunday morning by shooting himself in the forehead with a .32 calibre pistol. The tragedy occurred at his home.

Coroner R. A. Bobbitt investigated and said it was a clear case of suicide. He said that a daughter heard Mr. Leonard say "Good-bye" just before a shot sounded.

Mr. Leonard had been in ill health. He was 55 years of age and besides his wife is survived by eight sons, Vernon, Russell, Cooper, Plummer, Alfred and Dan Leonard, of Wood; Jewel Leonard, of Louisiana, and Garland Leonard, of Louisiana; and three daughters, Rachel, of Wood, Mrs. T. H. McDonald and Miss Bettie Leonard, of Burlington.

Mr. Leonard was very popular among a large number of friends and enjoyed the confidence and respect of his community. He had served his School district as a member of the Gold Sand School District Committee.

The funeral was held from the home at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning conducted by the Rev. John Edwards and interment was made in the family cemetery.

Quite a large number attended the last rites and the floral tribute was very pretty.

The bereaved family has the deepest sympathy of a large number of friends.

Tobacco Prices Top 1939 Figure

Average of \$4 Higher Than Last Year Indicated As Border Belt Opens

Tobacco sales opened at an average of from \$18 to \$20 a hundred on the seven North Carolina markets of the Border Belt Tuesday, with farmers offering upwards of 2,500,000 pounds.

Delay in tabulation of warehouse tickets prevented the announcement of official figures for the opening. But observers everywhere asserted prices would range approximately \$4 higher than the \$15.49 average for the belt last year.

Prices also topped the Georgia opening of approximately \$18 per hundred.

Sales Blocked
Growers offered a large bulk of lightweight tobacco which blocked most markets. Grades ranged from common to fair and good first and second primings, mostly sand lugs.

Fair and good grade primings drew the strongest bidding as upwards of \$500,000 was paid out on the seven Tar Heel markets.

Fair Bluff reported quality of tobacco offered as fair and farmers well pleased. Sales there were blocked.

At Fairmont, officials asserted it was the most satisfactory opening day sales in history. Not a tag was turned, they said, and no complaints were heard from growers. Sales were not blocked.

Best In Years

Sales supervisors were jubilant and observers generally agreed sales were the most orderly and the most satisfactory in years. Farmers turned few tags—a gesture of price rejection—on any floors, and some markets reported no sales tags were turned.

Farmers expressed greater optimism than at any time since the European war threw the market into a tailspin early last season by forcing Imperial Tobacco Company buyers from the floors. Imperial purchased 35 per cent of the crop for British export and bid on the best grades.

Imperial buyers appeared on the market Tuesday bidding time for the Commodity Credit Corporation, Federal agency purchasing tobacco for storage and price stabilization. Price average equivalent to last year were guaranteed by adoption of three-year control in a manner similar to the \$40,000,000 purchased last year with an option to British export. —News-Observer.

GOLD SAND SCHOOL

(To the Franklin Times)

The Gold Sand High School and the Wood elementary school will open for regular work on Thursday, September 5. With the exception of Miss Frances Wilson, the home economics teacher, replacing Miss Margaret Turner who resigned last spring, the teaching staff is the same as that of last year. Miss Wilson completed the requirements for graduation at the East Carolina Teachers College last spring. She comes to Gold Sand well recommended.

The teachers for this year follow: Gold Sand—elementary: Mrs. Eva O. Person, Louisburg; Miss Arzell Hodge, Kenly; Miss Lois May, Red Oak; Mrs. Fannie Gustin Davis, Louisburg; Mrs. Mattie E. Williams, Louisburg; Mrs. Louise M. Bledsoe, Louisburg; Miss Ruth Parrish, Louisburg; and Mrs. Margaret R. Gup-ton, Louisburg. The high school: Mr. D. J. Dark, Louisburg; Mr. C. S. Wooten, Greenville; Mr. E. M. Alexander, Chester, S. C.; Miss Lillie Harper, Louisburg; Miss Mary Bynum Dark, Louisburg; Miss Frances Wilson, Henderson; and W. O. Reed, principal, Louisburg.

The Wood teachers (elementary grades only) are: Mrs. Maggie Duke Neal, principal, Louisburg; Miss Mary Dickerson, Louisburg; and Mrs. Adelaide Duke Fuller, Louisburg.

Except for minor changes, the buses will travel the same routes that they followed last year. All parties concerned have attempted to secure competent drivers for the buses. Every pupil is urged to make plans to enter school the first day.

113th F. A. Complimented

The following was taken from a report "at the front" in Saturday's daily paper:

The 113th Field Artillery, which completed a 352-mile march after dark last night, caught up on some sleep today in these beautiful pine highlands and ready for combat after midnight tonight. Military men here marveled at the forced march with heavy equipment, saying the feat of Colonel Godfrey Cheokire's regiment has probably never been duplicated. The unit arrived with all 107 trucks and howitzers and with only one truck disabled, which was towed in.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION!

Kept Busy



Colonel Edgar H. Bain (above) of Goldsboro, is a busy man these days. He is commander of Goldsboro's American Legion post, commanding officer of the 321st Infantry of the 81st division, treasurer of the N. C. Legion News, and state director of the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors committee. In the latter office, he supervises the beer industry's "clean up or close up" campaign in North Carolina which has resulted in the elimination of many undesirable beer outlets.

TROTSKY DEAD

Mexico City, Aug. 21.—Leon Trotsky died tonight after whispering an accusation that his pickaxe assailant "most likely" was a member of the OGPU, Soviet Secret police.

A savage attack by a confidant felled the 60-year-old guiding genius of the Russian revolution in his home late yesterday. An emergency operation and administration of oxygen were futile. He died at 7:25 p. m. (central standard time) before brain surgeons from the United States could reach him by chartered plane.

The attacker was identified by police as Jacques Mortan Vandendresched, 36-year-old native of Iran. Bodyguards beat him off from the assault, but not until he had driven the axe into the exiled revolutionist's skull.

Scene of the attack was Trotsky's fortress-like residence in the nearby village of Coyoacan, where a machine-gun attack on Trotsky failed last May.

BATTERY "B" RETURNING

Battery "B" along with the remainder of 113th Field Artillery left Alexandria, La., Tuesday and is en route home. It spent Tuesday night at Vicksburg, Miss., and Wednesday night at Demopolis, Ala., and Thursday night at Columbus, Ala., with tonight scheduled for Thomasville, Ga., and Saturday night at Cheraw, S. C., arriving home sometime Sunday. A warm welcome awaits the boys.

RECEIVES CHECKS

Mr. C. T. Hudson informed the TIMES Wednesday that farmers in Franklin County were receiving dividend checks amounting to \$1,000 upon the fertilizer they bought cooperatively this year. Farmers Cooperative Exchange was the local agent.

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Clarence Bass, ministerial student and member of Louisburg Baptist Church preached at the eleven o'clock service on "The Supreme Message of God." God has a message for every individual, and the saved to service. On Sunday, August 25th, Rev. F. H. Scofield, Jr., of Youngsville Baptist Church will preach at the morning hour.

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. "Every 8. S. Should Grow."

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, August 24th:

Saturday—Double Feature—Gene Autry in "Tumbling Tumbleweeds" and Jane Withers in "The Girl From Avenue A" also Adventures of Red Ryder.

Sunday—Monday—Bette Davis and Charles Boyer in "All This And Heaven Too."

Tuesday—Sir Cedric Hardwick, Freddie Bartholomew and Josephine Hutchinson in "Tom Brown's School Days."

Wednesday—Chester Morris and Jane Wyatt in "The Girl From God's Country."

Thursday—Friday—Henry Fonda, Jackie Cooper, Gene Tierney and Hedy Hatt in "The Return of Frank James."

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

Reports taken from daily papers:

London, Thursday, Aug. 22.—Destruction of an entire row of workers' homes by a huge German aerial torpedo dropped on a southeast town was reported early today after a British radio warning that Adolf Hitler thus far has hurled "only a small fraction" of his bombing strength against the British Isles.

The aerial torpedo, presumably the first to smash into British soil, was said to have been dropped from a low-swooping raider, gouging a 20-foot-deep crater and rocking the entire town.

Late last night rescue squads dug in the wreckage for victims whose voices could be heard beneath debris. An 80-year-old woman who had just been put to bed by her son escaped as her home was blown to pieces around her.

In the area where the aerial torpedo struck, it was reported, there was "not one brick left on top of another."

A short time before, another Nazi dive-bomber had dropped two screaming shells on the outskirts of the same town without damage or casualties.

Scattered Raids

Air raiders were reported over scattered areas of southeast England last night and early today, after 24 hours of bad weather that limited Hitler's sky raiders to sporadic hit-and-run attacks. The air Ministry said that the Germans had "found mass attacks expensive" and had returned to the small force raids which they employed previous to the aerial offensive.

A government spokesman said 10 German planes were shot down over Britain Wednesday, but later authoritative estimates raised the figure to 13 planes.

A number of persons were said to have been killed in the aerial torpedo blast.

Witnesses told of seeing a Nazi bomber swoop down from low-hanging clouds upon the town, its engines silent.

"As it dived, I saw a huge black bomb shaped like a torpedo leave the plane," said one resident.

"The explosion shook the entire town and debris was hurled more than 100 feet into the air."

The crater gouged by the so-called torpedo was said to have been about 30 feet in diameter and nearly 20 feet deep.

Irish Sea Raid

German planes on Tuesday attacked the collier Prestatyn Rose in the Irish Sea and, according to one member of the crew upon the vessel's arrival in Dublin, one of the Nazi attackers "dropped three aerial torpedoes which missed."

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

The young people will hold their service at 7:15 next Sunday evening. It will be an outdoor service on the lawn at the home of Miss Jane Gray Perry.

At the morning service at 11:00 the sermon will be given by the pastor, Rev. J. G. Phillips. The history of the Methodist Church in Louisburg is being compiled. Rev. E. H. Davis has agreed to write this history. It will be greatly appreciated if any persons who might have some helpful recollection or record, will speak to Brother Davis about it, or to the pastor.

Will the people whose parents or grandparents were Methodists in Louisburg, hunt through the old effects and see if any newspaper clippings, church records, programs, or letters can be found having a bearing on the history of Methodism in Louisburg.

LOUISBURG WINS, 11-2

Louisburg pushed over 8 runs in the first inning and romped to an 11-2 triumph over Broadwell here Wednesday. Louisburg out-hit Broadwell, 12-4. The game was seven innings by agreement. Leaders in the Louisburg attack were Stone, Dickens, and Wiggins, each with two for three. No Broadwell player connected for more than one hit.

Score: N.H.E. Broadwell, 000 110 0—2 4 7. Louisburg, 820 010 x—11 12 4. Baker, Jones and Watkins; Earp, Wiggins and Dickerson.

Baseball Sunday
Louisburg will play the Raleigh Carpenters at the local park Sunday afternoon at 3:30.

THANKS

We wish to express our appreciations for the many kindnesses rendered us during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father.

Mrs. Quanten S. Leonard and Children.

Four bicyclists were killed in North Carolina from January to July, 1940.