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## TOWN TIED BY OLD CHARTER

Has Already Exceeded Amount to Which it is Restricted for Light and Water Extensions—Additional Bonds for Recent and Proposed Improvements Refused On That Account—Effort Will be Made to Secure Temporary Loan Until Legislature Meets

In Thursday's Robesonian it was stated that the town has sold bonds in the sum of \$30,000, these bonds having been issued several months ago for the purpose of financing the improvement being made in the light and water plants, to W. L. Slayton & Co., of Toledo, O. It was also stated that this company agreed to buy additional bonds in the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of extending the water and sewer lines in town.

Mayor A. E. White says he expects to try to borrow the money, temporarily, until after the next session of the Legislature, which will be held in the next few months.

The town has had several bids on the \$30,000 bonds, but none of them has been closed on account of the fact stated above.

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## DEATH LIST GROWS LARGER

List of Drowned in Asheville Region Grows to 28—Several Weeks Will be Required to Restore Normal Train Service—Danger Passed in South Carolina—Seaboard Bridge Near Camden Went Tuesday

Seventeen deaths reported Tuesday brought the southeastern flood toll to 32, but all rivers are falling and something like normal conditions obtain in many of the sections overrun with the high waters from the eastern mountains Sunday.

Marked improvement is shown in conditions in North Carolina. The French Broad river in the Asheville region is falling rapidly and manufacturing plants have begun the work of clearing up debris as a preliminary to the resumption of operations.

The Catawba river is receding almost as fast as it rose two days ago, when the great wall of water rushed down from the water sheds carrying bridges, factories and homes before it.

All year of serious floods in South Carolina have been dispelled by the rapid fall of the Congaree and Broad rivers.

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## DEATH TOLL FROM FLOODS NOW ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 50

Additional bodies found Wednesday in scattered districts in North Carolina brought the number of deaths from the recent floods up to approximately 50, with six persons missing and believed to be dead.

Seven of the flood victims were drowned at Ronda, near Wilkesboro, in the overflow of the Yadkin river. They were in two houses, cast ashore at Ronda after having been washed fifteen miles from the point where they originally stood.

The other deaths occurred in the Bat Cave and Chimney Rock section southeast of Asheville, where the Broad river raged through a narrow valley Sunday, carrying everything before it; near Belmont on the Catawba river; at Asheville and Biltmore and scattered fatalities elsewhere.

The crest of the flood has been passed in South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and West Virginia, leaving in its wake demoralized railroad and wire communications, and armies of repair men are working in an effort to restore normal conditions.

## DOWN OLD KINGSDALE WAY

## Crops Somewhat Damaged—Children's Day at Hog Swamp—Personal

Lumberton, R. 4, July 15—Crops of this community were somewhat damaged by the heavy wind and rain of last Friday.

Mr. Ben Israel of Bellamy visited in this vicinity Sunday.

Quite a crowd attended the children's day at Hog Swamp Sunday and say the exercises were fine.

## WILKES COUNTY HARD HIT

Damage by Flood Will Exceed \$1,000,000—Outside Aid Will be Necessary—Not Enough Food Will be Raised

## Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings Cotton Mills Declare Dividends

The directors of the Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings cotton mills held quarterly meetings in the offices of the companies here yesterday.

Work in The Robesonian's typesetting department was delayed for two hours this morning owing to the fact that electric power was shut off while some work was being done in connection with the change in electric systems here.

## PLEASANT HOPE NEWS

Tobacco Late—Fever Scare Causes Many to be Vaccinated Against Typhoid—Hotel Names a Plenty—School Houses Should be Painted—Seaboard Bridge at Mt. Holly

Pleasant Hope, July 19—Tobacco farmers are busy this week barning their tobacco. Most of the tobacco is late on account of the dry spell at setting time.

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## NAMES GALORE FOR HOTEL

If You Don't Find a Name to Your Liking for Lumberton's New Hotel Among Those Suggested, Think Up one Yourself

Since The Robesonian announced a few issues back that the Lumberton Hotel Co. would give \$5 for a suggestion that meets with the approval of those who are to decide the matter of a name for the elegant new hotel that is nearing completion,

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## BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

License has been issued for the marriage of H. P. Smith and Emma Suggs.

The water in Lumber river is receding here, having already fallen several inches.

Seven young men left Lumberton this morning for Charlotte to ask admittance into Uncle Sam's army.

Mrs. Carrie Bright and her mother, Mrs. Malinda Smith, left this morning from the East Lumberton cotton mill village for Baden, where they will make their home.

## THE DEATH RECORD

## Mr. E. J. McGuire, Formerly of Lumberton, Passed Away at Greensboro

In reply to a letter addressed to Mr. E. J. McGuire at Greensboro, Mr. J. C. Maxwell received yesterday from Mrs. McGuire a letter in which she stated that Mr. McGuire died on the 10th inst.

Recorder's Court

Geo. Fulmore, colored, who lives about four miles south of Fairmont, was before Recorder E. M. Britt yesterday charged with retailing.

## Shipping Cantaloupes From Fairmont

Mr. H. C. Stubbs of Fairmont was among the visitors in town Tuesday afternoon.

## The Lumberton Bargain House

launched a big "unloading" sale this morning. The store has been thronged with shoppers.

My glasses were fitted by Dr. Parker, the only specialist in Lumberton licensed by State Board Examination for this important work. HIS SERVICE SATISFIED.