

GOVERNOR ISSUES PROCLAMATION APPEALING FOR AID FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS

A proclamation appealing to the people of North Carolina for aid for the many people rendered destitute in some counties in the western part of the State by the recent floods was issued Saturday night from Raleigh on authority of Gov. Craig, as follows:

"To the people of North Carolina: A great disaster has befallen a large region of our State; hundreds of people are homeless and helpless. At this time I cannot describe the extent of the damage done by the unprecedented floods of July 15 and 16, nor can I undertake to portray the present and prospective suffering. By reason of the fact that Asheville has been cut off from communication with the outside world I could not be as promptly and adequately informed of conditions as others. But I am now prepared to say that in the mountain sections along our western streams, large and small, running eastward from Wilkes on the north to Rutherford on the south the floods have swept away not only the homes and the growing crops but even the lands themselves of hundreds, if not thousands, of our fellowmen and women. They are in distress and wanten. They are utterly destitute and helpless. Their all has been swept away in a night.

"Now, therefore, I, Locke Craig, Governor of the State of North Carolina, am calling upon our generous people to respond to the cry of those who have been so terribly stricken. There is every reason to believe that many will for weeks have to be supplied with the necessities of life, in order that they may be sustained until they can find a means of livelihood. It is but right that our entire people should share this burden—but reasonable that the people in regions of the State in which no damage was done, whose crops were spared and homes undisturbed, should open their hearts in generous giving.

"I understand that a number of local subscriptions have been started and that at least two relief committees have begun work. I take occasion rather, to commend them. At the same time, the disaster is so extensive, the work of relief so great, that I feel constrained to appoint a committee of general relief and to authorize it to take subscriptions and to appropriate funds as needs appear. Every dollar shall be accounted for, and every penny shall go to receive actual need.

"Subscriptions may be sent to Edward E. Britton, chairman, Raleigh, N. C.

"I am sure our people, once they realize the distress of their fellow North Carolinians, will be quick to pour out their money in this noble cause."

WALTER McNAIR NOW IN JAIL

Nego Who Shot and Killed Arch Currie at St. Paul 4 Weeks Ago Arrested in Wilmington and Brought to Jail Here—Admits Crime—Says Trouble Started About a Woman

After evading the officers for some four weeks Walter McNair, alias Harris, colored, was arrested at Wilmington Friday afternoon by Policeman M. P. Newton of St. Paul. McNair is charged with and does not deny, killing another negro, Arch Currie, near St. Paul four weeks ago, an account of which was published in The Robesonian at the time. He was brought to Lumberton and placed in jail. A reward of \$25 had been offered by the board of county commissioners for the arrest of McNair. McNair told a Robesonian reporter Saturday that he shot Currie with a shot gun after they had had a row and Currie had whipped him. He said the trouble started about a woman. He said he was afraid of Currie, who had the name of being a bad negro, and shot to keep him off himself. He said after the shooting he went to City Point, Va., and from there to Baltimore, Md. From Baltimore he went to Wilmington. Mr. Newton learned of McNair's whereabouts from a letter and telegram sent to his (McNair's) mother from Wilmington. McNair was working at a livery stable when arrested.

McNair says he has not rested ten minutes since he killed Currie and that when he goes to sleep Currie appears on the scene to annoy him. The jail was empty when McNair was admitted with the exception of a colored woman, who is not kept confined.

BABY ACCIDENTLY SHOT

One-Year-Old Baby Shot and Mortally Wounded by 4-Year-Old Brother Yesterday Near Raynham—Baby Died This Morning—Boy Got Hold of Shotgun Kept About the House and Accidentally Fired It

A most horrible accident occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Haynes Ivey, near Raynham, yesterday afternoon when their baby girl was shot and mortally wounded by an older brother. The baby, which was about a year old, died this morning at 2 o'clock. The child that did the shooting is between four and five years old. He got hold of a shotgun which was kept in the house and while playing with it discharged the gun, the load passing through the abdomen of the infant. The shooting occurred about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Dr. N. A. Thompson was summoned, but found upon his arrival that nothing could be done to save the life of the child. He declared it was one of the most horrible sights he had ever seen when he arrived at the home and found the infant lying on a bed with its intestines lying on the bed beside the child.

Fred Lawson Said to be in Jail at Whiteville

It has been reported here that Fred Lawson, who some weeks ago escaped from the chain gang for the second time, has been arrested and is in the Columbus county jail at Whiteville. Lawson was wanted in Columbus on the charge of breaking into a store at Evergreen the night before he was arrested next day and carried to the gang the last time. There are several charges against Lawson in this county.

Miss Nettie Townsend and Mr. J. D. Barber, both of Bladenboro, were married Saturday evening at 8:30 in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd. The ceremony was performed by Mayor A. E. White and was witnessed by quite a lot of people.

MANY FACE STARVATION

Food Supplies Are Either Exhausted or Short in Wilkes, Ashe and Watauga Counties—Appeal for Outside Aid—Getting Relief to Those Who Are in Need is Serious Problem

Word comes from North Wilkesboro that many people in Wilkes, Ashe and Watauga counties are destitute and facing starvation as a result of the flood. In North Wilkesboro a relief committee has been appointed by Mayor Spainhour and the committee is sending out a formal appeal for outside aid.

A dispatch of the 21st stated that all food supplies were either exhausted or short and with roads and railroads washed away the transportation problem is serious. Taylorsville is the nearest railroad point to North Wilkesboro where supplies may be sent. It is 21 miles over a mountain road between the two places. This road is said to be poor at best and now it is almost impassable.

Moravian Falls was reported on the 21st without flour and corn and other points in that section face a similar situation. On the same day the food supply at North Wilkesboro was reported sufficient for only a few days.

General Superintendent Simpson of the Southern Railway, who walked up the Southern line 65 miles to North Wilkesboro, is reported as saying it would be fully sixty-five days before a train could be run into that place.

Reports of complete loss of crops in Wilkes and adjoining counties continue to come in from remote sections and conditions are revealed even worse than at first reported. Absolute destitution exists and in many cases starvation is imminent.

STREET PREACHER FINED

Charged With Blocking Sidewalk and Street—Refused to Move to More Convenient Place When Requested to Do so by Officer—Spectators Paid Fine and Costs

A. T. Andrews was arrested by Chief of Police Alf. H. McLeod while preaching on Elm street, near where it intersects with Fourth, Saturday afternoon. He was charged with blocking the sidewalk and street and was fined \$1 and costs, a total of \$6.95 by Recorder E. M. Britt. A large crowd of people had gathered about Andrews, making travel on the sidewalk difficult. Chief McLeod asked him to move to the court house square, but he continued to preach and remarked that a man could worship God according to the dictates of his own mind. Chief McLeod went before the recorder and had the warrant issued and arrested him. He said he didn't have the money to pay the fine and costs, but some of the spectators at the trial made up the amount and gave it to the preacher. A crowd that filled the court room to its capacity heard the trial. Immediately after the trial Andrews preached a short sermon to the spectators.

The preacher wore a uniform and cap with the letters "C. V. C." on them.

BARFIELD PREVATT ESCAPES

He Had Served Nearly 3 Years of 15-Year Sentence for Killing Emory McNeill, Jr., in Lumberton in 1913—Escaped From State Prison Friday—Reward for Capture—Petition for Pardon

Chief of Police Alf. H. McLeod received a card Saturday from the State prison at Raleigh stating that Barfield Prevatt escaped from the prison Friday. Prevatt only lacked two days of serving three years of a 15-year sentence for killing Emory McNeill, Jr., in Lumberton, in the spring of 1913. He was carried to the prison July 23, 1913. The killing occurred at the foot of Fourth street. A reward of \$25 has been offered by the State for Prevatt's arrest and return to the prison.

A petition has recently been circulated asking the Governor to pardon Prevatt and several hundred names are on the petition, it is said. No particulars of how he escaped were given on the card received by Chief McLeod.

Delegates to State Veterans' Reunion

A number of members of Camp Willis H. Pope, Mr. J. A. McAllister, commander, Mr. M. G. McKenzie, adjutant, met in the commissioners' room at the court house Saturday and appointed the following delegates to the State reunion of Confederate veterans which will be held in Wilmington: M. G. McKenzie, Rev. Wesley Thompson, A. S. Wishart, A. B. Small, W. C. Smith.

All other members of the Camp who will attend are appointed alternates.

Nothing Definite Known About DuSchland

Baltimore Dispatch, July 23.

The only thing that can be affirmed of the submarine merchantman Deutschland tonight is that she is alongside a pier in the Patapsco river where she was berthed 14 days ago when she completed her voyage from Germany. It was officially stated tonight that clearance papers as yet have not been filed and this strengthened the belief that negotiations for insuring a consignment of gold alone are responsible for delay in the submersible's departure.

A class of children from the Odd Fellows orphanage located at Goldsboro will give a concert here Wednesday.

DOWN BELLAMY WAY

Crops Seem to be Doing Well in Spite of Excessive Rains—Motor-Boat Passes Bellamy—Personal Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. 5, July 24—The rains continue to come, but crops in this section seem to be doing very well.

Mr. H. R. Britt was a Lumberton visitor Saturday evening.

Mr. Council Pitman was a Lumberton visitor one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Wilkins spent Saturday evening in Lumberton.

Mr. Frank Mercer and little son Earl visited Lumberton Saturday evening.

Mr. H. P. Pitman went to Lumberton on business Saturday evening.

Mr. Harvey Todd who holds a position with The Butters Lumber Co. spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks.

Mr. Frank Meares was at Bellamy Saturday evening.

Misses Lela and Vina Meares spent a while with Mrs. M. B. Parnell Saturday.

Master Walter Mercer spent Saturday night with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercer.

Mr. A. L. McLean of Singletary's was at Bellamy Saturday.

Quite a curiosity happened at Bellamy Saturday evening when a gasoline boat passed there. Such a thing had never happened in these districts before. The boat was from Wilmington and was west-bound. It stopped at Bellamy, but took on no passengers. It was making 25 to 30 miles per hour.

Some parties passed through here Saturday morning in an auto which had been tied up in the storm and flooded territory of last week and said that the water had stood over cotton and other crops in South Carolina in the Cheraw section till it had rotted it.

Mr. J. Q. Flowers of Howellsville was in this section Saturday.

Mr. John I. Smith of Howellsville passed through this community one day recently.

Mr. Joe Sessoms of East Lumberton is spending some time in this community visiting relatives.

Mr. Furman Parnell was home from Boardman Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. R. Mercer, Jr. and little daughter, Miss Jessie, spent Saturday in Lumberton shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gerald of North Lumberton spent Saturday night at Mr. J. A. Branch's.

Mr. Arren Branch visited his daughter Mrs. Dellinger, and son Mr. Ellis Branch at Bladenboro Sunday.

Offers \$1,500 to Aid Flood Sufferers

Richmond, Va., Dispatch, July 21.

S. T. Morgan, president of the Virginia Carolina Chemical Company, today sent telegram to Governor Locke Craig of North Carolina, authorizing him, if there is any real suffering and need for outside contributions for food sufferers in North Carolina, to draw on him for \$500 personally and \$500 for the company. He also sent a telegram to Governor Richard I. Manning of South Carolina, offering \$500 on behalf of the company, in cases of need in that State.

Wagon Trains and Pack Horses Carry Food

Rutherfordton Dispatch, July 21.

Rutherfordton has sent wagon trains and pack horses over the mountains with food for 350 persons in Chimney Rock and Bat Cave section. Dr. P. E. Washburn of the State Board of Health, just from that section, reached Shelby today and reported the food situation serious. A Rutherfordton mass meeting has applied for outside aid to relieve distress in Rutherford county, in which Chimney Rock and Bat Cave are situated. About 100 tourists and summer vacationists are among those penned up in the hills. Though several have automobiles, they are unable to get out, as a branch of Broad river has altered its course, running for miles down the Asheville-Charlotte highway.

Flood Damage at Marshall \$200,000

Asheville Dispatch, July 21.

First definite news of damage at Marshall, Madison county, were brought here tonight by J. C. Ramsey, an attorney of Marshall, who said the total flood damage at that place would not exceed \$200,000. Five large bridges across the French Broad river in various sections of Madison county were destroyed, according to Ramsey, who said 12 frame dwellings on the river front at Marshall were washed away and ten others severely damaged. Seven business houses, he said, were virtually destroyed and 12 were damaged 50 per cent. Stocks in others were damaged beyond recovery, he added. All the flood sufferers are being taken care of by the town authorities, the attorney said.

Entire Family Reported Killed by Landslide

Charlotte Dispatch, July 21.

The entire family of Bruce Grant in the Chimney Rock region is reported to have been killed last night by a landslide down Bald mountain, wrecking Grant's house.

Governor Able to Talk to Raleigh for First Time Since Flood

Raleigh Dispatch, July 21.

For the first time since the terrible floods in Western Carolina there was direct telephone communication today between Governor Craig, at his summer home in Asheville, and his executive offices here. Early in the afternoon the Governor talked for some time with his private secretary with reference to affairs in the executive offices, which have, all agree, been admirably handled by Miss Mav F. Jones as private secretary, while the Governor had been flood-bound in Asheville.

He expects to come to Raleigh just as soon as travel can be safely resumed.

Mrs. Geo. E. Pennington and small son, Master George, of Tarboro, who were guests for two days of Mrs. G. G. French, went yesterday to Maxton to visit at the home of Mrs. Lav Williams.

Mr. Lawrence Parker went Saturday to Dover where he spent the week-end visiting friends. He is expected to return this afternoon.

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BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

Lumbee Tent, K. O. T. M., meets Tuesday night.

License has been issued for the marriage of Joseph Baxley and Nettie Townsend.

St Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., will meet tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Degree work.

Heavy rains have been falling here every day since Thursday and Lumber river is slowly rising again after receding for several days.

Postmaster and Mrs. D. D. French returned Saturday morning from Washington, D. C., where last week Mr. French attended a meeting of United States postmasters. They report a most pleasant trip.

Supt. M. G. McKenzie is trying to work up a Sunday school excursion to Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach for Saturday of this week. If operated it will be for all Sunday schools that care to take advantage of it.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will go to Jackson Springs on a picnic trip Tuesday of next week. The trip will be made in automobiles. Mr. M. G. McKenzie is superintendent of the school and will leave nothing undone towards making the occasion a success.

Mr. J. P. Townsend, chief of the local fire department, and Messrs. E. J. Glover, L. E. Smith and A. P. Page, members of the fire company returned last night from Raleigh, where they attended the State firemen's tournament last week. They report a great and grand time.

Mr. W. S. Floyd of the Barnesville section passed through town Saturday en route to Richmond, Va., to be with his son Mr. Geratha, who is very sick with typhoid fever in a hospital there. It was first reported that Mr. Floyd had pneumonia, but later the doctors decided it was typhoid.

Notwithstanding the fact that rain greatly interfered with the lawn party given by the local chapter of the U. D. C. on the court house square Thursday evening, the proceeds more than paid the expenses. The exact amount cleared has not been determined as there are some minor expenses that have not yet been paid.

Two transformers at the sub-station of the Yadkin River Power Co. near town, were burned out by lightning Friday night and the lights in some sections of town were off the greater part of that night. The power was also off for a while Saturday afternoon. Supt. Geo. McNeill of the light and water departments says the power will be off for some three or four hours tomorrow morning while some change is being made.

Seaboard train No. 19, west-bound, was loaded with people going to Badin this morning. There were a number here who wished to join the party, but Mr. E. W. Kinlaw, who gathers the hands for the American Aluminum Co., which company is putting in a plant at Badin, said he had all that could be handled on that train. He told them, however, that he would be back tomorrow after them. Most of the crowd were colored men.

Mr. and Mrs. Chap Bodenheimer of Germantown, Stokes county, and Miss Lillie Bodenheimer of Kernersville arrived Friday and are guests at the home of Mr. Bodenheimer's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bodenheimer, Seventh street. They made the trip in Mr. Bodenheimer's auto. Mr. Bodenheimer says this is his first trip to Lumberton in some 38 years and was surprised to find such a splendid town as Lumberton, now is.

Messrs. Ertel Carlyle, Clarence Moore, Guy Townsend and John Proctor who left Lumberton on Lumber river last Monday morning on a large boat propelled by a motor, returned by rail Friday afternoon. When they left they expected to go to Georgetown, S. C., but when they reached the point where Lumber and Pee Dee rivers intersect the waters of the Pee Dee looked so furious and deep they decided to abandon the trip. People who live in that section told them they had better not try to go farther. They say some river steamers were waiting for the waters to recede before they made any move. The boys say their boat passed over a number of bridges on Lumber river.

Mr. H. M. McAllister received a letter yesterday from Mrs. McAllister, who with their two children is spending the summer at Montreat. This was the first word Mr. McAllister had heard from his family since the floods did so much damage in that section a week ago. The letter was written a week ago yesterday and had been a week coming from Montreat to Lumberton, due to the demoralization of mail service caused by the floods. For the first time since the floods one could talk over the telephone lines from here to Montreat yesterday. Mr. McAllister talked with his wife and she said that while Montreat was cut off from the outside world, they were getting on o. k. and getting plenty to eat.

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