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## DAMAGE FROM FLOODS IN ROBESON AROUND \$3,000,000 LUMBER RIVER SMASHES ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS NEW HIGH-WATER MARK MADE

Water Now Subsiding--Previous High-Water Mark Exceeded by 4 1-2 Inches--Lowlands West of Lumberton Inundated for Several Miles--Corn and Cotton Under Water--Many Bridges on Small Streams Over County Washed Away--Railroad Tracks Covered With Water But Trains Are Passing Over Now

BRIDGE PREPARED AND READY FOR TRAFFIC

The bridge just across Lumber river from the double iron bridge at the foot of Fifth street, which went down Saturday as a result of high water, has been repaired to the extent that it is safe for wagons, automobiles and buggies to cross. This opens up highway traffic between Lumberton and Fairmont, Maxton, Pembroke, Red Springs and all other points west. A force of hands under Mr. F. A. Wishart, who has charge of street work about town, has been at work on this bridge and the dam since early this morning.

It is impossible of course to get accurate estimates yet, but County Farm Demonstrator Blanchard thinks that damage to crops in Robeson from excessive rains of the past few weeks will reach around \$3,000,000. Probably no county in the western part of the State has suffered greater damage to crops by recent floods than has Robeson.

After breaking all previous high water records by four and one-half inches the water in Lumber river is slowly receding. The water reached its highest record early yesterday morning, since which time it has been gradually going down. For the 24 hours ending at 7 o'clock this morning the water subsided 8 inches. The damage done by the high waters cannot be determined. Roads that cost Robeson county thousands of dollars are gone and travel out of Lumberton across the river has been suspended since early Saturday morning. Railway traffic has been greatly handicapped, all Seaboard trains running several hours late. Freight trains have been tied up here and at Pembroke since Saturday. Hundreds of people who live in the lowlands about the river have been driven from their homes, the water having risen many feet above the floors of many of the residences, which are mostly inhabited by colored people.

**Great Damage Done**  
Not until the water has subsided can the damage to the roads leading into Lumberton and crossing the river be estimated. All the roads have been badly washed, water having run over them like a mill race for miles out. Water has been running across the dam on the Creek road south of the Kingsdale Lumber Co.'s plant for several days and it is said that practically all the new work done recently by the chain gang there, that being on the Wilmington-Charlotte highway, has been washed out. Water in the road leading out from Third street has been as deep as a man's head. The dam abutting the double iron bridge at the foot of Fifth street has perhaps been damaged worst of all. A small bridge west of the main bridge has fallen in, all the concrete foundation having crumbled and washed away. This cost the county \$1,400. Quite a bit of the dam has gone with the hurrying waters. The dam about the river at McNeill's bridge has been badly washed as have many others in different sections. It is reported here that the new road across the river swamp near Boardman has been washed out. Bridges across the streams in all parts of the county are reported gone and travel in any manner is a difficult problem.

The only damage reported to railroads is that done the Seaboard between the trestle across the river near the union station and the place where the road crosses the river some two miles west of town. The water has covered the track for something like 500 yards and the roadbed is badly washed. The damage cannot be estimated until after the water has gone down. A hundred men have been at work trying to keep the road so trains could pass over. All passenger trains have passed over after being detained for several hours except train No. 13, west-bound, due here at 6:19 p. m. on Saturday afternoon and train No. 20, east-bound, due here at 9:45 p. m. Saturday night. These trains made the trip around by Smithboro, S. C., coming in and going out from here over the R. & C. track. Train No. 20, due here at 9:45, arrived here at 1:45 Sunday morning and went on through to Wilmington.

**Corn and Cotton Under Water**  
Hundreds of acres of corn and cotton in the lowlands about the river here have been covered with water since Friday. In

many places where the cotton was knee high it is practically covered and in many places the ears of corn are under water. Crops covered in this way will be practically a total loss. It is impossible to estimate the loss to crops generally in Robeson from the excessive rains, which had been falling almost daily for several weeks. All growing crops are badly damaged, cotton and tobacco perhaps being the worst hurt.

**Colored Folk Driven From Homes.**  
While many people have been driven from their homes by the water, no suffering for want of food has been reported. The majority of those whose homes are surrounded by water are colored people and the white people about town are feeding some of them. In one school house across the river several families of colored people have "bunched". However, the water has surrounded the school building and they can only get in and out by wading and the use of boats.

One man who had been swimming about St. John's Baptist church, colored, across the river from town said the water about the church was deeper than his head. The water went as high as the knob on some store doors in that section, which is thickly settled by colored people.

Water has been up in the engine room at the Kingsdale lumber plant since Saturday and the mill has been closed down since Friday.

**People Gather to Watch the Sight.**  
Thousands of people gathered about the river yesterday to watch the hurrying waters as they made their way angrily down stream. It was a sight like inhabitants along Lumber river had never seen before. The previous high-water mark was reached in August, 1908, but the water yesterday morning was 4 1-2 inches above that mark.

**Rural Mail Carriers Make Trips Under Difficulties**

Rural mail carriers have had great difficulty in making their trips, but none of them has missed going out and in most cases they have made their entire trip in some way. Mr. W. R. Townsend, carrier on route No. 6, says he made a part of his route Saturday in a boat, walked a part of the way, drove a horse some distance and used an automobile the balance of the way. Mr. R. E. Thompson, carrier on route 4, went out on the R. & C. train Saturday to Pope's Cross and hired a team to make his route, walking into town from Pope's Crossing, a distance of some three miles. The carriers are all going out in some way today. They are to be commended for the manner in which they are serving their patrons, considering the difficulties they encounter.

No doubt as much water has crowded down Lumber river during the past week as devastated some counties in western part of the State recently, but a flat country affords ample space for spreading out and thus the danger of washing things away is minimized.

**McNeill Bridge Crossing Safe.**  
Mr. S. E. Davis told a Robesonian reporter that he crossed the river at McNeill's bridge with a mule and buggy about 10 o'clock this morning. He came up to the bridge on the old road. He says the bridge is holding all right, but that the dam beyond the bridge is badly washed. He thinks, however, that crossing there will be safe by tomorrow.

The water had fallen just twelve inches from the high water mark reached yesterday morning at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

### TOWN BORROWS \$20,000

**\$15,000 Will be Used to Extend Sewer and Drainage Lines and \$5,000 for Completing Change in Light and Water Plants**

At a called meeting of the mayor and board of town commissioners Saturday afternoon it was decided to borrow the sum of \$20,000 from Mr. H. M. McAllister. Fifteen thousand dollars of this amount will be used in extending sewer and drainage lines about town and \$5,000 will be used in completing the change in the light and water plants. For this amount the town will issue two \$10,000 notes in favor of Mr. McAllister, the notes to draw 6 per cent interest per annum, the notes pending the collection of the 1916 taxes.

At a recent meeting of the board it was decided to extend the sewer and drainage on certain streets in town just as soon as the work could be financed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean left this morning for Green Brier White Sulphur Springs, Virginia, where they will spend some time. Mr. and Mrs. McLean intended going yesterday, but were delayed on account of railway conditions caused by the floods.

### FORTIFY WITH QUININE

It is the Main Dependence Now to Ward Off Malaria--Vast Crop of Mosquitoes From Wet Spell--Quinine Should be Used Freely, Says County Physician Page

The long wet spell has brought a vast crop of mosquitoes and Dr. B. W. Page, county health officer, strongly advises every one to take the precaution of using quinine freely to ward off malaria. He says that ten grains of quinine a week for an adult, and 3 or 4 grains for young children will keep off malaria as effectively as anti-typhoid vaccination will keep off typhoid fever. It is best to take this amount in one day, if it can be done without inconvenience; but if that amount is one day causes inconvenience, it will be effective if taken in small doses for several days, just so ten grains for an adult are taken every week. This should be kept up for five or six weeks, until the danger of infection from mosquitoes is over.

It is vain to depend upon screens. Screens cannot keep all these pests out. Even where houses are thoroughly screened quinine should be used.

In the lowlands west of Lumberton, now covered with water, the crop of mosquitoes is vast and the danger in that section among the colored population is extremely great. Unless quinine is freely used there will be numerous cases of malaria, which has almost been stamped out here in recent years. Dr. Page thinks it would be advisable for the town authorities to help in a campaign to ward off the malaria which is sure to follow, unless remedial measures are used for some weeks.

### TRIED TO CUT LOOSE BRIDGE

**Some Misguided Wretch Attempted to Set Wooden Bridge at Foot of Third Street Afloat--Had Sawn One Sill and All Sleepers on East Side of Bridge in Two When Discovered**

Only the timely arrival of Night Policeman J. B. Boyle yesterday morning about 2:30 o'clock saved the going down of the old wooden bridge which crosses Lumber river at the foot of Third street. Some misguided wretch had sawed one of the sills and all the sleepers under the bridge on the east side in two except one, and had sawed the second sill about half in two. A new cross-cut saw and a new axe were found at the place where the distasteful job was being done. Mr. Boyle said he was down at the Seaboard station and heard somebody making a noise down at the bridge, but never thought of what was taking place for some time. However, he decided to make some investigation and walked down that way. Before he reached the foot of the bridge the man fled and Mr. Boyle saw him leaving in a hurry. No one seems to know why anybody would have been so much interested in the bridge going away, but some investigation may be made as to what clear up things. Had the bridge gone down the stream it might have caused the Seaboard trestle and the iron bridge below the Kingsdale mill to go down too.

**Damage of \$3,000,000 in Wilkes--Little Famine if Relief is Not Swift**

Washington Dispatch, July 28. The recent flood in Wilkes county, North Carolina, cut the inhabitants off from the outside world eleven days and caused a damage of \$3,000,000, J. W. Church, of Summit, N. C., wrote Representative Church of California, here today. Mr. Church, who lives 20 miles from the home of Representative Doughton of North Carolina, said the flood was the "first calamity to visit the people of Western North Carolina," and that "small creeks became rivers and swept away dwellings and stores."

A little famine will be experienced among the people, if relief is not forwarded soon, he wrote.

Representative Doughton, who returned from the flooded districts of his State today, told his colleagues whole sides of mountains were washed away by the floods and that the situation is deplorable.

### Annual Barker's-Ten Mile Picnic Saturday

Mr. J. I. Townsend of the Ten Mile section is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Townsend says the annual Barker's-Ten Mile picnic will be held at Ten Mile Saturday of this week. These picnics are always attended by large crowds. It is expected the picnic Saturday will be up to the usual standard. The farmers of that section meet in annual picnic each year about this time and profit by "getting together" for a day of pleasure.

Mr. W. T. Sanderson has accepted a position as salesman in the store of Mr. John T. Biggs. He began work this morning.

There are unsanitary conditions on West Fourth street and at the foot of Fourth street that might be investigated with profit to the town.

Mayor and Mrs. A. E. White and daughter, Miss Vashiti, Mrs. Ira Townsend and Mr. D. D. French expect to leave Wednesday in Mr. White's auto for Winston-Salem, where they will visit relatives. If conditions of roads admit they expect to visit the western part of the State before returning home.

The condition of Mr. H. M. Beasley, who has been seriously ill with typhoid fever at Sumter, S. C., for several weeks, is reported improving.

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE SPEAKS

**Mr. A. L. McCaskill Says a Piece at Court House--Considerable Crowd Heard Him Attack Wilson Administration and Record of Congressman Godwin, Whose Seat He Wants--Republican Presidential Elector Taylor Here**

Quite a crowd heard Mr. A. L. McCaskill of Fayetteville, Republican candidate for Congress from the Sixth district, speak in the court house here Thursday evening. This was the first political speaking to take place here since the Democratic primary July 1, and the folks seemed hungry to hear more campaign thunder. Quite a number of Republicans from the country were here for the speaking and a good many local Democrats were present.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. J. M. Sessoms and Mr. W. H. Kinlaw, Republican candidate for solicitor of the Lumberton district recorder's court, was made chairman. Mr. C. Ed Taylor of Southport, Republican Presidential elector from this district, was present and was called upon for an address. Mr. Taylor declared that he did not come to make a speech, but rather to talk with Mr. McCaskill. He made a few remarks and promised to come to Lumberton and make a political speech before the election in November.

Mr. McCaskill was introduced in a fitting manner by Mr. T. F. Barnes, one of the Republican candidates for the House of Representatives from Robeson. Mr. McCaskill attacked the Wilson administration, criticizing President Wilson's Mexican policy. He also intimated that Wilson had not protected the rights of American citizens on the high seas as he should. Speaking of the passage of the Rural Credits bill, which many think one of the best laws ever enacted by any party for the agricultural classes, he said the law was a good one, but that it was not by any means as perfect as it should be.

The speaker took occasion to attack the record of his opponent, Congressman H. L. Godwin. He declared that Mr. Godwin had not made the record he should have made since he has been representing the Sixth district in Congress. Naturally he declared Mr. Godwin was by far the weakest of all the Democratic candidates who entered the primary for the nomination, in which Mr. Godwin won out. He criticized his opponent for sending out so many letters under frank.

The speaker attacked the management of the State Treasury. The methods, he declared, are far from perfect. He declared that his party would send out statements showing the defect in the management and handling of the State funds.

Mr. McCaskill declared that he saw victory just ahead for the Republican party and said an active campaign would be waged from now until the election.

He said he had challenged Mr. Godwin, but had not yet had any reply. Mr. McCaskill has already made several speeches in this county. Among the places where he has made speeches are Raft Swamp, Orrum and Fairmont.

Ere long the political situation will reach fever heat and the Democratic candidates in Robeson and other Democratic who are not candidates will launch out upon the fields of political oratory and there will be "something doing."

### Home From Flooded District in Wilkes

Mr. W. M. Oliver of Marietta arrived here yesterday afternoon from North Wilkesboro. Mr. Oliver spent some time in the flooded district of Wilkes and reports distressing conditions. Mr. Oliver left North Wilkesboro Tuesday night on the first train to leave there after the flood. He said the railroad company had had 2,000 men working in that section since the roads were so badly damaged by the floods. Mr. Oliver says, however, conditions would be just as appalling along Lumber river if the water moved with the same rapidity that it does in the western part of the State. There is just as much water here as there.

### From Charlotte via Salisbury, High Point, Ashboro and Southern Pines

Mr. T. A. Ramsaur of the Robeson Auto Co. made the trip from Charlotte to Lumberton Friday in a Ford car via Salisbury, High Point, Ashboro and Southern Pines, a distance of 240 miles, in 10 hours. He says the roads were fine all the way until he struck McNeill's bridge across Lumber river three miles west of town. There he got stuck and had to be pulled out by a farmer with a mule.

### Negro Drowned in Great Marsh

Mr. Spurgeon Jones of the Ten Mile section is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Jones says the roads in his section are in fairly good shape. Mr. Jones said a 16-year-old negro, was drowned while swimming with some other negroes in Great Marsh swamp Saturday.

The U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. Alf H. McLeod Thursday p. m. at 5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Varner and small daughter, Miss Lillie Snead, will leave tomorrow in their auto for a cross-country trip to Gates county, where they will visit among Mr. Varner's people, and thence they will go to Norfolk, Richmond and other places in Virginia, visiting relatives and friends. They expect to be away during the entire month of August.

### GADDYSVILLE GRIST

**Let it be a Scotch Name for Hotel--Crops Damaged by Rains--Blind Tiger Poison--Protracted Meeting--Sunday School Convention at Iona--Politics**

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Gaddysville (Fairmont, R. 1), July 28--It's names galore for Lumberton's new hotel. We have no name to suggest for we believe the supply is about exhausted. But for mercy sake give it one of those Scotch names that have been suggested in The Robesonian. Your correspondent feels he is not bragging when he says that he is of Scotch descent, if we have not got the Mac fixed to our name, some of our ancestors coming direct from Scotland. Those Gaelic names always appeal to us. Some are very appropriate for a public building like a hotel. The Scots have done a great part in making Robeson county what it is. They always, or the majority of them, lived on the banks of Lumber river. They are the foremost men in the South today. They have done a great part in making Lumberton famous. So, gentlemen, give it the Gaelic twang!

Rains continue to come. Older heads tell us that they have never seen more rainfall. Crops are damaged to an unestimated extent. But we ought to lift up our hearts in thanks to our allwise Father that we are favored with plenty to eat, and have been spared during the recent floods in Western N. C.

Before the rains set in cotton was off over half and tobacco was as near nothing as it could be; now it's worse. Blind tiger seems to be plentiful in these woods, owing to the low position some will get in. We recently heard a negro ex-blind tiger tell the way the vile evil stuff was made. He said that he ordered one quart and added one quart of water to it and then caught all the flies in a fly trap and added them to the mixture and let it go through the second fermentation, then strained it together with some lye and red pepper and sold it. When he was asked why the flies were added he replied, "To give it strength!" Now this is a negro's story who has served a sentence on the roads for retailing.

One or two families have the whooping cough.

The protracted meeting is in progress this week at White Pond. Much interest is being manifested.

The Pleasant Grove Sunday school continues to grow. Early in the spring the average attendance was about 35 with four classes; now we have about 65 or 70 on roll as regular goers, and six or seven classes, also a teachers' normal class with a goodly number as members.

All Sunday school workers and hundreds of others are looking forward to the Sunday school convention which will be at Iona the first Friday in August. This occasion has always been a great success. Good speakers, a singing contest and a good time in general are a few of the splendid features.

During these rainy days maybe the political workers are having a needed vacation. But we have seen no fight yet till the Republicans--and the Bull Moose with these--come against the Democrats. But the hotter the fight the better we enjoy it, though we have not had the sacred privilege of voting yet. But just so the Republicans don't win it's all well. We hope our party (Democratic) will get so hot it will melt the Republican (Just Ice) party.

Some of the bottoms look like mill ponds and the ditches look almost like the Panama canal.

### SEE "HAPPY JACK" AND GET RIGHT

"Happy Jack" of The Robesonian's staff, will go to Fairmont tomorrow, where he will remain for some time for the purpose of collecting back subscriptions and soliciting new subscribers to The Robesonian. If you owe anything on your subscription he will be very much pleased to give you a receipt for it; and if you are not already taking the paper that gives you all the county news and other news as well--The Robesonian--just hand him \$1.50 for a year's subscription. You owe it to yourself and your family to take your county paper.

### Messrs. White & Gough Purchase Large Bankrupt Stock

Messrs. White & Gough have bought the large bankrupt stock of the Covington Co. at Hamlet and will move it to their store here just as fast as possible. The stock consists of dry goods, notion and shoes. The stock, Mr. White says, was one of the best kept and most up-to-date he ever saw. When the goods have been brought here they will be placed on sale at a bargain. Watch Thursday's Robesonian for a large ad telling about this great sale.

Mr. W. K. Bethune returned Saturday night from a business trip to Washington, D. C., and New York. Mr. Bethune says rain is plentiful as far North as he went. He left New York Thursday night and when he left it was raining in torrents.

Mr. R. C. Lawrence returned Wednesday from a trip to New York. Mrs. Lawrence, who accompanied him, left Mr. Lawrence at Raleigh to go to the home of her mother at Waynesville, knowing nothing of the recent floods that had so badly disorganized railroad travel in that section, and she had to go via Atlanta before reaching Waynesville. It took about three days for her to make the trip.

### BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stacy at their home, Eighth and Water streets, Thursday morning, a 13-pound girl.

—Jailer A. H. Prevatt says that while there are but few people in jail at this time the rats are taking possession.

—Mr. E. A. Falk has opened a garage in the Anderson building, Chestnut and First streets, formerly occupied by Geo. Smith, colored.

—Mr. W. D. Barfield, who lives on R. 1, about 9 miles from Lumberton, was in town Thursday and disposed readily of 5 bushels of Elberta peaches at \$2 the bushel.

—Mr. E. T. Taylor, who lives in Howellsville township, was a Lumberton visitor Friday. Mr. Taylor says crops are cut off at least one-third in his section as a result of so much rain.

—Red Springs Citizen: It is rumored that Mr. Archie Buie and family are to move from Florida and again make Red Springs their home. Their many friends will gladly welcome their return.

—Mr. G. F. Humphrey of St. Paul R. 1, brought the editor and local editor each a fine watermelon Friday. He was accompanied to town by Master Daniel Hedgpeeth, son of Mrs. Carrie Hedgpeeth.

—Mr. L. K. Rogers of Rowland, R. 3, was among the callers at The Robesonian office Friday. Mr. Rogers says cotton in his section has been badly damaged by heavy rains. He reports corn crops very good.

—Messrs. S. B. Culbreth and A. R. Atkinson, both of St. Paul, have opened a meat market in the Caldwell building, Elm street. The firm name is Atkinson & Culbreth. They opened up for business Saturday.

—Mr. J. W. H. Fuchs, proprietor of the Lumberton Bargain House, spent Saturday night here, returning to his home in Wilmington yesterday. Mr. Fuchs said he had never seen a section flooded like Lumberton was at the time he was here.

—Mr. W. S. Floyd of Howellsville passed through town Friday en route home from Richmond, Va., where he went to be with his son Mr. Geratha, who has been very sick with typhoid pneumonia. When Mr. Floyd left Richmond the condition of his son was improving.

—Red Springs Citizen: The members of Trinity Methodist church are to have a picnic on Thursday, August 10th, on the college campus. The main intent of the picnic is to have a get-together meeting of the members and all are urged to come out and enjoy the day.

—As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, a class of children from the Odd Fellows orphanage, Goldsboro, will give a concert in the opera house here Wednesday evening of this week. No doubt a large crowd will attend the concert. Tickets are on sale at Pope drug store.

—Mr. I. H. Fields, who lives just south of the S. A. L. railroad, says the water about his house is deeper than his head in some places. He can only get in and out by the use of a boat. He says he caught a large catfish on a hook bated with a piece of fat meat in his yard Friday night.

—Messrs. Frank Gough, John French and Geo. E. Thompson went today to Hamlet to box up and ship the stock of goods bought in that town last week by Messrs. White & Gough to Lumberton. Mention of the purchase by Messrs. White & Gough is made elsewhere in today's paper.

—Mr. Samuel T. Meares, editor of the Bladen Journal, spent a while in Lumberton Saturday on his way from Clarkton to St. Paul and Fayetteville to spend the week-end. Mr. Meares was marooned in the mountains during the recent floods in Western North Carolina and has written entertainingly of his experiences.

—Messrs. J. H. Floyd and I. V. Hooper who have been doing business under the firm name of Lumberton Marble & Granite Co., have dissolved partnership. Mr. Floyd purchasing the interest of Mr. Hooper, who will be in the employ of Mr. Floyd, who will continue the business under the name of the Lumberton Marble & Granite Works.

—In the list of donations for the flood victims of the Western part of the State published in Thursday's Robesonian L. B. Horn was given credit for a \$1 contribution that should have been credited to the Lumberton Bargain House, of which Mr. M. J. Merritt is manager. The name was written on the list L. B. House and when the list was copied "House" was misread for "Horn".

—Just about the time the political speaking, an account of which is published elsewhere in today's paper, was over Thursday night somebody turned in a false fire alarm from box No. 71. This box is located at Seven Pines, in the north-eastern part of town. The fire truck and a number of the local firemen went to the scene, but found no fire. A colored woman who lived near by said she saw two men at the box and just as quick as they had turned in the alarm they jumped into an automobile and left in a hurry.

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