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Three Residences Demolished And Other Damage Done By Cyclone

Terrific Wind Storm Leaves Destruction in Its Wake in Long Branch Section—Mr. John Lamb and Family and Mrs. E. J. Rice Have Miraculous Escape—Mrs. Rice Seriously Injured—One Residence in Long Branch Section Torn to Kindling—Many Buildings Damaged and Thousands of Trees Uprooted.

NO GREAT AMOUNT OF DAMAGE DONE TO CROPS.

A terrific cyclone, leaving destruction in its wake, swept through the Long Branch community, five miles south of Lumberton, Friday about 2 p. m. The cyclone completely demolished two dwellings—one occupied by Mr. John Lamb and family on the Creek road, near Long Branch church, and one in which Mr. and Mrs. E. J. ("Bud") Rice, lived some two miles south-west of the church. All the members of Mr. Lamb's family were injured except a small baby, and all had a miraculous escape from death. Mrs. Lamb, aged about 50 years was the most seriously hurt, her breast bone being broken. Mr. Lamb's left shoulder was hurt. One daughter, Miss Rhoda Lamb, suffered a deep gash in her forehead, while another daughter, Mrs. Lela Wilcox, suffered an ugly gash in her chin. Mrs. Wilcox's baby escaped unhurt. Numerous out-houses and tobacco barns were destroyed in the wake of the cyclone, which covered a scope about a half mile wide.

House Torn to Splinters.
The house in which Mr. Lamb and family lived was owned by the heirs of the late Mr. J. A. McAllister and was a two-room structure. The house was torn into splinters, the only part of it left on the grounds being the floor of a porch and the blocks upon which it sat. The debris of the building was heaped in a pile some 25 yards away. The furniture was also carried about the same distance. Mrs. Lamb was lying on a bed in the house when the storm struck and was found on the same mattress among the debris after the storm had cleared. Mrs. Wilcox was carried several yards with her baby in her arms. She held on to the baby. Miss Rhoda Lamb was buried beneath the debris of the building and pulled herself from the wreckage. Mr. Richard Lee, one of the first to reach the Lamb place, found Mr. Lamb walking about in a semi-conscious condition. He with the aid of several others who gathered soon after the storm, carried Mrs. Lamb to his home, some three-hundred yards away.

Mr. Lamb stated to a Robesonian reporter that the wind took the front door of the house and this resulted in the wind getting inside, causing complete wreckage.

Stall Blown From Around Mule—Chicken Picked.
All the out-buildings were blown down. The stall in which Mr. Lamb kept his mule was carried away by the wind, leaving the mule standing unhurt. A hogpen was torn down, but all the hogs in the pen escaped unhurt. Several of Mr. Lamb's chickens were either killed by the wind or drowned by the heavy rainfall which followed the cyclone. One chicken was partially picked by the wind, it is said.

Meat House Torn to Pieces.
The residence occupied by the Lamb family was in the center of the storm. At the home of Mr. Richard Lee two oak trees in the yard were uprooted and another was twisted off. His meat house was torn to splinters and the meat scattered in a field nearby. The meat was all recovered. There was not a piece of the meat house left where it was standing before the storm struck.

Mr. Lee says he heard the storm approaching with terrible roaring, and darkness fell. It struck the house before he could close the doors and windows. It moved on as quickly as it struck. He heard somebody hollering about Mr. Lamb's place when he went out immediately after the storm. Looking down the road he saw Mr. Lamb's two daughters coming up the road. He met them and aided them in getting to his home. He then went to look after Mrs. Lamb, being advised by Mrs. Wilcox and Miss Lamb that their mother had been killed.

Three men—Messrs. Leander Lee, Andrew Britt and Forest Grice—came out of a swamp as the cyclone struck and were within ten feet of Mr. Lee's meat-house when it was torn down. Had they been two minutes later they would have been in the woods when it struck and would most likely have been killed by falling trees.

A shelter near Mr. Lee's home was moved around 18 inches and the shelter over a saw-mill near by was demolished.

Rice Home Destroyed
The residence and every out-building about the home of Mr. "Bud" Rice was destroyed by the storm. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rice are deaf and dumb and lived alone. They were in the house when the storm struck. Mrs. Rice escaped unhurt and Mr. Rice was only slightly hurt by a piece of flying timber which struck him on the head. The main body of the Rice residence was erected in 1853—68 years ago,

the date when it was built being written on the inside of the building. It was made of hewn logs and was strongly built. Some of the logs in the body of the house were left. Another part of the same building, which was erected more than 80 years ago, was scattered over the field surrounding the house. Another building used as a kitchen and dining room was carried away by the wind. Mr. and Mrs. Rice had a miraculous escape from death. The furniture was carried away and scattered across the field. The barn where Mr. Rice kept his corn and fodder was demolished and the feed scattered, as were all the other out-houses on the farm. Every shade and fruit tree about the house was blown down and all the fences around the farm torn down. Mr. Rice had his farm fenced with rails.

The report was current yesterday that Mr. Rice had \$1,900 in cash in the house and that only \$1,700 of the money was found. This report was untrue, according to Mr. Rice. There was only \$17 in the house, according to Mr. Rice, and he had that in his pocket.

Neighbors of Mr. Rice gathered this morning to assist him in clearing the wreckage and work will be begun at once on rebuilding.

Thousands of Trees Uprooted
Devastation was left in the wake of the storm. Thousands of trees were uprooted or twisted off by the terrific wind. A walnut tree on the McAllister plantation, which had been there for some 200 years, was torn into splinters by the wind. The roads in the wake of the storm were lined with fallen trees.

Other Damage
The top was blown off the residence of Mr. Durham Rice, who lived a mile or more south-west of Mr. "Bud" Rice. Mr. Rice and his family were in the house, but all escaped unhurt.

The top was torn off the stalls at the home of Mr. Riley Wilson, who lives near Long Branch church, and several trees about the house were blown down.

A tobacco barn belonging to Mr. Harlie Britt was blown off down to the shelter and a tobacco barn belonging to Mr. Jesse S. Stone was damaged considerably by the wind. Mr. Britt's stalls and shelters were also torn down, his mules escaping unhurt.

Struck First on Broad Ridge.
The cyclone seems to have started, or first struck down, on the Broad Ridge. A cotton house at the home of Mr. Swain Britt, who lives near Broad Ridge church, was moved a few feet by the wind, this being the only damage reported down that way.

Crops Damaged Considerably.
Crops were damaged considerably where the storm struck, the greatest damage probably having been done to the tobacco crop. It is thought the crops will "come out," however. The cyclone missed Long Branch Baptist church only a few feet. The fence around a cemetery near by the church was blown down and several trees on the north side of the church lot were blown down. One tree struck the school building, but only slight damage was done to the building. The storm traveled in a north-east direction.

Roads Soon Cleared of Trees.
Mr. W. L. Thompson, one of the county road commissioners, who lives near the scene of the cyclone, assisted by a number of others, cleared the roads of trees in a short time after the storm.

5 Houses Blown Down at Evergreen
Five houses occupied by colored people at Evergreen, Columbus county, were blown down on the same afternoon, but it is not thought the same cyclone that struck in the Long Branch section struck there. One colored woman was hurt at Evergreen. Thousands of people have visited the path of the cyclone since Friday afternoon. It was perhaps the most destructive wind-storm that ever struck this section, and apparently was a typical cyclone.

Another Dwelling Demolished
Mr. J. T. Wilkins' residence, near Allenton, was demolished. No one was hurt. This was reported to the Robesonian by Mr. H. R. West, who lives a mile and a half south west of Mr. Wilkins', when he was in town Saturday.

Other Damage Down Allenton Way
Five apple trees were blown down on Mr. West's place and he reported other damage in that section as follows: All building, except dwelling at Mr. Robt. Phillips', about 1 mile west; chimney blown down at home of Mr. John Meshaw, half mile west; stables blown off of mule at Mr. Geo. Wilkins', half mile west, the mule escaping injury by jumping out just as the building was torn up.

There was very little wind at Allenton or at Antioch school house in the same section.

—Reported for the Robesonian: Mr. J. W. Johnston and daughter, Mrs. Clyde Upchurch, spent Thursday in Lumberton. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Harry Green, the former's daughter, who will spend a few days in Raeford with her parents and then go on to Mebane, to join her husband, who has accepted a position with the Correll Motor Co. of that place.

No Change In Town's Employees

All Employees Re-Elected at Meeting of Mayor and Commissioners Friday—Committee Named—To Levy on Personal Property for Unpaid 1920 Taxes—To Purchase Lot for Dumping Refuse.

There will be no change in the town's employees, all the employees having been re-elected by the mayor and board of commissioners at a meeting Friday evening. The employees elected are as follows: J. P. Russell, town clerk and treasurer; Miss Margie Russell, assistant clerk; D. M. Barker, chief of police; J. B. Boyle and Vance McGill, night policemen; Ed J. Glover, fire chief; Raymond Musselwhite, truck driver; Jno. L. McNeill, superintendent of light and water plants; H. B. Robeson, superintendent of streets; T. L. Johnson, town attorney.

The board was re-organized Friday evening, this being the first meeting held since the recent town election. The following committees were named: E. M. Johnson and Dr. N. A. Thompson, finance; J. L. Stephens and Dr. N. A. Thompson, street and sanitary; M. M. Rozier and J. L. Stephens, light and water; E. M. Johnson and M. M. Rozier, fire and buildings; Mayor A. E. White, police.

An order was passed instructing the chief of police to levy upon personal property for unpaid 1920 taxes. E. M. Johnson and J. L. Stephens were appointed a committee to purchase a lot out of town for dumping trash and rubbish.

Mrs. E. C. Graham Hurt By Train

Auto in Which She and Mr. Graham Were Riding Struck by Train and Demolished—Mrs. Graham's Injuries Not Serious—Mr. Graham Escaped Unhurt—Did not See Train Until Too Late to Stop.

Mrs. E. C. Graham was somewhat hurt Saturday at 10 a. m. when an auto in which she was riding and which was driven by her husband was struck by a Virginia & Carolina Southern passenger train at the railroad crossing on East Second street. Mrs. Graham suffered a bruise over the right eye and her right leg was bruised. Mrs. Graham was carried to the Thompson hospital after the accident.

Mr. Graham was driving his car, a Ford touring, out East second street and was struck by the train as it was leaving Lumberton for Hope Mills. The car was carried around 25 yards, down the track and was demolished by the train. Both occupants had a miraculous escape from death. Mr. Graham says he did not see the train until he was so close he could not stop. He turned the car down beside the railroad track in the same direction the train was going and the right side of the car was struck by the engine. The train was stopped and the crew gave assistance to Mr. and Mrs. Graham, who live near the scene of the accident.

Mrs. Willis Parker Seriously Injured

Thrown From Buggy When Mule Ran Away and Her Head Struck a House—Her Condition is Favorable Today

Mrs. Willis Parker of the Raft Swamp section was seriously hurt yesterday afternoon when thrown out of a buggy by a runaway mule. Mrs. Parker's head struck a house and she suffered concussion of the brain. She was brought to the Thompson hospital and her condition is reported favorable today. A son of Mrs. Parker was driving. One line broke, making it impossible to stop the mule.

THREE PEOPLE KILLED IN SAMPSON COUNTY

Clinton dispatch, May 14: The storm of Friday afternoon zigzagging diagonally across the county from Roseboro to the Wayne line, dipped down a number of times, sweeping clear a 200-yard zone of timber and houses in Newton Grove township. Just before it left the county it flundered the home of Officer McCullen, buried him and his wife 35 yards and left the husband dead with his brains oozing out and the wife fatally wounded, she living less than two hours. Numerous barns were wrecked in this community and several people slightly hurt. A cow tied to a stake was missing and had not been found hours afterwards.

At Roseboro, one of the injured negroes died last night.

Mrs. J. I. Townsend and daughter, Miss Mae Townsend, of the Ten Mile section, were among the shoppers in town Saturday.

Mr. I. R. Phillips of R. 2, from Rowland was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

Mrs. E. E. Nye and small daughter, Shirley Rose, returned Saturday to their home in Wilmington after spending several days here visiting at the home of Mrs. Nye's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Collins.

Closing Exercises Of Orrum School

Commencement Friday at Close of Term Which Was Above the Average—Splendid Exercises and Addresses—Play Friday Night—Prof. Pittman Elected for 5th Term—Vocational Training Will be Added Next Year and There Will be 2 Dormitories.

By Happy Jack
Despite inclement weather, hundreds of people gathered at Orrum Friday to witness commencement exercises of the Orrum high school. Friday marked the close of one of the very best terms in the history of this well-known educational institution and the exercises were up to the usual high standard for that school.

The exercises opened at 11:45 a. m. with a song by the school. This was followed by prayer offered by Rev. J. J. Scott of Orrum. Other features of the program were a chorus rendered by school girls, and a delightful solo by Miss Lettie Britt.

Address by H. E. Stacy
Mr. H. E. Stacy of Lumberton delivered the literary address. The speaker was fittingly introduced by Rev. I. P. Hedgpath. In beginning his address Mr. Stacy spoke of the great work being done by the Orrum high school and mentioned the fact that this institution has sent as many boys and girls to the colleges as any high school in the county. "Watch the Signs of the Times" was the subject of Mr. Stacy's address and he handled his subject in a masterly manner. He told of the great educational awakening that has swept over the State of late, defining it as a new educational craze. This, the speaker declared, is a product of the world war, which has brought about a new world and a new and larger vision. In the future the problems of nations are to be thought out and not fought out, said the speaker.

No Wealth Except Human Life.
Mr. Stacy told of the great strides the State has made in agriculture and industry and pleaded for even a greater awakening to the need of making it possible for every boy and girl to secure an education. There is no wealth except human life, the speaker declared. Continuing, he said that an educated citizenship will bring any State or nation to the top.

Service is Keynote of Education.
The importance of education, in developing leaders, not only for the State and nation, but for the various communities, was stressed by the speaker. Service is the key-note of education and the leaders should be men and women who will serve.

Many were heard to remark that the address was one of the best ever delivered at Orrum. The speaker was given rapt attention.

Immediately after the address, a piano duet was rendered by Misses Thetis Shepherd and Beadie Britt.

Prizes for Good Attendance
Prizes were awarded the following students of the school for good attendance during the term, none of them missing a single day during the 8-months' session: Thelma Branch, Ophelia Floyd, Unee Atkinson, Ellee Townsend, Annie Lee Branch, Myrtle Surles, Etta Prevatt. The prizes were delivered by Mr. M. Shepherd, founder of the school at Orrum. A prize was also awarded to little Miss Ina Rose Lawson, who made two grades during the term.

The usual picnic dinner was served at the noon hour. A downpour of rain interfered somewhat with serving the dinner, which was spread in the auditorium. All present feasted to their entire satisfaction and there was an abundance of good rations left.

Vocational Work in the School.
In the afternoon Prof. Roy H. Thomas, a member of the faculty of the A. & E. college, Raleigh, talked on "Vocational Work in the School." The speaker was introduced by Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of education. The importance of preparing boys and girls for better citizenship was stressed by the speaker. He also told of the importance of fitting the schools for the needs of the children of the community. Boys who expect to become farmers should be taught to be more efficient farmers and the girls to become efficient house-keepers, the speaker declared.

Consolidation of Schools
The speaker offered strong argument favoring the consolidation of rural schools into one community center. This insures better school buildings, better teachers and better instruction for the pupils. In closing the speaker declared that the boys and girls are the community's best crop and urged the importance of leaving the child prepared to make money, which is more important than leaving money for the child.

Play Friday Night
The closing exercises of the school began on Friday night, May 6, when pupils of the primary and intermediate grades rendered a pleasing program. On Tuesday night pupils of the music class rendered a delightful recital and Thursday night two plays—"The Ugliest of Seven" and "The Sweet Family"—and a Japanese fan dance were presented by pupils of the school. Friday night a play, "The Thread of Destiny," was rendered. Following is the cast of characters: George Washington Johnson, slave (Continued on page 4)

District Meeting U. D. C. Here May 18

Chapter of District No. 11 Will be Entertained by Robeson Chapter—Exercises Will Begin at 11 A. M. at Municipal Building—Ladies of the Town Invited.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
The district meeting of district No. 11, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be entertained by the Robeson chapter at Lumberton May 18th. Miss Cornelia S. McMillan of Red Springs, director, will have charge of meeting.

The following chapters will be represented: Fayetteville, Red Springs, Raeford, Maxton, Dunn, St. Pauls, Whiteville and Lumberton. The ladies of the town are most cordially invited to be present at the meetings.

The exercises will open at 11 o'clock a. m. in the municipal building. Following is the program:

Opening Chorus—America.
Invocation—Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman.
Address of Welcome—Mrs. N. A. McLean.

Music—Alfred Rowland chap. C. of C.
Greetings Woman's club—Mrs. J. J. Goodwin.

Solo—Mrs. L. P. Stack.
Greetings—Home Economic club, Mrs. F. Andrews.

Music—C. of C.
Greetings Research club—Mrs. H. M. Baker.

Solo—Mrs. Martin.
Greetings Camp Pope—M. G. McKenzie.

Music—Children of Confederacy.
Business will be taken up by director of district No. 11.

Luncheon will be served to the visitors at 1 p. m.
MRS. L. T. TOWNSEND,
Pres. Robeson Chapt. U. D. C.

Propose Changes In State Highways

Will Ask for Road Via Barkers and Ten Mile to Tar Heel Instead of Elizabethtown Road—Other Roads State Commission Will be Asked to Take Over.

The State Highway Commission will be asked to name the road leading from the Fayetteville road via Barkers and Ten Mile church, to Tar Heel as a part of the State highway in Robeson instead of the Elizabethtown road. This was decided at a meeting of good roads enthusiasts here Thursday.

The commission will also be asked to take over the road leading from Fairmont via Proctorville and Orrum to Boardman and also the road leading from Sheriff R. E. Lewis' farm, five miles from Lumberton on the Fayetteville road, via Rennett to Lumber Bridge.

*** TAKE YOUR NEIGHBORS TO HEAR SAPIRO**
Farmers should honor and applaud their great leaders just in the same degree that business men or politicians honor their leaders. That has been one great trouble with farmers in the past. We have not been responsive enough to wise leadership. Aaron Sapiro is undoubtedly one of the greatest agricultural leaders now alive on earth. He is also one of the most effective speakers in America today. Without attempts at word-painting, without any effort to stir the emotions, without artifices of any kind, he talks plain, straight BUSINESS—the simple business of getting profitable prices for farm products—with such sincerity, knowledge, power, and conviction that men listen to him for hours and then ask for more. Coming from California and presenting not theories but facts, telling what has actually been accomplished by organizations he has himself helped direct, he speaks "as one having authority" and not as the scribes. Every North Carolina and Virginia farmer who can possibly attend one of Aaron Sapiro's addresses in these two states should not only go himself but should get up a delegation from his neighborhood to attend.—Progressive Farmer.

Hear Mr. Sapiro in Lumberton Friday, May 20, at 10:30 a. m.

A. W. McLean Asked to Introduce Mr. Sapiro.

Dr. B. W. Kilgore, director of agricultural extension work in North Carolina, has invited Mr. A. W. McLean of Washington and Lumberton to introduce Mr. Aaron Sapiro, who will address the farmers of Robeson here Friday of this week at 10:30 a. m. See other notices in this issue in regard to this important speaking.

Heavy Rains.
Heavy rains fell throughout this section Friday. The rainfall here was 2.36, according to Mr. B. M. Davis, local government weather man.

Recorder Jno. S. Butler of St. Pauls passed through town Thursday afternoon en route to Wilmington, where he went on business.

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 10 1-4 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Ernest K. Townsend and Margaret Bullard.

—The condition of Mr. E. E. Page, who has been confined to his room for 9 weeks, is somewhat improved.

—Mr. J. W. Griffin returned Thursday evening from Wilmington, where he served on the jury in Federal court.

—The Lumberton post of the American Legion met in the Legion hall Thursday evening. Only routine matters were considered.

—Mr. J. E. Britt is erecting a new building on Chippewa street, in which he will conduct a wood-working plant and a general repair and blacksmith shop.

—Mr. J. B. Bruton, local agent for the Singer Sewing Machine company, has moved from the rear of the McLeod building into the front of the same building.

—Mr. Frank Gough left last evening for Salisbury to attend a meeting of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., which opens there tomorrow and lasts through Thursday.

—Messrs. J. L. Stephens and A. J. Smoot, local undertakers, returned Thursday afternoon from Salisbury, where they attended a meeting of the North Carolina Embalmers association.

—Mr. C. P. Grantham of Fairmont passed through town Thursday afternoon en route home from Asheville, where he spent some time undergoing treatment. His health is very much improved.

—The recital to have been given by pupils of Miss Agnes McLean's music class Friday night of last week was postponed on account of the inclement weather to tomorrow (Tuesday) night, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, in the school auditorium.

—Master Richard Prevatt had his collar bone broken while playing baseball recently. He belongs to the local high school team and was playing at St. Pauls when hurt. He was accidentally knocked down by a member of the St. Pauls team.

—The bankrupt stock of Mr. E. L. Prevatt was sold at auction Saturday at noon to Mr. A. E. Spivey, the sale price being \$1,500. Mr. Prevatt made a voluntary assignment several weeks ago. Mr. Spivey will retail the stock, the sale opening Saturday of this week.

—Messrs. A. P. and H. M. McAllister and W. I. Linkhaw of Lumberton, Mr. C. T. Pate of Pates and Mr. R. H. Livermore of Pembroke left this afternoon for Greensboro, where they will spend a short time on business. They made the trip in Mr. H. M. McAllister's Marmon auto.

—Redstone academy and Thompson institute, both high schools, here for colored, closed last week. Redstone academy closing Wednesday and Thompson institute closing Thursday. Prof. J. H. Haywood is principal of Redstone academy and the total enrollment reached 305 during the term, 95 of whom were boarding pupils. Prof. W. H. Knuckles is principal of Thompson institute.

—Mr. W. S. Wishart, manager of the theatre at Laurinburg, left last night for Hamlet after spending a few days here with home folks. He is on a vacation while the new theatre at Laurinburg is being gotten in shape. He expects to visit Charlotte and perhaps Atlanta during his vacation. Mr. Wishart says his new theatre will be one of the best in this section of the State.

Sun Spots Cause Interruption of Telegraphing.
Telegraphic communication the country over has been seriously interrupted since Saturday night by electrical interferences. A Washington dispatch stated last night that if this is due to spots on the sun it is believed it will pass away within 48 hours; and further:

"The present spot or group of spots on the face of the sun, estimated by naval observatory officials as 94,000 miles long and 21,000 miles wide, was nearest the earth last night, and today through rotation of the sun was moving away from the solar meridian."

Woman's Head on Tombstone Right Here—Don't Have to Go to Fair Bluff.

It is not necessary to go all the way to Fair Bluff to see the outlines of a woman's head on a tombstone. Mr. J. H. Floyd, owner of the Lumberton Marble and Granite works of Lumberton, has discovered one on a tombstone at his plant. The stone has never been placed at the head of a grave, either. There is some coloring in the stone and by looking at it and imagining you see a woman's head you can see it, according to Mr. Floyd. Of course the imagination has much to do with what one makes out of the coloring.

Prominent Wilmington Man Dead.
The community was shocked about noon yesterday when it became known that G. Herbert Smith, one of the city's most prominent and widely known citizens, had been found dead in the bath room at his home, Fifth and Dock streets. The cause of death was asphyxiation.—Wilmington Star, 15th.