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## Flood's Toll 250 Lives and 10 Millions In Property

Pueblo, Colo., Has Been Inundated 3 Times Since Friday Night by Waters of Arkansas River—Appalling Loss of Life and Property—Relief Work Under Red Cross Officials.

Pueblo, June 5.—A downpour of rain, almost to a cloudburst, again was falling at 9 o'clock tonight. The river at 10 o'clock reached Fifth and Court streets, the highest it has been since the flood, when the water reached Fifth and Main streets.

At 10:20 the river was reported at its crest and beginning to subside. There was not the rush of water which accompanied Friday's flood.

Pueblo, Colo., June 5.—Three times during the last 48 hours the waters of the Arkansas river, breaking from their course, have inundated the greater part of this city with the resultant loss of probably not less than 250 lives and property damage estimated at \$10,000,000.

This loss is attributed chiefly to the first flood of Friday night and Saturday morning. The second and third floods of this morning and afternoon found little of value not already ruined by the waters and were looked upon with concern only because they hindered rescue and reconstruction work.

First estimates of the dead, based upon reports from excited eye witnesses who told of seeing hundreds of bodies swept through the streets of the city, are considered greatly exaggerated. While no official count of the fatalities has been attempted, it is said the death list probably will not exceed 250, if that high.

Hundred Bodies Recovered. One hundred bodies have been recovered, but it is feared that when the mud and debris which fills the streets and buildings in the flooded area are cleared away more will be found.

Relief work is progressing under the direction of Red Cross officials and Governor Shoup. The greatest danger at present is said to be from pestilence. Food is being rationed. Those without funds with which to purchase provisions are being cared for by the Red Cross and other agencies. To those who have funds, military permits are being issued allowing the holder to buy only a limited amount of food from local stores.

Pure water is at premium. People have been warned to boil water before drinking. In anticipation of an epidemic, a large quantity of typhoid anti-toxin has been called for and will be administered as soon as available.

Both food and water are being rationed and are very scarce, but the most serious problem facing the city, according to Robert Gast, chief of the sanitation commission of the Red Cross, is that of sanitation. Disinfectants are urgently needed. Mr. Gast declared. In an appeal sent to the St. Louis chapter of the Red Cross last night, the local chapter stressed the need for \$25,000 for immediate use in reclamation work.

Caring for the Homeless. In Pueblo's courthouse hundreds of homeless are housed. The schools' churches, public buildings and hundreds of private homes are caring for countless others left destitute by the flood of Friday night and Saturday. The homeless are being fed at the rate of 600 an hour by the Red Cross but despite the well organized efforts to take care of its unfortunate, the city must have outside aid and at once.

"We are terribly hurt, declared Gast in the St. Louis message. Our poor are destitute. Our rich men are no poorer and we appeal for assistance.

"We must have 500 tents and bedding for the 2,500 destitute persons. A big supply of chemicals and disinfectants are urgently needed. Gasoline, candles, lanterns and camping equipment are sorely needed. We also require the services of trained Red Cross personnel."

Stress is being laid on the necessity of equipping local utilities so that operation may be resumed. It was also pointed out that the stricken city is at the mercy of the elements. Rains continued to fall, though not so heavily as Friday. The big levees which formerly protected the city from the waters of the Arkansas river, went out Friday night and any of the swelling of the river's torrent by rain adds to the flood hazards.

Many Miraculous Escapes. Reports are numerous of miraculous escapes from the waters. Many prominent business men and women, flee, narrowly escaped with their lives. Still others are reported missing.

There has been no attempt to compile lists of known dead. Scores of foreigners living in the bottom, who failed to heed the warning siren were seen to vanish in the raging waters. The railroad yards are a sight begging description. Freight cars and rail equipment of all description are piled in a hideous foul smelling mass. River debris covers the wreckage. The turbid waters swirl and race through the rails and ties.

The flooded section of Pueblo is carpeted with a thick, slimy layer of mud and debris. Water rose to the level of the street lights in many places.

## 47,000 Bales Cotton Signed Up

Robeson County Farmers Have Pledged for Cooperative Marketing Nearly One-Fourth Minimum Requirement for State—Others May Sign and Total May Reach 50,000.

Co-operative marketing contracts for 47,000 bales of cotton were signed by Robeson county farmers during the two weeks' campaign which closed Friday night. Many who have not yet signed contracts are expected to sign and the total in Robeson will probably reach more than 50,000 bales. Those who wish to sign a contract should see Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, at once.

Mr. Dukes was assisted in the campaign for contracts by several representatives of the State Department of Agriculture. Farmers generally think well of the movement, it is said.

As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, the minimum requirement for the State is 200,000 bales and Robeson county alone has already signed for nearly one-fourth that amount. The contract campaign is being waged throughout the cotton-growing counties in this State and throughout the South.

## WILMINGTON DIVISION OF B. W. M. U. MEETS HERE THIS WEEK

Meetings Will be Held in First Baptist Church Wednesday and Thursday—10 Associations Will be Represented.

As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, the Wilmington division of the Woman's Missionary Union will meet in the First Baptist church, here, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. This division includes ten associations in Eastern North Carolina and each association is expected to send delegates from the various organizations. A representative from each society in the Robeson Baptist association is expected to attend the meeting, which will open Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. There will be a night session Wednesday and the meeting will close Thursday at noon.

Mrs. W. H. Reddish of the State executive committee, Raleigh, will be among the speakers who will address the meetings. Mrs. Reddish will speak on "The Standard of Excellence" and "Mission Study." Other State officers are planning to be here and a great meeting is expected.

Program Wednesday Morning, 10:30 O'clock. Devotional service.

Address of welcome—Mrs. C. H. Durham.

Aim of meeting—Mrs. H. M. Baker. Solo.

Plans for our W. M. S., Y. W. A., G. A. and R. A.—Mrs. H. T. Pope. Round Table discussion.

Training school. Wednesday Afternoon, 2 O'clock. Devotional service.

Sunbeam work—Led by Mrs. I. P. Hedgepeth.

1. Leaders' aim. 2. Program material. 3. Standard of excellence. 4. Mission study. 5. Bright Ideas for Sunbeam Bands.

(1) Announcements. (2) Offerings. (3) Reaching apportionment. (4) Attendance. (5) Entertainment.

General Discussion or Question Box. Wednesday Evening, 8 O'clock. Address—Dr. C. H. Durham.

Thursday Morning, 10:30 O'clock. Devotional service. Standard of excellence—Mrs. Reddish. Mission Study—Mrs. Reddish.

Two Stills Captured Near Pembroke. Two whiskey stills were captured in a swamp, two miles west of Pembroke, Friday afternoon. One was a 32-gallon capacity outfit. The still proper being made of a wash pot, while the other was a smaller outfit. Around 500 gallons of beer was found about the stills and this was destroyed.

The stills were located close together and were set up ready for operation, but were idle when the officers reached them. No arrests were made. Indications of the surroundings showed that the stills had been operated there for some time, according to the officers. There was evidence of much business, the officers stated.

Trestle Burned On V. & C. S. Fire thought to have been started by fishermen burned about 80 feet of the V. & C. S. trestle across Gallberry swamp on the Elizabethtown branch early yesterday morning. The trestle is being rebuilt. Mail will be transferred with no delay, while the freight train will be delayed 8 or 10 hours today, according to Mr. J. Q. Beckwith, assistant to the general manager of the V. & C. S.

Pensions \$25 Again This Year. Confederate veterans and widows of veterans who receive a county pension will be paid \$25 this year, the same as last. This was decided by the county commissioners at their meeting today. Those entitled to pensions can get same by writing to or calling upon Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd.

Mr. C. E. Ivey of R. 7, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.

## State H. C. Takes Over Road Work

Beginning Today State Highways in Robeson Will be Maintained by State Highway Commission—Engineer Morrison of This District Here With Supt. Covington Today.

Beginning today the State Highway Commission takes over the maintenance of the State highways in Robeson. Five trucks and five forces of hands were started to work on the highways today and all the highways will be put in first-class condition.

This was the result of the conference between Mr. H. E. Stacy, attorney to the county road board, and Mr. W. B. Covington, county superintendent of roads, and the State Highway Commission Thursday. Messrs. Stacy and Covington went to Raleigh and went before the Highway Commission with the above stated results.

It is probable that two additional trucks will be put to use on the highways at an early date.

Supt. Covington will direct the work on the State highways in the county until the State authorities send a man to take it in charge. Mr. Morrison, engineer for the third district, is here today with Mr. Covington getting a line on the work in this county. Supt. Covington says the State commission taking over this work 30 days earlier than it would have taken it over if it had not been induced to take it over at once will save the county about \$3,000.

## SOUTHERN BELL GIVEN PERMISSION TO RAISE RATES IN NORTH CAROLINA

Corporation Commission Grants Increase of 10 and 25 Per Cent.

Raleigh, June 3.—Southern Bell Telephone's impetuous cry melted the whole corporation commission today, Commissioners Maxwell and Pell giving the paupers 10 per cent increase on business phones, provided this heft does not exceed 50 cents an instrument, and 25 cents flat on residential trunks.

Commissioner Lee, as chairman, vigorously dissents. He would have done what all other states save Alabama did, granted the whole increase. As it was Alabama boosted the Bell's rate twice as high on the petition as did Carolina's commission which was confronted with a 24 per cent increase and actually gave less than 10.

Commissioner Lee could not follow his conscience and his fellows, so he went with the still small voice. He feels that such decision as his brothers gave may arrest the company's progress and he is too progressive to do that. As the order therefore stands, North Carolina gives the Bell company 40 per cent of what it asked and Alabama 80. All other southern states granted the petitions outright.

Morgan Spier was here today. He did not ratify the rumor that the Bell will seek an injunction against putting into effect these low rates given by the commission today. He seemed fairly pleased. Two weeks ago his chances of relief were very bum.—W. T. Bost in Greensboro Daily News.

Additional Prizes and Special Mention. In addition to the list published in Thursday's Robesonian of prizes awarded and special mention of grammar grade pupil, at the close of the local schools last week were the following:

First Grade. In the section of the first grade taught by Miss Emma H. Norment, prizes were awarded to Ellen Biggs for perfect attendance and punctuality, to George Whiting for most head, mark, in "A" spelling class and to Madeline Collins and Thomas Lewis for most headmarks in "B" spelling class. Special mention was made of Helen Marie McNeill for making the highest average, 98 1/2, including work, deportment, punctuality and attendance.

In the section of the first grade taught by Miss Rachael McNamara, special mention was made of Mary Louise Fuller and Elinor Barker for making the highest average in scholarship, including deportment.

Prof. J. D. Huggins, Will Speak At Rowland Baptist Church.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Rowland, June 2.—On the fourth Sunday morning in June Prof. J. D. Huggins, of Boiling Springs, N. C., will speak at the Rowland Baptist church on the subject of the Baptist 75 Million campaign. In the afternoon he will speak to the Mt. Zion church. Then back at Rowland in the evening at 8 o'clock on the subject of "Christian Education."

Prof. Huggins is principal of perhaps the largest Baptist high school of the State. He largely has fathered the school throughout its existence. Prof. Huggins is a strong man and will speak with vigor and resistless force. It is hoped that many may avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing him. Especially will the subject, for Sunday evening appeal to all the denominations. Everybody cordially invited.

H. G. MELTON, Pastor.

N. E. Edgerton, a well-known business man of Raleigh, died in a hospital there Thursday night. He was 53 years old and is survived by his widow and one son.

## Parkton Officer Shoots Mad Negro

Arthur Bristow Swore He'd Kill Before He'd be Arrested and Deputy McNeill Had to Halt Him With a Ball in His Leg—Negro Was Taken to Lumberton—Baseball—Other Items.

By C. D. Williamson. Parkton, June 3.—This has been an ideal week for harvesting small grain. We are glad to report little Earl Thompson, who had pneumonia, about well. Master C. W. Martin Jr. is reported sick today.

The meeting at the M. E. Church closed Sunday night. Rev. G. W. Perry preached some of the most able sermons ever heard in our town and while there were only two members added to the church, yet we trust much good has been accomplished. The attendance was large, especially at night and on Sunday.

The Parkton team went down to Fairmont Wednesday p. m. and played the League team of Fairmont. The score being 5 to 3 in Parkton's favor. It is said it was a splendid game.

Rowland came up Thursday p. m. and played our locals, and while it was a close game, yet Rowland won. The game was somewhat slow, but it was an interesting game. Both teams had on their batting clothes. I never saw heavier hitting, each team getting home runs. The Rowland team men tre mostly stout fellows and they played good ball.

Mr. William Blount, of Charlotte spent a few days with relatives in town, returning to Charlotte Tuesday.

A new barber opened up in the McCormick building last week. The town and community welcome this handsome young man to our town. He is from Carthage—Mr. Morgan.

On Thursday p. m. about 5 o'clock Deputy T. E. McNeill went over to the Gaitley farm to arrest one colored man by the name of Arthur Bristow, who was somewhat disorderly and giving trouble. Deputy McNeill found the man quite mad and he tried to reason the matter but Bristow failed to be reasonable and told the officer and Mr. Gaitley that he would kill them both before he would be arrested and made for them with a hoe. Mr. McNeill fired his gun at the ground a time or two to see if the man would surrender, but nothing doing, so the man with the hoe kept coming for them McNeill shot him in the leg and the mad man fell and was brought to town and Dr. D. S. Currie dressed the wound and then he was taken to Lumberton.

Only one reported on the honor roll this week: Born, to Lieut. and Mrs. Guy Plot, on the 31st, a fine 8lb boy.

## MUNICIPAL FINANCE ACT INVALIDATED BY SUPREME COURT

It Failed to Get Recorded Properly and Court-Makes Short Work of It.

The municipal finance act passed by the North Carolina Legislature at its last session was invalidated by the Supreme Court Friday because the act failed to get itself recorded properly.

Judge Connor says that "from a perusal of this section (3 of the finance act) it clearly appears that the tax rate now allowed and provided for must be one that will not increase the amount of taxes more than 10 per cent over the amount realized under the law of 1919, and that this shall be the maximum rate that can be levied by counties, cities, towns and special tax districts in any year thereafter until authority is given by the general assembly to increase them." The court finds that the \$1 rate will exceed the 10 per cent limitation over the amount collected for 1919 and that by the proposed increase the next indebtedness of the city of Raleigh will exceed 10 per cent of the average annual valuation of its property for the preceding 3 years.

"We concur, therefore, in his honor's ruling on both propositions and hold as a 'conclusion of law' that the enforcement of both ordinances should be permanently enjoined for that they are in excess of the powers conferred upon the city government as to rate of taxation and the incurring of further indebtedness."

Sub-Chaser and Seaplanes Will be at Pageant.

A submarine chaser and three seaplanes will be in Wilmington for the occasion of the presentation of the Pageant of the Lower Cape Fear June 7, 8, and 9. News to this effect was contained in a telegram received last night by Chairman James H. Cowan, of the pageant committee, from Senator F. M. Simmons.—Wilmington Star.

Tomorrow Final Day for Listing Taxes.

At a meeting of the county board of review here Friday it was decided to make tomorrow (Tuesday) the final day for listing property for taxes. All who have not listed are urged to list before tomorrow night.

Mrs. L. Z. Hedgepeth and Misses Thelma and Dorothy Hedgepeth of Rowland arrived Friday to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Britt, East Second street.

## Great Service At Star Last Night

Largest Crowd Since Revival Began 3 Weeks Ago at Warehouse—Singing Was Especially Good Last Evening—Special Music This Evening.

The service last evening was the largest attended of any held at the Star warehouse since the revival was begun there three weeks ago, the attendance being estimated at 1,500. Rev. A. E. Paul preached a sermon of moving power. He preached on "Hell" and offered strong and convincing argument that there is a hell and a hot hell at that. The music under the leadership and direction of Mr. J. H. Jones, evangelistic singer of Wilmington, was a feature last evening. Mr. Jones has a well-trained choir of children who sing "with their mouths open." He also brings out good congregational singing. Mr. Jones sings himself and other specialties are offered in the way of quartets, etc. Last evening a male quartet from Long Branch Baptist church rendered a beautiful selection. Tonight the Lumberton male quartet will render a selection. It was announced last night that a colored choir, led by Charlie Morrissey, also would sing tonight, but Morrissey says he will have to be out of town.

It has not been announced when the meeting will close. Services are held each evening at 7:45, preaching at 8.

## MEN'S CLUB BANQUET A DELIGHTFUL OCCASION

More Than a Hundred Men Enjoyed Banquet Given at Lorraine Hotel by Local Methodist Men's Club—Many Out-of-Town Guests.

An altogether delightful event was the banquet given at the Lorraine hotel Friday evening by the Methodist Men's Club of Lumberton. About 125 people were present, including a boat a dozen women and girls who furnished delightful music throughout the evening and otherwise added to the pleasure of the occasion. Maxton Methodist Men's Club was represented by some thirty-five men, and more would have come but for a military funeral which detained them. St. Pauls, Red Springs and Fairmont also were represented, several men from each place having accepted the invitation of the local club.

Rev. George Stanley Frazer, pastor of Fifth Avenue Methodist church of Wilmington, editor of the Methodist Clubman and originator of the club movement, was guest of honor and principal speaker. President Doshier of the Wilmington club also was present and for a short while led the singing in his usual Oh-be-joyful fashion, also sang a duet with Mrs. L. P. Stack, but he and Mr. Frazer, to the sincere regret of the banqueters, had to leave at 10 o'clock for Wilmington. From the blessing by Rev. Lindsay Frazier, pastor of Lumberton circuit, followed by a verse of "America", to the benediction, by Rev. J. H. Shore, presiding elder of the Rockingham district, it was an evening of feasting, music, fun and good fellowship.

Those taking part in the music were: Mrs. Charles H. Boyd, vocal solos and duet with Mrs. J. J. Goodwin; Mrs. L. P. Stack, vocal solo and duet with Mr. Doshier; Miss Margaret Pope, violin solo; Miss Lula Norment, vocal solo; Mr. Polish of Maxton, violin solo. Mrs. Stack presided at the piano except when she sang, when Mrs. J. A. Martin played accompaniment.

Besides the special music, at the least provocation, or with no provocation at all, that crowd of sober but happy men would burst into song nothing discouraged for further attempts by the fact that every time after Mr. Doshier left them without a leader the ladies would have to come to their rescue, except the time Mrs. Stack led, when they got along fine.

Besides Mr. Frazer, the following were called upon and responded with appropriate brief remarks: Rev. J. H. Shore, presiding elder; Rev. J. A. Hornaday, pastor St. Paul's church of Mt. Zion; Rev. Mr. Hinson pastor of Red Springs circuit; Rev. Mr. Merritt, pastor of Rowland circuit; Rev. Mr. Traywick, pastor of Fairmont circuit; Rev. G. W. Starling, pastor of St. Pauls circuit; Maj. A. J. McKinnon and Mr. J. P. Stansel of Maxton; Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street church of Lumberton and Mr. H. E. Stacy of Lumberton.

Mr. L. P. Stack, president of the local club, presided and was master of ceremonies. The delightful repast was prepared by ladies of the church and was served by the hotel. Large credit for the success of the occasion is due Mr. E. L. Hamilton, chairman of the committee on arrangements, upon whom fell responsibility for preparation, and to the ladies who so generously gave their assistance.

Several young ladies added charm to the occasion by pinning a flower on every guest and by passing favors.

J. T. Harris, who killed F. W. Monish at Montreat, lost his fight for life before the Supreme Court last week. The defense relied on the plea of temporary insanity.

## COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 19 1/4 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—The cool snap in June has arrived.

—Miss Agnes Griffin has accepted a position in the music department of the Lumberton Furniture store.

—Dr. D. D. King, local dentist, has been confined to his room ill for several days. His condition is unimproved.

—Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of schools, spent Saturday in Raleigh on business connected with county school work.

—Mr. E. C. Patton, traveling representative of the Wilmington Dispatch, spent Thursday and Friday in Lumberton in the interest of his paper.

—Miss Cora Collins will leave next week for her home at Crisfield, Md., after finishing the season as trimmer in Miss Josephine Breece's millinery store.

—The county commissioners, the county board of education and the county road commissioners are holding regular monthly meetings here today.

—Mrs. J. L. Stephens underwent an operation for appendicitis and complications at the Thompson hospital Friday. Her condition is reported as favorable.

—Mr. Geo. B. Wilson, of the Geo. B. Wilson company, publisher of the Charlotte Post, is making the annual audit of the books in the office of Mr. J. P. Russell, town clerk and treasurer.

—The June meeting of the Robeson chapter U. D. C. was held in the municipal building Thursday, June 2nd. Three new members were enrolled at this meeting. The meeting adjourned to meet again in September.

—Mr. James Pope, of the U. S. navy, spent Friday and Saturday here visiting home folks. Mr. Pope recently finished a course in the pharmacists mate school at Newport News. He left yesterday for Chicago, Ill., where he will be stationed for some time.

—Mr. D. E. Nance of Proctorville passed through town yesterday en route to Charlotte, where he entered the Charlotte sanatorium for treatment. Mr. Nance has been in ill health for several weeks. He was accompanied to Charlotte by Mrs. Nance.

—Mr. B. E. Odum of Raft Swamp township killed a large rattlesnake on his farm one day recently. The rattler carried 16 rattles and was 5 feet and 7 inches long. The snake gave chase to Mr. Odum for some distance before he secured a pole with which he ended the snake's career.

—"The Microbe of Love," a musical comedy, will be presented by local talent at the high school auditorium this evening at 8:30. The play is being put on under the auspices of the Lumberton Post of the American Legion and promises rich and pleasing entertainment. Admission 35c and 50c, reserved seats on sale at McMillan's Drug store, 75c.

The following officers were elected by Lumbert Ten No. 18, Macca-bees, at the regular review Friday evening: Rossie B. Britt, past-commander; Jesse T. Penny, commander; Jno. W. Long, lieutenant-commander; L. M. McKenzie, record keeper; Dr. R. T. Allen, chaplain; Dr. J. A. Martin, physician; A. H. Pittman, sergeant; W. L. Dawkins, master at arms; F. Grover Britt, first master guard; J. O. Horne, second master guard; W. C. Cribbs, sentinel; F. P. Bodenheimer, picket; Alex Sessoms, J. B. Bruton and F. Grover Britt, auditing committee.

8 Students at University Suspended. Chapel Hill, June 3.—Eight students at the university of North Carolina, all of them in their second year, have been suspended by the student council for the remainder of the session because they entered the rooms of freshmen in the Carr building while the occupants were absent at a class smoker, overturned the beds, threw furniture out in the halls, poured water over beds and clothing, and otherwise rough-housed the rooms.

The eight suspended students are P. C. Froneberger, of Bessemer City; H. L. Dabbs, of Lilesville; John H. Mendenhall, of Greensboro; M. F. Leftwich, of Blentmore; J. W. Kimbrough, of Raleigh; E. A. Thompson, of Greensboro; William K. Harding, of Charlotte, and C. S. White, of Stall. All are sophomores except White, who is taking a premedical course.

KILLED BY FALL FROM COTTON MILL BELFRY

Mr. William McNeill Climbed to Belfry to Give Fire Alarm and Fell—Neck Broken and Head Crushed.

Mr. William McNeill, night watchman at a cotton mill at Hope Mills, died Saturday morning as the result of injuries received about 2 o'clock Saturday morning when he fell from the top of a belfry at the mill. Mr. McNeill climbed to the bell to ring a fire alarm when a cottage at the mill village caught on fire. He was carried to a hospital in Fayetteville and died in a few hours. His neck was broken and his head crushed.

Mrs. N. A. McNeill and son, Mr. D. H. McNeill, of Rennett, were Lumberton visitors Friday.