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## MANY THOUSAND ARE HOMELESS

### Flooded Waters Crush Barriers, Loss of Life and Property Increases.

Memphis, Tenn., April 27.—Sweeping man and his works scornfully before it the mighty flood water of the Mississippi river and its tributaries rolled mercilessly on toward the sea today, inundating new territory in Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana, rendering additional thousands homeless and steadily increasing the toll of death and destruction.

Behind the advancing waters, swift forces of relief, marshalled by an entire nation, moved by every available means to give succor to thousands concentrated in refugee camps, or marooned on high places to which they fled when the waters engulfed their homes.

With the known death list steadily climbing above the one hundred mark, and varying estimates of from 200 to 500 dead in the whole stricken area, every precaution was being taken to prevent additional casualties from disease, hunger and exposure.

While boats and aircraft scoured the flooded districts for marooned persons, other vessels and planes sped to concentration centers and stricken towns with food, clothing, medicines and assurances of continued relief.

Refugees fleeing from newly inundated towns and communities in the three states swelled the ranks of the homeless which already had been estimated at 150,000.

In southeastern Arkansas nearly a dozen small towns were receiving backwaters from old breaks in the Arkansas river, the inhabitants either climbing to the levees or removing to nearby towns which remained dry.

The southern Mississippi delta through which the waters from the St. Johns breaks in the main Mississippi levee must course before rejoining the parent stream near Vicksburg was another scene of evacuation as the flood waters from the mighty river joined with the backwater of the Yazoo.

In northern Louisiana small tributaries of the Mississippi added their waters to the peril from the swollen flood of the winding Red river.

Sections of the southern Louisiana delta below New Orleans received more water from the Diamond crevasse.

Meanwhile, with urgent warnings issued on nearly every hand men labored to rear higher the main Mississippi levees from Vicksburg to New Orleans.

With the crest of the flood past Memphis and the belief that the main Mississippi levees for a good distance south are in rapidly diminishing danger, Secretary of Commerce Hoover and Major-General Jadwin, chief of army engineers, have expressed grave concern for what may happen when the highest waters reaches the lower delta.

In a statement issued from the steamer Chisca, on the Mississippi river last night Secretary of Commerce Hoover, personal representative of President Coolidge declared that while the present problem of relief forces had chief regard for the succor of refugees the great question is what will happen to the levees in the lower river when the crest arrives.

General Jadwin asserted that the great menace to New Orleans will be the joining of the Red River flood with the swollen Mississippi and that the full danger of the resultant flood can only be gauged when they meet.

Tom Tarheel says that his alfalfa fields is the most popular place on the farm with the livestock and chickens.

Planting soybeans after the small grain is cut this spring will insure a good supply of legume hay for this winter.

## Town of Clarendon In 28 Feet of Water

### Property Loss of Millions Being Doubled and Trebled As Additional Dykes Break

Memphis, Tenn., April 22.—Overcoming the heroic efforts of man to keep the raging torrents dammed, the flood waters of the Mississippi and Arkansas rivers were rushing tonight over an ever-widening territory, rendering more thousands homeless and adding to the millions in property loss.

While hundreds of refugees fled before the walls of water, leaving practically their all behind them, additional toll of life was taken both in Arkansas and Mississippi, increasing to 38 the number of known dead since the floods began on the upper reaches of the Mississippi and its tributaries two weeks ago.

This number included the 19 who perished with the swamping of the government steamer Pelican, loaded with refugees, which was caught in the swirl of water as the fast flowing Mississippi broke through the dykes at Knowlton's Point, north of Greenville.

Along the lower reaches of the Arkansas and down the rich Yazoo delta were pictures of suffering and desolation such as seldom before have been presented in territory of soparadic floods. Cities, towns and rich cotton and other plantations were inundated; refugees were huddled in a score or more of concentration points to be cared for by the Red Cross, and the fate of hundreds caught in the flood area was in the balance.

## Memorial Day On May The Tenth

### Address By Dr. Andrew W. Seawell Is Heard — Agricultural Cup Is Awarded.

Will be celebrated in Pittsboro by a dinner and speaking in the court house. After which will be the decoration of our heroes' graves.

The weather promises to be fine and it is hoped that our Confederate Veterans will all be able to attend the exercises.

Senator W. B. Horton of Caswell will deliver the main address on "The Junior Reserve" of North Carolina. From Fort Fisher—the Battle of Bentonville—tell their Surrender to Sherman's Army at Jimtown, near High Point, May 2nd 1855.

The Daughter's of the Confederacy of dinner committee ask that every Confederate Veteran and his wife that can be here, notify Mrs. Henry A. London at once. Also the widows of Confederate Veterans. This is necessary in order for the committee to know how much dinner to prepare for that occasion.

## PROGRAM FOR MEMORIAL DAY AT PITTSBORO THE 10

The following program has been arranged for Memorial Day at Pittsboro, May 10:

Master of ceremonies—A. C. Ray.

Chief marshal—V. R. Johnson. Assistants—Fred Nooe, Sam Griffin, Will London, D. B. Nooe, Ivey Gilmore, Ernest Williams.

Dinner for Confederate veterans and wives or widows at noon.

Invocation — By Rev. C. M. Lance; Children sing "Dixie."

After a recess, march to court room to strains of "Dixie", played by Miss Carrie Jackson.

Prayer—Rev. R. G. Shannonhouse.

Singing, "Bonnie Blue Flag."

Introduction of speaker—Dan'l L. Bell.

Address by Senator W. B. Horton of Caswell county.

Singing by all.

Presenting Confederate flags to veterans.

Music.

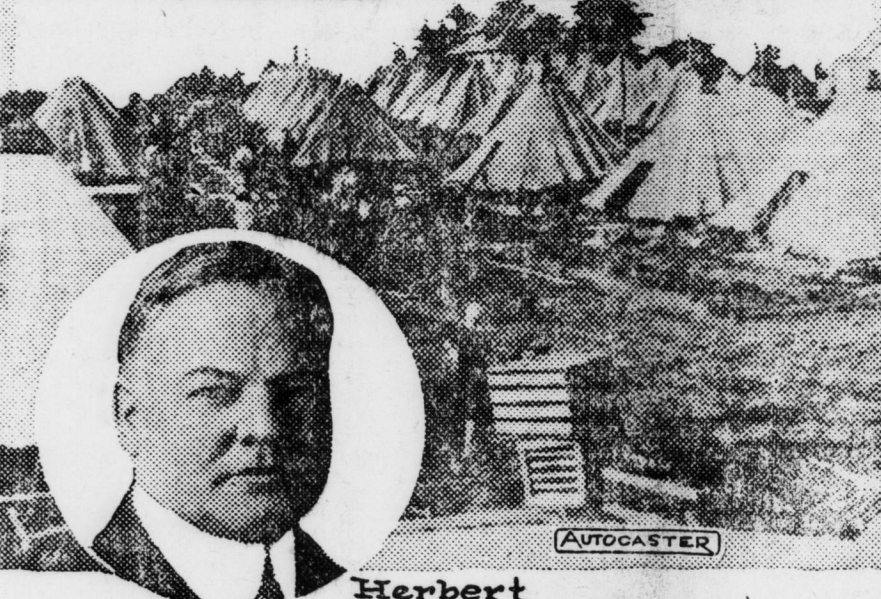
Benediction—Rev. R. R. Gordon.

March to church yards to the tolling of church bells.

Decoration of graves.

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## Nation to Relief of Mississippi Homeless



More than 300 dead and 200,000 homeless are in the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio valleys as waters recede on the most destructive flood the nation has ever known. Secretary of Interior Herbert Hoover has been assigned by the President to personally direct all relief work as the nation contributes funds. Upper photo is an airplane view of Greenville, Miss., under 20 feet of water. Lower photo a typical tent city which now dot the highlands, St. Louis to New Orleans.

## Calls For Arrest Of Drunken Auto Driver

### Told Grand Jurors That Law Enforcement Was Possible When People Saw to It That Officers Carried Out Their Duties

Concord, April 27.—Cabarrus County Superior court convened with Judge Michael Schenck of Hendersonville, presiding. Judge Schenck in his charge told the grand jurors that law enforcement was possible when people saw to it that officers carried out their duties. "We can enforce any law we want enforced," he said. He urged that drunken drivers be arrested, declaring that any one convicted of such a charge before him would not be allowed to drive again for at least a year.

## Woman In Hospital Not Yet Identified

### Has Her Skull Fractured When She Jumped From Automobile At Wilson.

Wilson, April 25.—A young woman, whose identity has not yet been established, is in a local hospital suffering from a fracture of the skull received Monday afternoon when she leaped from an automobile in which she was riding with a man and another woman. In leaping from the car which was traveling out west Vance street she fell and struck her head on the curbing inflicting an ugly wound.

Eye witnesses of the accident gave all the details but were unable to recognize or identify any of the trio. The man stepped into his car and drove away after seeing the extent of the woman's injuries and is alleged to have exclaimed, "I would not have had that happen in my car for anything in the world."

As he disappeared another car turned the corner, pulled up to a stop at the scene and a man alighted, picked up the woman, placed her in the car and drove away.

Her injuries were first attended by a local physician and later she was taken to a local hospital where authorities will only say her condition is serious and will not divulge her name. None of the parties involved are known.

The woman is reported to have said "I don't care to live now" as she leaped from the car. It is reported that while riding in this car she saw another car approaching from the opposite direction with either her husband or sweetheart driving and accompanied by another woman, and it is thought that this prompted her rash act.

Liars need good memories.

## Pittsboro Stages Wet Versus Dry Election

### Will F. Bland Independent Candidate in Favor of Town Water System Defeats E. A. F. Farrell, Opposed.

Since the last issue of the Record a contest between wet and dry developed in the town election and the thing was fought out with ballots Tuesday. The Record told last week how the town meeting called to nominate town officers had named E. A. Farrell for mayor. At the time the wet and dry issue had not developed. However, it turned out in a day or so that Mr. Farrell was opposed to the issue of bonds for the installation of a water system for the town, and the opposition arose, resulting in the candidacy of Will F. Bland as an independent candidate for mayor.

Unfortunately, the registration books had already closed and there was little opportunity to stir up the natives on the vital question. However, there were considerably over a hundred names on the registration book, and as this is written at two p. m. Tuesday, the ballots stand 37 to 38 in favor of the wets, with the prospect that the Bland ticket will hold the lead throughout the day.

It will be recalled that the town council passed an ordinance to issue \$40,000 in bonds for the installation of a water system, and under the municipal act of the recent legislature, advertised the ordinance, to the effect that the bonds would be issued without the question being put to a vote unless 25 per cent. of the qualified voters of the town by petition should call for an election. Mr. Farrell took the stand that if chosen mayor he would not sign the bonds, nor, presumably, call the election. And here the opposition arose.

At this writing it seems to be a victory for those in favor of the bond issue. However, the dries still have the privilege of petitioning for the election and of defeating the proposed issue if they can garner enough votes to do so in case the election should be called.

No one, of course, opposes a water system per se. The contention of the dries is that the town cannot afford, particularly at this stage of affairs when the whole country has been through a three-year period of hard times, to issue bonds to the amount of \$40,000. They point out that the interest itself would be \$2,000 or more, and that the amount necessary to build up a sinking fund and the cost of upkeep and operation would be a sum exceedingly burdensome for the village to raise annually, when all citizens are already burdened with the tax load; that it would necessitate an additional tax levy of about fifty cents on the hundred dollars.

The wets see all that but think the installation would be worth it, and would be of great value in reducing the insurance rate and in putting the town on the map and in a position to attract new citizens and enterprises.

That's the case, but the end is not yet.

There was no opposition to the four councilmen nominated at the town meeting, who are the same as those of last term except that Newton Moore fills the vacancy caused by resignation of D. L. Bell when he was elected to the legislature.

As the evening drew on the contest became warm. It developed that the registration bonds had been burned two years ago and the new ones being used were written from memory by the town clerk and the names of some of the oldest citizens did not appear. Affidavits that they were registered were not accepted by the poll holders. Bland finally won by one majority. The defeated party was rather angry as more Farrell voters had been turned down than Bland voters. On Wednesday the old council met and declared the election as to Mayor null and void. By agreement of all parties the election of the commissioners was

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## Fine Commencement At Pittsboro H. S.

### Every Number on the Program Enjoyable — House Delivers Address to Graduates.

The annual commencement of the Pittsboro school began Friday evening at eight o'clock in the school auditorium, where a most enjoyable recital was successfully rendered by the music pupils of the Pittsboro high school, assisted by the pupils in violin and expression. Although it was the first time some of the pupils had appeared in public, they performed with credit to themselves and their capable teacher, Mrs. Henry A. Bynum.

The class exercises, Saturday evening, was an original play written by Prof. J. S. Waters, member of the faculty, and coached by Mrs. Geo. H. Brooks. The curtain rose on a class meeting in the home of one of the seniors. The second act represented a woodland scene of pines, dog wood, and azalea—a most fitting setting for a weiner roast and fortune telling; the third act pictured a class reunion four years later.

Many deserved compliments were paid the seniors by those present. All parts were taken without a word of prompting and several players showed dramatic ability. The songs which, with one exception, had been written by the members of the class, most of whom are musical were rendered exceptionally well. Perhaps the most characteristic feature of the entire evening was the abandon of those who took part in the play. Ease and naturalness prevailed.

The commencement sermon was preached Sunday morning at eleven o'clock by Dr. Charles E. Maddry of Raleigh. The texts which served for his helpful discourse were: "For What Is Life?" and "I Am Come That They Might Have Life and Have it More Abundantly." The old idea was to be good in order that you might die right; the idea is salvation for living.

The three main divisions of Dr. Maddry's sermon were: First, God gives life; therefore it should be made worthy of Him. Second, the Divine possibilities wrapped up in every human should be lead out and cultivated. Instances were cited showing that one single soul has often wrought wonders. Third, we are living in a marvelous hour. God has brought the great big world together into one neighborhood. The world is plastic, waiting to be made over in the image of Jesus.

The literary address was delivered Thursday morning in a delightful and inspiring manner by Mr. R. B. House, executive secretary, of the University of North Carolina. He reviewed our historical back ground in order to show that our civilization was based upon human welfare, giving the early founding of our university as an example of such an ideal. He spoke of what had been done in the span of one human life; something to be proud of, but not the end of our efforts. He said that there is no fixed and crystalized system for all ages. We carve our own destiny. Education is a growing institution. He mentioned our pending school election as an opportunity to show our devotion to the ideal of our great founder, William Pitt to set his spirit above the dollar and place greatest value upon human welfare.

Prof. A. V. Nolan with eloquent and appropriate remarks presented the graduates with their diplomas, numbering twenty.

County Supt. W. R. Thompson gave to the seventh grade graduates their certificates and presented them as living examples as a reason why we should vote for an eight months school term.

The following prizes were presented: the scholarship medal to Mary Frances Perry. A medal and a certificate of honor to Elsie Riddle as a girl from the eighth grade who represented the highest type of citizenship. A \$5.00 prize from the Henry London Chapter of the U.D.C. for the best essay on "The Immortal Six," won by C. C. Hamlet.

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## MISTRIAL IN F-SAPIRO CASE

### Subjects of New Trial Is Discussed but no Agreement Reached for Present

Detroit, April 25.—Aaron Sapiro's \$1,000,000 libel suit against Henry Ford and the automobile manufacturer's weekly, the Dearborn Independent, fell by the wayside today when Federal Judge Fred M. Raymond declared a mistrial.

He held with the Ford attorneys that the jury had been contaminated by newspaper publication of an interview with a juror, Mrs. Cora Hoffman.

"Apparently this case must fall at this time" the court regretfully announced. "It falls to a large extent because justice has been crucified upon the cross of unethical and depraved journalism."

He discharged the jury and immediately called John A. Baxter, acting federal district attorney, and instructed him to investigate and if his findings warranted, file contempt proceedings against the publishers of the Detroit Times, the reporter who interviewed Mrs. Hoffman and any others involved in the publication of her statement in that newspaper.

Judge Raymond stated from the bench that there seemed to be nothing to support other charges against Mrs. Hoffman and Sapiro, made in 15 affidavits, mostly by Ford detectives in support of the motion for a mistrial.

The outstanding allegation was that Mrs. Hoffman frequently had been seen and overheard in conversation with J. "Kid" Miller, who in turn had been observed talking earnestly with Sapiro and that Miller had been heard to say to Mrs. Hoffman that by doing certain things she could earn "thousands of dollars."

After Judge Raymond announced his ruling he met the attorneys in chambers to discuss a new trial but no agreement was reported and they separated to meet for a further discussion Saturday, April 30th.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH NOTES

During May and June the rector will have services every Sunday at St. Bartholomew's church; first and third Sundays at eleven, as usual, and other Sunday's at five p. m. Visitors are welcomed at all services.

A Men's supper, dueth style, will be given at Burlington at the Alameda hotel next Monday night, for laymen from all the churches in the Diocese. One dollar a plate. Special speaker, Rev. L. M. McAllister, executive secretary, diocese of Newark. Mr. A. H. London, D. L. Bell, and the rector will attend.

The diocesan convention meets in Burlington next Tuesday and Wednesday. Delegates, as above.

The woman's auxiliary convention met in Salisbury, St. Luke's, last Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. Shannonhouse and Mrs. A. H. London represented St. Bartholomew's auxiliary.

The local auxiliary is having extensive improvement made on the church grounds, with clearing up and new fencing.

And St. Bartholomew's annual report indicates very gratifying improvement along all lines.

Mr. G. R. Pilkington and Mr. Alex Riddle are alternate-delegates to the convention. Other officers are: W. L. London, Treas.; D. L. Bell, clerk; A. H. London, warden; R. G. Shannonhouse, rector; Mrs. N. M. Mill, vice-pres. of the auxiliary; Mrs. Victor Johnston, organist.

On account of choir members going off to school next fall the organist and choir leader are looking around for more members to take their places. Young ladies and men are needed.

The rector visited his mother and his daughter in Charlotte two days last week.

Many a man who declares his opinion has none.