

Yadkin Flood Takes Lives Of Number People

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Building was swept down the street.

So early after the disaster, business men here today were reluctant to make estimates of financial damages, due to the fact that there has been no opportunity for anything except preliminary check-up of mass losses.

The water rose with amazing rapidity Tuesday night and many residents had to be warned out of their sleep to flee for their lives. Few of the flood refugees were able to save anything from the buildings.

All the residences along Wilkesboro Avenue by the fairgrounds were destroyed, also several on Cherry street. An entire row of residences facing Home Chair company were destroyed by fire in the midst of the flood.

The attractive home of J. D. Schafer near the tannery plant washed down the river.

With their homes flooded Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shockey took refuge in the tannery power plant building Tuesday night and watched flood waters rise higher and higher each hour. They were rescued by boat Wednesday morning about the time fire began to rage in the tannery's main plant.

One unusual sight Wednesday morning was a hog which had climbed to safety on a roof near the depot.

Power lines leading into this city went out early Wednesday morning but by earnest effort on the part of Duke Power company officials and employees, service was restored here on Wednesday night, 9:57. The trouble arose from a pole going out west of Winston-Salem and flooding of transformers at Lookout dam.

North Wilkesboro's water plant was flooded, including the generators and electric motors. City officials and employees are working continuously to put the plant in operation but it was indicated today that two or more days of labor will be necessary and that equipment must be purchased. Wilkesboro had water last night from its newly constructed system of piping springs from the Brushies.

City officials here held an emergency meeting today and it was decided to begin work on the water plant late today.

Beginning late today. However, the warning has been given by the health department to boil ALL DRINKING WATER for the first few days, due to danger of pollution of water by flood waters and condition of water mains.

Long distance telephone lines were down because of the flood and one circuit was placed in operation late Wednesday. Telephone lines leading out of North Wilkesboro were put out of commission for an indefinite time.

The refugee and flood relief problems have been handled very effectively here by the Red Cross, police department and a contingent of 35 men from the Laurel Springs C. C. Camp under command of Captain William Baker.

As soon as news of the disaster here reached Winston-Salem Wednesday the Winston-Salem chapter of the Red Cross immediately contacted national Red Cross headquarters and assurances were given the Red Cross would aid in providing relief for flood stricken here.

Governor Clyde R. Hoey in Raleigh also gave assurance that the state would aid and that he personally might visit the scenes of disaster to direct relief activities.

Mrs. Winifred Black, of the Winston-Salem chapter of the Red Cross arrived here at five p. m. Wednesday to assist in relief and Charles Mix, field representative of the Red Cross, also arrived on the scene Wednesday.

Refugee housing has been handled here principally by relatives of the homeless but temporary quarters were arranged for any who were unable to find homes in which they could stay temporarily. The Red Cross relief station, which has been operating at the city hall, has been issuing meal tickets to refugees. Assurances were given that the Red Cross would render aid to the stricken and many local people have been assisting admirably in the efforts.

The flood played havoc with highways and bridges in northwestern North Carolina (See story elsewhere in this newspaper).

One horse and a number of cows in Tomlinson's stables near the railroad were drowned.

Much damage was done to City Blacksmith Shop, Coble milk receiving station, North Wilkesboro Epistler, the surplus commodities store room and other establishments on Cherry street.

The low death toll along the Yadkin was considered remarkable in view of the height and

speed of the flood but reports from the Stony Fork community today were tragic.

Ben Green, who lived alone near Stony Fork church, lost his life and his home was destroyed. His body was found by J. W. McGee, Everett and Jake Pennell, and was lying between road number 283 and the river. They carried the body, which showed evidence of traveling over rocks and through flood debris, for a distance of about one mile to the nearest point where it could be brought into this city by truck.

Ralph Wooten, who is employed here, today told of being stranded in the Stony Fork section Tuesday night. He said that Andy Greene was drowned in Stony Fork Creek and his wife was found in a dying condition in a drift. Their three children were reported missing yesterday.

It was also reported to Mr. Wooten yesterday that at least ten persons were missing on Stony Fork and that at least some of them were probably drowned. The torrents lashed with full fury along Stony Fork and Elk creeks.

Mr. Wooten returned to North Wilkesboro by walking to highway 421 at the Wilkes-Watauga county line and down highway 421 along Lewis Fork to the home of Dr. W. R. Triplett, from which point he came by automobile.

According to reports given him, at least 20 homes on Stony Fork were wiped out and several on Elk Creek. Along highway 421 in the Maple Springs and Lewis Fork community he said he saw where homes had been destroyed and much damage had been done by the flooded stream to the highway, washing out a number of places.

Three stores and a number of homes at Ferguson and vicinity were destroyed. The Ferguson stores swept away were Matt Minton's, Charlie McNeil's and Fairchild's. Charlie Minton's store, truck and automobile on Elk were washed away and homes of Ab Marley, Jim Hall and others were destroyed.

The 12-room home of Lewis Triplett on Stony Fork Creek floated down the swollen stream. Every bridge in that part of the county was either washed away or damaged to such an extent that travel was impossible.

Homes were also reported destroyed along Reddies River, Roaring River, Mulberry and other streams. The flood toll of homes may exceed 150 in Wilkes county.

Trains have been unable to run since the flood since the tracks have been washed away and while a temporary trolley has been impossible, it is known that the track and equipment have been very badly damaged at many points between this city and Winston-Salem, probably exceeding the damage in the 1916 flood. At present it is impossible to estimate the railroad damage with any degree of accuracy or predict time of resumption of train service.

Water flooded the state highway machine shop on the south side of the Yadkin and caused much damage to equipment. The prison camps were flooded for a brief time, necessitating removal of prisoners in the interest of their safety but the waters did not reach any great depth in the camp.

Claude Pearson's wholesale store, Carl A. Lowe and Sons, Wilkes Auto Sales company and a number of other firms on Forester Avenue, suffered heavy losses in the flood. A complete estimate of damages was practically impossible today.

The Greyhound bus terminal here this afternoon announced that bus service to Winston-Salem, Statesville and Charlotte, Lenoir and Sparta has been resumed and that it will be resumed on other routes as soon as road conditions permit.

Questions Answered By State College

Question: What is the most economical and satisfactory ration for swine?

Answer: There is no one best ration for it is possible to create the net returns by selecting carefully each season the particular combination of feeds that will make a well balanced, efficient ration at the minimum cost. A more or less standard ration that produces good results consists of corn, tartrate or fish meal, and a mineral mixture. This ration can often be made more economical by substituting a cheaper source of protein supplement for part of the lanrage. Barley or wheat, when cheap enough, can also replace corn and 10 per cent of finely ground, bright green leafy legume hay added to the protein supplement will improve the ration if there is a Vitamin "A" deficiency.

CHICKS

More than 782,000,000 baby chicks are produced annually by the commercial hatcheries operating in the United States, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME CHAIR COMPANY PLANT



As the flood waters of the Yadkin here Wednesday afternoon receded, the Home Chair company plant continued to burn to the ground. This scene taken from

a plane shows some of the desolation of the disaster. (Winston-Salem Journal photo).

Find Source Of Mountain Noise

Lake Lure, N. C.—No longer is there any mystery about where the noises come from inside Rumbling Bald Mountain.

Members of the National Speleological Society came here from Washington and explored the fissures that honeycomb the huge rock 1,000 feet above Lake Lure.

They discovered that boulders weighing thousands of tons break loose from the tops of subterranean crevices and thunder down to the bottom of a cave. The society is a group of amateur cave explorers and mappers.

Strip-Cropping Aids In Fighting Erosion

Strip-cropping, virtually unknown in North Carolina until within the past decade, has now become a common sight in areas subject to soil erosion, according to W. D. Lee, soil conservationist of the State College Extension Service.

He explained that the Soil Conservation Service has developed two types of strip cropping, one known as annual and the other as perennial. Each of these types plays a definite role in a sound conservation program.

In this section, kudzu and lespedeza sericea generally are grown in perennial strips. Hay produced in these strips enables farmers to turn under for soil improvement a larger proportion of the vegetation grown in annual strips instead of harvesting these annual crops for hay.

Lee pointed out that the turning under of these crops makes it possible to produce clean-tilled crops more economically and on less land. This in turn permits the growing of perennial strips on steeper portions of the land.

Another reason for growing both annual and perennial strips is that sometimes heavy rains occur when the vegetation in the annual strips is not large enough to provide ample protection for the land. This makes perennial strips necessary as a second line of defense.

Lee pointed out that perennial strips and annual strips are important and desirable measures. When the two are used together, each has its own advantages and if used carefully each season the particular combination of feeds that will make a well balanced, efficient ration at the minimum cost.

Sees 2,500,000 In Defense Jobs

Washington—A prediction that the defense program would cause within a year the employment of 2,500,000 persons now out of work came today from the American Federation of Labor.

The Federal Reserve Board said that the ranks of the unemployed had been reduced about 500,000 in the last year. About 1,000,000 jobless persons found work, it reported, but a new crop of youth arriving at working age partially offset the re-employment.

The board said: "The number of persons out of work is still large."

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Weeks Advises On Curing Tobacco

The following information furnished by L. T. Weeks, Extension Tobacco Specialist, will be of interest to the tobacco farmers who are having difficulty in getting their tobacco to yellow before the leaf begins to dry.

Reports have been made that flue-cured tobacco producers are having difficulty in getting their tobacco to yellow before the leaf begins to dry. This can be overcome to some extent by putting moisture in the barn while yellowing the tobacco. There are a number of ways to add the necessary moisture during the yellowing period of curing tobacco.

(1) One of the most common ways is to stretch wire just above the fire joints and keep wet sacks on this wire. A tub of water just outside the barn will make it easy to change the sacks when the ones on the wire becomes dry. If the sacks are kept thoroughly wet, the necessary moisture will be evaporated in the barn to yellow the tobacco before the leaf begins to dry which will eliminate undesirable colors to some extent.

(2) If the above process does not prevent the tobacco from drying before the desired color is obtained, a barrel of water should be sprinkled on the floor of the barn.

MUST BE HEAD

Alford—I think that new girl in the office has a soft spot in her heart for me. Says she's always thinking of me.

Baitsky—Why, man, a girl does not think with her heart. The soft spot must be in her head.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed to us on the 3rd day of August, 1939, by C. M. Petty and wife, Mae Petty and default having been made in the payment of said Deed of Trust and Note and demand having been made for payment of said Deed of Trust and Note and payment refused;

We will therefore on the 30th day of August, 1940, at 12 o'clock, noon, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at public auction at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, the following described lands, to-wit:

Said lands being located in Edwards Township, Wilkes County, North Carolina and bounded as follows:

FIRST TRACT: Beginning on a red oak, Martin's northeast corner running West with his line 18 poles; thence North 52 poles to a red oak; thence East 18 poles to Henderson Dowell's corner a spanish oak near the Stoneoak road; thence a South course with his line 58 poles to the beginning, containing 6 1/2 acres and being the lands deeded to me by David Tharpe.

SECOND TRACT: Adjoining first tract, beginning on a Spanish oak on West side of Stoneoak road my corner running South 84 poles to a small black oak the Colvard old corner; thence East 33 poles to a small sourwood on West side of ridge road; thence North 84 poles to a small white oak in Tidline's line; thence West with Tidline's line 33 poles to the beginning, containing 17 acres, more or less.

This the 31st day of July, 1940. J. F. JORDAN and F. J. McDUFFIE, Trustees

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Fruit Growers Picnic Postponed

The annual picnic of the Brandy Mountain Fruit Growers Association, scheduled to be held tomorrow at the campsite located on the Wilkesboro-Taylorville highway, has been postponed according to a statement issued this afternoon by J. B. Salpes, county farm agent. Date for holding the picnic will be announced later. Mr. Salpes stated. Postponement was due to the disastrous flood which struck this county early yesterday morning.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Sadie Martin Petty, deceased of Wilkes County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, on or before the 18th day of July, 1941, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 18th day of July, 1940. WADE HOUCK, Admr. of Sadie Martin Petty, deceased 6-22-40 t

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