

Rehabilitation Now Object Of Red Cross

Turning their attention from emergency aid to plans for more permanent rehabilitation, the American Red Cross and co-operating agencies are doing what local people call a splendidly thorough job of providing relief and assistance to flood stricken families in Wilkes county.

Miss Margaret Cornell Lespestre, representative of the American Red Cross in charge of flood disaster relief in Wilkes, said today that families who lost heavily in the flood August 14 are continuing to arrive at Red Cross headquarters here and register. Some of them arrived today, the first day they had been able to reach North Wilkesboro because of road conditions and bridges being out across the streams.

Already the Red Cross has spent over \$4,000 in emergency aid for 214 families.

This amount does not include vast amounts of food contributed by the Surplus Commodities Corporation through the Wilkes county welfare department, clothing manufactured in WPA sewing rooms or materials donated by individuals and corporations to the Red Cross for aid of flood victims.

One individual contribution which Miss Lespestre said had saved the Red Cross much money was 200 beds given by American Furniture company in this city. The beds had been slightly damaged by flood waters in the plant of the company here but are very useful in homes which had lost all furniture in the flood.

Registrations during the past few days have included families from on Stony Fork and Elk creeks. Red Cross workers said that in some instances homes had been totally destroyed and families had been separated and visiting among neighbors and relatives in the community since the flood.

As plans for rehabilitation work progress, the value of co-operating agencies becomes more apparent, Miss Lespestre said. Farmers who lost their crops, livestock or farm equipment are being referred to the Farm Security administration here for loans. Emergency aid is being given those who lost food by the Surplus Commodities corporation and the Red Cross is supplying emergency furniture. However, some families are being referred to the Disaster Loan Corporation for help in rebuilding or repairing homes or purchase of furniture. J. E. Wilson, representative of the DLC, has been making this city his headquarters for work in the flood stricken area.

The loans are being allowed only those who can not get sufficient credit through existing financial institutions, however.

The field workers of the Red Cross who have been visiting the homes of families registered are Miss Julia Galtskill and Miss Claire Dearkin. They and Miss Lespestre have highly complimented Wilkes people on their frankness and integral honesty, finding conditions which exist are often identical to the slightest detail with the reports filed at time of registrations.

Miss Lespestre said that they not only find the people willing and eager to help themselves but are anxious to render help to an unfortunate neighbor.

One man 84 years of age walked into Red Cross headquarters barefooted because the flood floated his shoes away. They promptly gave him an order to go to a merchant and buy himself some shoes and another order for some articles of house furnishings which were essential to continued existence. He did not go home until he returned to Red Cross headquarters, secured the names of the three workers and told them he was going to thank God for them every night and remember them in his prayers.

Call Meet Woman's Club To Be Friday

A picnic call meeting of the North Wilkesboro Woman's Club will be held on Friday, September 6, one o'clock, at the clubhouse. Lunch will be served on the grounds and members will be called about what to bring. A full attendance is asked because matters of importance will be taken up and work of the coming year will be discussed.

GREAT GRANDMOTHER AT 55—WED AT 14

Logan, W. Va., Aug. 25.—Mrs. Mellie Irwin was married at fourteen, became a mother at fifteen and a grandmother at thirty. Now, with jubilation, she is announcing she is a great grandmother at fifty-five.

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Thirty-Three Pound "Potato"



One of the many strange sights unearthed by the flood in this vicinity was the "potato" shown here with Charlie Chambers, four-year-old son of A. E. Chambers, who lives on Troxdon street. The giant tuber when found tipped the scales at 33 1/2 pounds, which also happens to be the weight of Charlie. Mr. Chambers has buried the tuber, which is a variety of "wild sweet potato," and hopes to keep it alive and growing. (Photo by Dwight Nichols).

City Schools And 61 In County System Opened

Legion Will Meet On Friday Night

The regular meeting of the American Legion for September will be held at the Legion-Auxiliary Club room Friday night, September 6th, at 7:30. A special program has been prepared by W. D. Halfacre, Andrew Kilby and Dr. M. G. Edwards, and a most enjoyable evening is anticipated.

Neck Stabbed In Fight On Sunday

Jim Hensley In Hospital Here and Officers Look For Stamen Jarvis

Jim Hensley was stabbed in the neck in an altercation near Wilkes Sunday afternoon and officers are looking for Stamen Jarvis, a brother-in-law, who is alleged to have inflicted the wound.

Witnesses told officers that the town men fought desperately for about five minutes and that the trouble was said to have begun over a woman, Jarvis, who was not badly hurt, walked away after Hensley was carried to the Wilkes hospital here. Physicians said he suffered great loss of blood but barring complications may recover.

Snake-Owning Parson Faces Murder Charge

Elize Bowling, a preacher of Hyden, Ky., is under \$5,000 bond pending grand jury action on a murder charge in the death of Mrs. Clark Napier, 40-year old woman, mother of seven children, who was bitten by a rattlesnake in a religious meeting near Hyden last Thursday night.

Bowling was fined \$50 before Mrs. Napier's death on a charge of violating the 1940 state act banning use of snakes in religious services. Deputy Sheriff Herb Wootton said five snakes allegedly owned by Bowling and used in the services have been destroyed.

North Carolina had 37 pedestrians under 15 years of age killed the first six months of this year.

First Reports Indicate Large Number Enrolled

Ten Schools Unable To Open Today Due To Condition Of Roads and Bridges

North Wilkesboro city schools and all schools in the Wilkes county system with the exception of ten began the 1940-41 term today.

Sixty-one of the county schools opened today and first preliminary reports indicated a larger enrollment than last year.

The schools which were not able to open today on account of damage to roads and bridges in the flood August 14 were Millers Creek, Cricket, Whittington, Oak Grove, Roaring River, Mount Pleasant, Ferguson, Hendrix, Maple Springs and Conger.

C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, said today that Millers Creek, Cricket, Whittington and probably Roaring River will open on September 9. Opening of the other six schools, he said, may be delayed until September 16.

850 Enroll Here

Enrollment today in North Wilkesboro white schools reached 850 with 550 in the elementary grades and 300 in the high school department. Total enrollment is expected to reach 900 by the end of the week.

New courses to be offered in the high school department this year include industrial arts, diversified occupations, third year home economics and vocal music.

Students were registered today and will begin work on the regular school schedule Tuesday morning.

Colored school enrollment today was 135 and may reach 160.

Miller Child Dies

Raymond Odell Miller, age four, son of Maynard O. and Mamie Dillard Miller, of near this city, died Thursday. Funeral service was held Saturday at Welcome Home church. Surviving are the father and mother and one brother.

Industrial Rehabilitation Meeting Will Be Held Here Wednesday Afternoon

Threat Of Flood Here On Friday Causes Anxiety

Heavy Rains In Mountains Causes River To Rise To Some Extent

Only 16 days after the most disastrous flood in the history of the Yadkin valley "Old Man River" began to appear ominous again on Friday evening and inhabitants of the valley became anxious for fear another deluge was coming out of the mountains and down the usual serene valley.

Heavy rains after midnight on Friday morning, continued reports of heavy rains all day Friday from the mountains west of here and intermittent showers in this locality spread the feeling of uneasiness.

On Friday night this anxiety was heightened when it began to rain here with cloudburst proportions and the muddy Yadkin began to overflow its banks about eight o'clock.

People who had any movable property in the valley where flood waters went on a rampage August 14 were busily engaged in moving it to higher grounds. Factories moved materials rapidly and stores cleared the lower shelves as the rains fell and the flood waters rose.

But came Saturday morning and all was well except for the fact that the Yadkin was overflowing into the lowest bottom lands. A feeling of relief was apparent on numerous faces when it became apparent that there was to be no immediate repetition of the August 14 deluge.

But other sections were not so lucky, particularly around Asheville, where some new high water marks were set. Considerable damage was also reported from mountain counties nearer here, including Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany.

A. N. Elledge, 72, Claimed By Death

A. N. Elledge, 72, prominent citizen of the Hays community, died Thursday at his home. Funeral service was held Saturday, 11 o'clock, at Haymeadow church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Martha J. Elledge, and the following children: Mrs. Isadore Wiles, Hays; Spencer Elledge, North Wilkesboro route one; Mrs. Nora Rhoades, Mrs. Docia Brooks and Ransom Elledge, Hays; Mrs. Ada Rhoades, Winston-Salem; Winfrey Elledge, Wilkesboro route one; Ira Elledge, Millers Creek; C. W. Elledge, Hays.

Accident In City; Hickory Man Held

Vernon Smith, Hickory man employed here, was taken to the Wilkes hospital and later to jail Sunday evening by local officers following an accident in which Smith's car crashed into Stokes Hunt's parked car on Ninth street.

Both cars were badly damaged and Smith was slightly hurt in the collision. He was later released under bond on a charge of operating a car while intoxicated.

Three Robberies Occur In City

Service Station And Two Homes Entered Thursday And Friday Nights

Police Chief J. E. Walker has reported that a number of thefts have been committed in North Wilkesboro during the past few days.

On Friday night persons of unknown identity broke a window and entered Textile Service station near Wilkes Hosiery Mills on F street. About \$40 in money was taken.

The home of I. H. McNeill, Jr., was entered Friday night but nothing was stolen. An undetermined sum of money was taken in a break in at the home of G. T. Bare on Thursday night.

Paints Call to Arms for Uncle Sam



Maj. Thomas B. Woodburn at Governors Island, New York, with his latest poster for the U. S. army, completed with the collaboration of his wife, Margaret (shown) also a well known artist. The poster is entitled "Defend Your Country."

Young Man Shot In Free For All On Saturday Night

Robert Wingler Hit In Leg By Shotgun Charge; Four Are Indicted

Robert Wingler, a young man of the Liberty Grove community, was seriously wounded in what officers described as a free-for-all which occurred there Saturday night.

The young man was hit in the right leg by a shotgun charge at the hands of one of the men involved and Clint Elledge was also hurt but not seriously wounded.

Sheriff C. T. Doughton and deputies are busily investigating the affair but today were unable to give any details of its origin other than it started over attentions of some young men to a group of girls returning home from a church service.

Warrants have been issued and served on Guy Call, Clint Elledge and Com Wingler and it was indicated that Robert Wingler may also face charges if he survives. Others said to have been involved in one way or another include Fred Kilby, Claude Elledge, Clifford Vickers, Nannie Wingler, Rosa Lee Wingler and L. T. Mitchell.

A hearing will be held Saturday afternoon, two o'clock, before Magistrate R. C. Jennings in Wilkesboro.

6,000 People In Wilkes County Are Immunized

Health Department Works To Safeguard Health Following The Flood

Since the flood on August 14 the Wilkes county health department has immunized over 6,000 people against typhoid and has carried out many other activities to safeguard the health of the people during the critical period.

H. B. Howle, county sanitarian, and J. C. Bost, representative of the state board of health, visited 111 homes in rural areas, finding 87 water supplies damaged by flood waters. 77 privies completely washed away or destroyed, 57 rural dwellings damaged and 25 rural homes completely destroyed.

These figures do not include North Wilkesboro, where 30 dwellings were destroyed and many others flooded and damaged. The homes which were flooded here and which were to be re-occupied were visited by representatives of the health department and instructions were given relative to cleaning and sterilization.

EXHIBITS

Cleveland County 4-H Club members are taking much interest in preparing individual exhibits for fairs this fall, reports L. E. Thornton, assistant farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

City And County Officials, Others To Talk Proposals

Flood Control Dam, Railroad Spur and Factory Sites To Be Considered

The board of directors of North Wilkesboro's Commerce Bureau, Inc., met in the office of the bureau in the town hall on Friday, August 30, at 4 o'clock.

This meeting was called for the purpose of further considering ways and means of rehabilitation of properties recently damaged by flood waters and fires and for the transaction of any other business that should come before the board.

Dam Proposal Talked

The proposed flood control dam to be constructed on the Yadkin River about two miles southwest of North Wilkesboro, which is a matter of vital interest to the people of this section of the country, was again discussed and letters from Congressmen and Senators in reply to letters heretofore addressed to them concerning the proposed dam were read. On motion duly carried, a committee was appointed to appear before the board of county commissioners and the board of commissioners of the town of North Wilkesboro for the purpose of asking each board to pass a suitable resolution favoring the construction of the proposed flood control dam, sending a copy of the resolution to Congressmen and Senators.

Want Railroad Spur

Officials of the Southern Railroad Company are expected to send engineers at their earliest convenience to make a survey to ascertain what practical points suitable for manufacturing sites can be reached with spur tracks above the high water mark. It is believed that points on top of the hill in the lower section of town can be reached or perhaps as far out as the County Home or points near Fairplains. Therefore, the committee appointed to appear before the two boards of commissioners in regard to passing resolutions concerning the proposed dam was also appointed to find out from the county commissioners what their sentiment would be in regard to donating some of the County Farm land for manufacturing sites.

After talking with some of the county and town officials, it was decided the most satisfactory way to arrive at an early decision on these matters would be for the county board of commissioners, the town board of commissioners, the Commerce Bureau and all citizens of the town and county who can and will attend to hold a joint meeting. This meeting has been called to be held in the town hall in North Wilkesboro on Wednesday, September 4, at 4 o'clock p. m. All county and town officials, officers, directors and members of the Commerce Bureau, civic organizations, religious and fraternal organizations, manufacturers, merchants, bankers, farmers, lumber dealers and in fact all citizens and taxpayers of the town and county are invited to attend the meeting.

Draft Resolution

The directors of the Commerce Bureau authorized the secretary to draft a suitable resolution to be sent to the International Shoe Company, Saint Louis, Mo., expressing sympathy to the company and its employees on account of losses caused by recent flood waters and fires, expressing our desire for the rebuilding and continued operation of the tannery in North Wilkesboro and offering any assistance the Commerce Bureau can render.

Committee Named

A committee was appointed to call on J. D. Moore, Sr., to talk to him relative to his future plans for the operation of the Home Chair company, of which he is president, and to offer any assistance the Commerce Bureau can render.

MASONIC NOTICE

Important meeting of North Wilkesboro chapter No. 16 R. A. M. Thursday, Sept. 5, 7:30 p. m. All companions urged to attend. Important business to transact.

Fairgrounds Good Shape

Officials of the Great North-western Fair, which will be held September 10-14 on the fairgrounds here in spite of the recent flood, said today that the grounds are in good condition and that arrangements for the gala event are practically complete.

The river did not deposit mud on the grounds because of the grounds being in the swift current near the center of the flood stream and the grounds are in fine condition, officials said.

The fence around the grounds has been rebuilt and a stage will be erected for the show of several thrilling acts originally scheduled to be presented in front of the grandstand. The grandstand washed away in the flood and all attending the fair will get to see the big circus acts without grandstand charge.

The armory which was used for an exhibit hall was also washed away but exhibits will be housed in tents on the grounds. Ample space will be provided for exhibits of all departments, for which \$2,000 in cash premiums is offered.

Marks shows with a galaxy of attractions in the form of shows and rides will fill the midway and gorgeous fireworks will climax each night's performance.

School children will be admitted free on Tuesday, September 10.

Fair officials also announced that a new Ford automobile will be given away to someone attending the fair.

Accident Occurs On Ninth Street

Two Young Men Injured When Car Hits Loaded Freight Truck Here

Two young men were badly hurt here late Friday night when the car in which they were riding crashed into the back of one of Queen Trucking company's trucks parked on Ninth street near the home of W. K. Sturdivant.

The injured were George Long a soldier from Langley Field, Va., and Jim Higgins, of this city. Long received severe lacerations on his head and Higgins' injuries were less serious. They were carried to the Wilkes hospital.

The car, a 1940 model Plymouth, belonged to Raymond D. Barnes, of Langley field, according to papers it contained. The car was practically demolished.

Whitley Child Dies

Funeral service was held Saturday at Maple Grove church for Ennice Whitley, five-year-old daughter of Glenn and Gena Shumate Whitley, of Hays. She died Friday.

Surviving are the father and mother, one brother and one sister.

Rev. S. L. Blevins conducted the last rites.