

FLOOD DAMAGE HEAVY IN REGION OF YADKIN

FLOOD DAMAGE TO CROPS ALONG YADKIN PROVED HEAVY



This picture from the Yadkin bridge between the Wilkesbors at the intersection of the Yadkin and Reddies rivers Saturday is indicative of the flooded valley of the Yadkin for many miles Saturday when a flash flood put the Yadkin out of banks and over half the valley, flooding thousands of acres of young crops in the fertile valley. The serious flood threat, with estimated damage of half million dollars in Wilkes county, has given impetus to efforts to secure a congressional appropriation for erection of flood control dams on the Yadkin and Reddies rivers.—(Photo by Dwight Nichols).

ONE KILLED; ONE WOUNDED

Lloyd Mayberry Victim Shooting Near Windy Gap

Bill Pierce Hit Five Times By Revolver Shots Sunday Afternoon

One man was shot to death and another was seriously wounded in two week-end shootings in Wilkes county.

Lloyd Mayberry, 32, of the Windy Gap community, was shot to death about 10:30 p. m. Saturday. Wilkes county officers said Percy Johnson has been charged with the fatal shooting.

Sheriff C. G. Poindexter said Percy Johnson, about 47, met Mayberry at the home of Shirley Johnson, a cousin of Percy. The two got into an argument, and Percy pulled out a .45-calibre revolver and fired a bullet into Mayberry's body.

Coroner I. M. Myers said the bullet struck Mayberry in the back, hit the first left rib and curved upward through the heart.

Taft Johnson, another cousin of Percy, who was reportedly at the scene of the shooting, was arrested later in the night by officers. Yesterday Percy Johnson surrendered to the Sheriff's department and admitted the shooting, officers said. Both he and Taft are still in jail.

Hearing for Johnson is scheduled for Wednesday, two p. m., before Coroner I. M. Myers at Wilkesboro.

Mayberry was a son of the late Dan Mayberry and Mrs. Lottie Johnson Mayberry, of Cycle.

Funeral will be held Tuesday, two p. m., at Shady Grove church.

Hit By Five Bullets

In another shooting Sunday afternoon, Bill Pierce, 20, of Millers Creek, was downed under the impact of five bullets which he told officers were fired by Clifford Triplett as he (Pierce) was attempting to separate Triplett and some others who were in an argument.

The shooting occurred at Triplett's place of business, called The Little Red Hen, located on Highway #21 about 15 miles west of North Wilkesboro.

Officers reported that Pierce suffered two bullet wounds in the left leg, one in the right leg, one in the left hand, and a flesh wound in the neck. A sixth bullet was fired, officers said, but failed to strike its target.

Pierce was taken to the Wilkes

Hospital for treatment.
Triplett fled following the shooting and was not located Sunday. He came to Wilkesboro today and surrendered to officers. He was released under bond of \$1,000 pending a later hearing in the case.

Eller Reunion Sunday Boiling Springs Church

Annual reunion of the widely known Eller family will be held Sunday, June 22, at Boiling Springs church. It will be an all-day program with everybody asked to take lunch for the picnic style dinner. Program will be published in this newspaper Thursday.

Mountain Park Cemetery Is Being Cleaned

A project is under way for cleaning and beautifying Mountain Park Cemetery located just south of Wilkesboro. All who have plots are requested to send \$5.00 to R. R. Church to be used in paying the expense of the work that is expected to be started this week. Those having plots in the cemetery with curbing and who are willing to have same removed, are requested to get in touch with Mr. Church at once.

Dr. Caroon Will Be Dentist Here

Graduates Tuesday in Richmond; To Open Office Here in July

Dr. W. J. Caroon, Jr., graduate of dentistry at the Medical College of Virginia, will open his office for practice of dentistry in the Poindexter building in North Wilkesboro during the latter part of July.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Caroon, Sr., and daughter, Miss Mary Caroon, are in Richmond now attending graduation exercises. Dr. Caroon will receive his degree Tuesday. He is a member of Sigma Zeta, national honorary science society, and Alpha Sigma Chi, honorary leadership society. Before entering medical college he graduated from Duke University at Durham. He will be licensed by both the state boards of Virginia and North Carolina.

Dr. Caroon and his wife, the former Miss Jean Boze, of Richmond, and their young son will make their home in North Wilkesboro. His office will be located in quarters over The Jewel Box in the Poindexter building.

Home Demonstration Schedule For Week

Tuesday, June 17—Mulberry Home Demonstration Club, place of meeting, Mrs. Coyd Elledge; 1:30 o'clock.

Wednesday, June 18—Moravian Falls Home Demonstration club; place of meeting, Community House, Mrs. R. A. Greer and Mrs. Archie Hege, Hostesses; 2:30 o'clock.

Thursday, June 19—Millers Creek Home Demonstration club; place of meeting, Mrs. Paul Delp; 1:30 o'clock.

Friday, June 20—Roaring River club; place of meeting, Mrs. M. H. Lytton; 1:30 o'clock.

Marketing Apples Subject of Speech At Kiwanis Meet

Representative of American Fruit Growers Association Speaker Friday

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club in meeting Friday noon at Hotel Wilkes received first hand information relative to this year's apple crop.

Chairman Carl VanDeman introduced E. G. Gray, of Hagersstown, Md., who made an informational talk on the subject of "Marketing Apples." He came as a representative of the American Fruit Growers Association, which was the same organization that was employed last year to market Brushy Mountain fruits. He spoke very highly of this apple growing section and stated that it is peculiarly situated for meeting the demands of the market on account of the quality of the fruit and also due to the fact that the fruit ripens several days earlier here than it does elsewhere in the east. He stated that there is perhaps less than a half of a crop of apples through the eastern part of America and due to this fact that good apples should be sold at a high price.

Guests Friday were as follows: Rev. W. R. Waggoner with Rev. W. N. Brookshire; Dick Chamberlain with Dr. A. C. Chamberlain; Tom Nelson with L. M. Nelson; W. D. Halfacre, Jr., with W. D. Halfacre; E. G. Gray, speaker, with Carl VanDeman.

JUST PINING—

"I wish we'd get a few shipwrecked sailors washed ashore," mused the cannibal chief. "What I need is a good dose of salts."

Important Meeting VFW and Auxiliary On Tuesday Night

All members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary are asked to attend an important meeting to be held Tuesday, June 17, eight p. m., in the V. F. W. hall.

Parking Meters In Operation In City

There was plenty of parking space on North Wilkesboro's downtown streets today when the parking meter law went into operation.

Despite the warning there were several violations and tickets were issued. Parking fees are five cents per hour, or one cent for every 12 minutes.

5,000 Chicks Are Shipped By Air To San Juan, P. Rico

Holly Mountain Farms set a precedent last week by shipping chicks by air to a point outside the United States.

Five thousand New Hampshire Red pullets were taken by Holly Mountain Farms plane to Winston-Salem and placed aboard an Eastern Air Lines plane. The chicks were shipped to J. Narques, Jr., San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Within 24 hours after they were hatched at Holly Mountain Farms hatchery in Wilkesboro the chicks had arrived in Puerto Rico, more than one thousand air miles away.

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IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY 12 YEARS, NANCY FELTS STARTS RECORD OF ATTENDANCE FOR FAMILY OF 5

Miss Nancy Gordon Felts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Felts, of North Wilkesboro, graduated from North Wilkesboro high school this year with a record of perfect attendance throughout her 12 years in school.

By being present every morning at school from the first through the 12th grade Nancy set the pattern for her younger sisters and brothers. Julia received an eight-year perfect attendance medal this year at Mulberry elementary school north of this city. Reba hasn't missed a day in five years; Frieda has four years perfect attendance and Charles has completed his third year without missing a day.

In addition to their record in public school, the Felts children can go to school on Sunday too. They haven't missed more than one Sunday each at Sunday school at the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro for the past five years.

Perfect Record



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At Eastern Star Triangle Sessions

Mrs. Maurice Walsh, Mrs. R. J. Hinshaw, and Mrs. Ira D. Payne attended the Triangle Session of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina Order of the Eastern Star held at Pineland College, Salem, N. C., June 8-11.

Mrs. Walsh, North Wilkesboro, Chapter No. 42, represented the local chapter. Mrs. Hinshaw was one of the Special Pages. Mrs. Payne, who has served as District Deputy Grand Matron of the Tenth District for the past three years was succeeded by Mrs. Lorena Guy, of Statesville, N. C.

Swimming Pool To Open Wednesday

Because of flood water and mud the swimming pool between the Wilkesbors scheduled to open today will not open until Wednesday. Bill Byers, Red Cross life saving graduate, will be in charge.

Miss Missouri Vannoy Dies at Purlear Home

Miss Missouri Vannoy, 68, died yesterday at her home at Purlear.

Funeral services was held at 2 p. m. today at New Hope Baptist church near Purlear. Rev. A. W. Eller and Rev. Vernon Eller officiated.

Miss Vannoy was a daughter of Atterson and Carolina McNeill Vannoy. She had made her home recently with her cousins, Misses Viola, Elzora and Lillie McNeill, who, with other cousins, are her only survivors.

B. S. Colbert's Rites To Be Held Today

Funeral services for Barney Sherman Colbert, 63, of Traphill Township, who died Saturday, was held at 11 a. m. today at Austin Church.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mary Colbert; three sons, Bruce Colbert of Wake Forest and Mallich Colbert of Benham; and four daughters, Mrs. Roy Byrd of Elkin, Mrs. Jim Cheek of Traphill, Mrs. Willie Summerlin of Goldsboro and Miss Lottie Colbert of Traphill.

Four Games For Junior Baseball Team This Week

North Wilkesboro Legion junior baseball team, which is improving rapidly, will play four games this week.

Tonight they play Lenoir at Lenoir.

On Tuesday Gastonia will play at North Wilkesboro. This game was scheduled for Friday here but was postponed because of wet grounds. Attention is called to the fact that the game here may be moved to another ground if the fairgrounds field cannot be used and for all fans to go to whatever field is used if the game is not on the fairgrounds.

On Wednesday the strong Lincolnton team will play here at three p. m. and North Wilkesboro will go to Hickory Thursday night.

Wednesday P. M. Closing of Library To Begin June 18

Beginning Wednesday, June 18, the Wilkes county public library located in the town hall will close each Wednesday at one p. m. during the summer months. This closing will be in line with the half-holiday practice observed by local business houses.

New Rural Stations

A rural library station was recently set up at Bockery postoffice with Mrs. May Myers in charge. Another new station is at Joynes postoffice with Mrs. J. W. Joines librarian.

The station at McGrady has been moved from Osborne's store to C. Painter's service station and store.

In a recent library article in this newspaper it was stated that a library station had been set up at C. B. Staley's at Roaring River, when it should have been at Reddies River. Ward's place is the station at Roaring River.

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CROP DAMAGE IN VALLEY IS NOW ESTIMATED AT HALF A MILLION; FLOOD CONTROL IS URGED NOW

Heavy rains Friday night swelled the treacherous Yadkin here Saturday far above flood stage and did an estimated half million dollars damage to agricultural crops in the valley.

The flash flood, which was prevented from being a repetition of the 1940 disaster by a kind providence, came just a few days after a sub-committee in congress had heard arguments for flood control in the valley and had heard objections to the plan from a small group in upper Wilkes and Caldwell counties.

Rainfall during the 24 hours beginning at seven p. m. here Friday totaled about nine inches, which set a new record of rainfall in this area for a 24-hour period.

However, the rainfall's intensity was centered here and on the south side of the Yadkin river. Had the same amount of rain fallen on the north side of the Yadkin watershed, the 1940 flood which took nine lives and caused five millions damage in Wilkes county would have been repeated in disastrous proportions.

Another factor which proved very fortunate for this area was the fact that the heavy rains came after two weeks drought and the ground was dry. Had the heavy rains come in wet weather the severity of the flood would have been much greater.

Johnson Sanders, official weather observer here, said the river reached a crest of 18 feet around noon Saturday. That is five feet above flood stage, which is 13 feet here.

Farmers Discouraged
Farmers in the Yadkin Valley, which is aptly termed "the breadbasket of northwestern North Carolina" stood helplessly and watched the muddy waters ruin a great part of the Yadkin Valley crops. It was estimated that half of the farm crops in the valley were flooded and practically ruined.

The heavy rains began Friday evening and it was apparent by midnight that a flood was in the making. However, it was very fortunate that the eastern slope of the Blue Ridge had only a moderately heavy rainfall, measuring 2.25 inches at Blowing Rock and two inches at Glendale Springs, headwaters of the Yadkin and Reddies rivers, respectively.

Flood Control Sought
Numerous telegrams from here during the week-end kept the wires busy as people of the valley again urged Representative C. B. Deane, of the Eighth district, and Senators Hoyt and Umstead to renew efforts for immediate favorable action on flood control plans for the valley.

A hearing was held only a few days ago on the proposal to erect two retention dams on the Yadkin and two on the Reddies River above North Wilkesboro. The dams are estimated to cost seven million dollars and an initial appropriation is sought at this session of congress to get work under way.

According to the report of War Department engineers, the dams would have prevented all of the half-million dollars damage in the valley Saturday and would prevent recurrence of such disasters as hit the valley in 1940.

Only opposition to the plan comes from a small group in the upper part of the valley.

1,000 Pullets Destroyed
A small stream on Holly Mountain Farms on the Statesville highway went on a rampage Friday night and destroyed about 1,000 New Hampshire red pullets, age 16 weeks, of progeny tested stock. Along with the chickens the stream washed away feed, feeders, range shelters and other valuable equipment.

Airport Evacuated
The North Wilkesboro airport, located just above this city in the Yadkin valley, was evacuated Saturday and a number of the planes were moved to higher ground.

Many Telephones Out
The heavy rain Friday night and Saturday morning temporarily put out of commission many telephones in the Wilkesbors. But today the damage had been repaired.

Wilkesboro's Water Line Bursted Saturday
The water main leading from the reservoir on the Brushies to the town of Wilkesboro burst Saturday morning at a point near Cub Creek bridge. Repair crews on the job this morning stated that water service may be resumed late today or early tomorrow.

The reservoir has been drained twice of all muddy water which entered from the broken ditch on the new highway and when the main is repaired the water supply will again be in good condition.

Cricket H. D. Club Is To Hold Auction
The public is invited to attend an auction sale to be held by the Cricket Home Demonstration club at the home of Mrs. H. P. Jones, on Friday, June 20th, 7:30 p. m.

There will be hand made articles of all description and home canned foods for sale.

Local talent is being obtained to furnish entertainment.

Elkin Damage Heavy
In Elkin low parts of the town were flooded and business firms were trying to move out and save what they could.

At Mount Airy the two creeks at the town reached high flood stage and caused much damage.

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