

## Floods in Tennessee Cover Large Areas With Water

### Nearly 2,000 Persons At Nashville Driven From Homes.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 28.—At least 2,000 persons had been driven from their homes tonight or were prepared to leave the flooded section of northern and eastern Nashville due to the Cumberland river flood, according to estimates and surveys of the inundated regions.

Relief work begun yesterday morning is being continued under direction of the police department and hundreds are volunteering for service.

### Caring For Needy.

The refugees are being housed with relatives or friends, or in public buildings, churches, warehouses and other buildings, while those in need have been provided with food and clothing.

A majority of residents in the affected area were forewarned and managed to escape the rising waters with their household effects.

The city temporarily was assuming liability for stores of coal and provisions for the refugees.

Neither deaths nor undue suffering had been reported early tonight despite freezing temperatures.

Relief workers late today rescued an aged woman from a small shack in an inundated section of north Nashville after the water had climbed to a foot over the floor of her dwelling. There were numerous cases where canoes were used in rescue work. The inundated section stretches for miles.

The Union Stock Yards are partially submerged, while the baseball park contains approximately 20 feet of water. Lumber mills, sand and gravel works and other industries along the east bank of the Cumberland river are inundated.

Throughout middle and west Tennessee, where the Cumberland, Tennessee, Obion and other rivers are on a rampage, the losses will be heavy. Washouts in State highways are holding up traffic in many directions. The United States weather bureau here today raised the estimates on flood stages at Burnside, Ky., Collins, Carthage, Nashville and Clarksville, Tenn., approximately two feet above the estimates of late yesterday.

### River Still Rising.

The latest official reading of the Cumberland today at Nashville was 50.7 feet at 10 o'clock this morning, with the river rising at the rate of about one-tenth of an inch an hour.

The river is expected to reach its crest by next Tuesday here and be at a standstill for two days before receding.

Normal train services was announced on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad by officials of that company. The Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway reported trouble overcome in West Tennessee.

The Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company announced resumption of service to Tennessee points interrupted last night by sleet.

Clarksville, Tenn., reported that the flood late today registered about 36 feet. About two hundred residents of the river section were driven from their homes, but no serious property damage was reported.

Carthage reported about fifty homes submerged, and the town was isolated from highway and rail connection. Damage to crops was estimated as several thousand dollars.

### Further Advance Of Flood Waters Feared.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 28.—The Tennessee River reached a stage of 35 feet here at 5 o'clock this evening, with a forecast by the local weather bureau that it would go to 38 or 39 feet by Tuesday evening. Low lying lands have been inundated and many families have been compelled to leave their homes.

Relief forces were organized early this morning by the city and trucks of the street and cover department were used in moving the flood-stranded families to various school houses located on higher ground. It was necessary to remove a num-

## Dobson News

By HENRY C. HAMPTON.

Dobson, Dec. 27.—W. F. Lawrence, register of deeds, aided by his assistant Miss Maggie Collins, issued 47 marriage licenses during the month of December. 1 Marriage license was issued to the following couples during the past week: Claude Smith, to Ella Hicks, both Mount Airy; Bill Hayden, to Kate Blue, White Plains; A. L. Marsh, to Evelyn Brown, both Greensboro; Edward Shannon, Ala., to Agnes Gunter, Mount Airy; William Ashburn, to Cordelia Bryant, both Mount Airy; Monroe Johnson, to Lois Holt, both Pilot Mountain; Roy Giddwell, to Sallie Parris, both Mount Airy; John Branch, to Ollie Spivey, both Surry County; Melvin Bennett, Mount Airy, to Sarah Jackson, Draper; Roy M. Bryant, to Mary Jackson, Mount Airy; Herman Rogers, to Rena Cox, both Pilot Mountain; Robey Thompson, to Margie Watson, both Mount Airy; Charlie Clifton, to Edna Goings, both Round Peak; Harrison Sharp, to Dora Scott, both Mount Airy; Crawford Humphreys, to Lillie Tickle, both Mount Airy; W. H. Marion, Cava, Va., to Lela Marion, Siloam; H. L. Barber, to Essie Ball, both Pilot Mountain; Raymond Cockerham, Winston-Salem, to Stella Burge, Mount Airy; Frank Watson, to Beulah Hayes, Dobson; Tom Smith, White Plains, to Grace Tucker, Mount Airy; Ted Hayes, to Martha Cave, Dobson; Obie Paw, to Vera Midkiff, both Surry County; Paul Key, to Ila Gillespie, both Surry County; Robert Gravely, to Nellie Matthews, both Surry County; C. N. Cook, to Myrtle Jones, both Surry County; J. M. Tuttle, Walnut Cove, to Sadie Harrell, Pilot Mountain.

The Christmas exercises given by the children of the Methodist Sunday School Friday evening at the church were well rendered. Following the exercises by the children, Dr. W. M. Stone made a short talk, and also delivered prizes to Charlie Moser and Pansy Callahan for perfect attendance. A Christmas tree and treat had been arranged for the children.

Saturday evening at the church, the children of the Dobson Baptist Sunday School rendered an interesting program appropriate to Christmas. At the conclusion of the program, Rev. E. Gibson Davis, of Mount Airy, made an interesting and helpful address. Rev. Mr. Davis delivered prizes to the following children for perfect attendance during the year 1924: Lillie Whittington, Minnie Coalson, Ruth Coalson, Leona Coalson, Kathleen Coalson, Eleanor Coalson, Ralph Coalson and Jim Edmonds. The Sunday School prepared a Christmas tree and treat for the children.

Dr. Carl Folger, of Spartanburg, S. C., and Mrs. Edwin Bowles and small son Joseph, of Asheville, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Folger.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mock, of Winston-Salem, are guests at the home of Mrs. Mock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reece.

Among the young people that are at home for the holidays are: Trent Harkrader and Brooks Freeman, U. N. C.; Clare Freeman, N. C. C. W.; Sam Folger, Wake Forest College; Rachel Freeman, Greensboro; Joe Collins Statesville; Vena Harkrader, Mount Airy; Frank Freeman, Citadel Military College, Charleston, S. C.; Spencer Norman, University of Richmond; Louise and Elizabeth Norman,

Copeland; Jella Comer, Madison; Fern Folger, Greensboro; Dick Freeman, Canton; Lela Davenport, Mount Airy; Lella Cooper, Goldsboro; Jim Watson, High Point; Glenn Hudson, Winston-Salem; Glenn Comer, Elkins; Dr. Floyd Norman, Alton, S. C.; Ward and Norman Harkrader, Richmond, Va.; Clyde Collins, Winston-Salem; Lorena Booker, Guilford College; Thurmond Folger, Berea College, Kentucky.

W. S. Comer, of Winston-Salem, spent the holidays with his family here.

Prof. and Mrs. E. J. Beeson had as their guests at 8 o'clock dinner Wednesday evening, the 17 members of the high school faculty and other guests.

Mrs. Rebecca Lamont and Mrs. Callie Haddler, who have been teaching at Madison this fall are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Freeman.

Trent Harkrader, Mrs. Maggie Lowelwyn and Vena Harkrader and Mrs. S. K. Harkrader, Sr. returned home Sunday from Richmond, Va., where they spent some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Harkrader.

Miss Eliza Capehart entertained the Senior Class of the Dobson high school at a Christmas party Thursday evening at the teachers' home. Interesting games and drawing contests were enjoyed during the evening. Later in the evening delicious refreshments were served to the following guests: Ima Snow, Geneva Evans, Stella Ramey, Violet Homnings, Lillie Hudson, Marie Gentry, Bettie McCraw, Maggie Steele, Nellie Nunn, Thelma Baker, Mrs. Richard Marshall, Eunice Epperson, Faye Snow, Thompie Haymore, Luther Baker, John Lowelwyn, Paul Isaac, Broadus Jarvis, L. R. Martin, Edward Allen, Joseph Boyles, Baulsey Marion, Gyrrus Folger, Aldie Love.

Mrs. Sallie Folger has as her guests during the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Sam Poole and small son Sam Jr. of Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Swanson and small son Kent Jr. are the guests for a few days of Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Stone.

H. E. White, county farm agent left Thursday for Owensboro, Ky., where he will spend the holidays with his mother Mrs. J. B. White.

## Kidnapped American Returns To Mobile.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 26.—The Coast Guard cutter Tallapoosa, dispatched to Mexico two week ago, upon an announced mission, returned to port tonight with Motor Mechanic Handley, one of the two government men kidnapped on the French run-runner Arzene J., aboard. Handley reported that J. B. Matthews, assistant prohibition administrator at New Orleans and his companion aboard the runaway run boat, is returning to New Orleans by rail.

The Arzene J., disappeared November 22, and turned up at Puerto Mexico, three weeks ago with Handley and Matthews yet in command. They have been taken off their course, the prohibition men said, by the crew which put into Puerto Mexico. Because of the complications arising over the ship, with France, Mexico, Great Britain and the United States interested, the case attracted wide attention.

The Arzene J. is a French schooner with a British master, escaped from American custody and put into a Mexican port.

## Happenings Twenty-one Years Ago

Interesting Items Gleaned From the Files of The Mount Airy News 21 Years Ago This Week

The year just closing has been one of the most prosperous in the history of the town. If we have anything to boast of it is our schools. We have a competent force of a dozen teachers and one of the best school buildings in the state and the present force of teachers and even the building is not sufficient to care for the 600 children who daily attend school. The principal stated this week that he never saw a better average of attendance of school children. About 98 per cent of the enrolled children have been in the school all the time. It is not too early to begin to speculate about the future of our school. If the town grows in the future as it has for the past three years we will be forced to build another school building in some other part of the town and have two school buildings.

## Miss Phoebe Worth Bride of Dr. Green

Wedding of Wide Interest Takes Place at Home of the Bride in High Point.

High Point, Dec. 28.—A wedding of wide interest was solemnized at 8 o'clock in the evening on December 25 at the home of the bride's parents when Miss Phoebe Gertrude Worth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Worth, became the bride of Dr. Preston William Green, of Mount Airy.

A home wedding is rarely more beautiful in setting and arrangement than was this one. An improvised altar of palms, ferns and cathedral candles occupied a space between two beautifully draped windows on the west side of the large living room.

While the guests were assembling Miss Elizabeth Strickland, at the piano, and Miss Edith Moore, soprano, rendered a delightful musical program. Miss Moore sang "Untill" and "Thank God for a Garden." During the ceremony McDowells' "To a Wild Rose" was played softly.

At the moment for the entrance of the bridal party, little Charles Diffendal and Cora Worth Parker carried the ribbons from the hallway to the altar, thus forming an aisle for the bride and bridegroom. Little Sarah Taylor preceded Miss Worth and Dr. Green, who entered together, scattering rose petals in their pathway. Tiny John Diffendal carried the ring in the heart of a white rose. The vows were spoken before Rev. T. A. Sykes, pastor of the bride, The ring ceremony was used.

The bride wore a gown of white duchess satin embroidered in seed pearls. Her veil was coronet style caught with sprays of orange blossoms. Her only ornament was a necklace of seed pearls, and she carried a handkerchief of real lace that was used by an aunt at her wedding for whom, as a very small girl, the bride had acted as ring-bearer. The bridal bouquet was of bride roses and valley lilies.

Mrs. Green is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Worth. She belongs to a family long prominent in the affairs of the state and is a member of the Society of the Descendants of the Mayflower. She is an honor graduate of Guilford college and has two or three years of successful teaching.

Dr. Green is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Green, of Henderson. He is a graduate of Pennsylvania State College of Optometry and is a member of the Phi Theta Epsilon fraternity. He is now located in Mount Airy.

After the wedding trip north, they will be at home at Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Foy's, Rawley avenue, Mount Airy.

A reception followed the bridal ceremony.

## Sheriff in Chicago Resigns His Position.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Inability to enforce dry laws was assigned as the reason for his resignation today by Sheriff Peter Hoffman, Republican, of Cook County (Chicago), who served 30 days in jail recently for contempt of court because of undue liberties were enjoyed by two wealthy bootleggers while in jail.

Hoffman, recently acquitted by a jury on charges of conspiracy with these bootleggers, Frank Lake and Terry Druggan, to defeat justice, was holding over on account of the death after election of P. J. Carry, Democrat, and his tenure would have expired with the holding of a special election possibly next June.

Hoffman's four-year term as sheriff was marked by turbulence, including several attempted jail escapes, the explosion of bombs by prisoners, and the removal of several jail employees. Much of the trouble he experienced involved violators of the Volstead Act, and his letter of resignation was a 700-word attack on that statute.

## Mother of Ten Passes.

Mrs. Rosa Childress Riggs, wife of Fletcher Riggs, departed this life Christmas Eve at their home near Cross Roads beyond the granite quarry. Mrs. Riggs was only 39 years of age and is survived by her husband and six children, while four children preceded her to the spirit world. Following a funeral service on Christmas day conducted by Rev. C. G. Haynes her remains were interred in the Sibley grave yard. She joined the church at the age of 19 years and lived a consistent life.

## Spent Ten Millions ON CHRISTMAS POISON

Chicago Health Commissioner Estimates That Amount Spent For "Liquor."

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Dr. Herman N. Bunden, city health commissioner, tonight estimated that "poison" costing upward of \$10,000,000 had been distributed in Chicago in the guise of Christmas gifts.

His statement came after an investigation of the amount of holiday liquor purchased here, which he estimated to have cost more than \$10,000,000.

"Certainly not more than 10 per cent and probably not more than eight per cent of that was genuine liquor," he said. "The rest was poison of one sort or another. Of course, that does not mean that 90 per cent of it was vicious enough to blind or kill a man in a short time. It means that the after effects will show up later, contributing to a general breakdown which will be blamed on something else."

"The astonishing thing is the child-like faith of the drinkers. Men and women who would not take a swallow of pure well water without an investigation of the bucket will tilt a bottle with a pretty label upside down over their lips with no hesitation whatever."

While Dr. Bunden's statement was being made the police reported finding the body of one victim of bad liquor.

"If you must drink," said the health commissioner, "take the liquor to a chemist first."

## Twenty Poultry Cars Brought \$13,000 Revenue.

Morgantown, Dec. 28.—Twenty poultry cars were brought to Morgantown during the year to which farmers of the county sold 53,486 pounds of chickens and received \$13,000.00 in return. Nearly a thousand dollars additional was left in the county for feed, labor and advertising. The most satisfactory prices were received during March, April and May when the peak of fifty cents per pound for young chickens and twenty-eight cents per pound for hens was reached.

While providing an unlimited market for all classes of poultry the cars have been most useful in affording an outlet for culls which allowed the farmers for culls with best of his flock for home use.

## HAS OLD SEA CHEST

Relic of Armada Days Retrieved From Sea Bottom.

Heave to, reader, and take a look at an old sea chest. One that any old time pirate in good standing would have given three yards of his mustache to possess, says the Los Angeles Times.

It rests in the front room of the home of F. S. Allen, of Los Angeles. Mr. Allen devotes his time to collecting antiques and when he saw this iron chest over in Italy bought it.

It's a battered old box made of iron. It was brought up from the bottom of the Mediterranean Sea, where it reposed hundreds of years.

It has a lock on it that spreads all over the under side of the lid like a metal spider web. When the lid is shut there are a couple of hasps that come down on the front side of the chest, through which a big iron bar is run and a padlock attached.

You remove the big padlock, undo the hasps and lift, but your lift doesn't get you anywhere. The lid won't come up. If you are clever enough you discover that one of the rivet heads on top of the chest moves on a spring revealing a big keyhole.

You insert the key, give her a twist, and eleven bolts are sprung back, releasing the lid. There is a dummy keyhole on the front side of the chest. It was put there to tease the pirates.

## Kentucky Rum Sellers Fail To Get Rich.

Newport, Ky., Dec. 18.—Despite the fact that bootleggers throughout the nation are generally supposed to be at least "well-to-do," this city does not boast of any extraordinary rich liquor vendors, according to federal court records.

The government recently lost \$4,000 in liquor taxes when 17 cartons of bootleggers, after serving 30 days in jail, were allowed to leave the city without payment of their taxes, but the proper's oath before the United States commissioner and were turned free.