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SEVENTEEN PROBABLY DEAD IN TEXAS FLOOD

Toll of Death and Ruin in Flood That Sweeps Fort Worth, Texas—3,500 Homeless.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 25.—Seventeen probably dead and property damage estimated at approximately one million dollars is the toll of a flood which swept Fort Worth early today, carrying before it scores of residences and small buildings, overflowing hundreds of acres of land and inundating several city streets.

John J. McCain, Fort Worth city engineer, issued a statement tonight in which he declared that the levees around the rivers, which broke here early today and flooded lowlands of this city, were "dynamited by unknown parties," and that an investigation by a grand jury would be demanded immediately.

The city water plant is out of commission and other utilities endangered. The flood followed a heavy storm last night and this morning.

St. Louis, Mo., April 23.—More than 3,500 persons are homeless and at least 1,500 homes in the Trinity Valley between Arlington Heights and Fort Worth, Texas, are inundated according to advices received by the Southwestern division of the American Red Cross here tonight.

EPWORTH LEAGUE HAS DISTRICT MEETING

Connelly Springs, April 24.—At Rutherford College auditorium the second Marion District Epworth League institute was held Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23, with a delegation of one hundred or more representatives from the league chapters of Marion district being present: Spruce Pine, Marion, Morganton, Old Fort, Glen Alpine, Rutherford College, Gilkey, Oak Forest, Mount Harmony, Dayton Bend.

B. L. Lunsford, secretary of Marion district, had charge of the institute and Miss Grace Bradley, field secretary of the Western Carolina conference, was present during the full program. A complete program was arranged, filling practically the entire two days. Professor Reep, president of Rutherford college league, having charge of the entertainment affairs. Yesterday an address by Professor M. T. Hinshaw, president of Rutherford college, at 11 o'clock and in the afternoon an address by Rev. W. F. Elliott, pastor of Rutherford college circuit, were the features of the program.

The institute is to be held next spring at about the same time at Rutherford college. Resolutions were passed by the institute expressing appreciation for the hospitality received at the hands of the college authorities.

Pottery Plant for Marion.

A pottery plant is the latest industry to be added to the numerous recent enterprises for Marion. The plant is located near the Clinchfield mill and is operated by A. W. Hilton. All kinds of flower pots and earthenware is being manufactured by the new enterprise. The output at present is about one hundred gallons per day and it is understood that the capacity of the plant will soon be increased. The new enterprise is known as the Clinchfield Pottery works.

Rural Carrier Examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at Marion, N. C., on May 27, 1922, to fill the position of rural carrier at Marion and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from this post office. Application blanks may be obtained from the office mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C.

Glenwood High School will close Friday, April 28.

DUNCAN-BIDDIX.

Old Fort, April 22.—The Old Fort Presbyterian church was the scene of a beautiful wedding Wednesday evening, when Miss Elizabeth, Biddix became the bride of J. Herbert Duncan. The church was lovely in its decorations of cut flowers, lilac and azalea being used effectively.

The words were spoken by Rev. John L. McBride, pastor of the church, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends of the young couple. Miss Florence Murray, of St. Pauls, N. C., played the wedding music.

Promptly at 7 o'clock the bride and groom entered to the strains of Lohengrin. The impressive ring ceremony of the Presbyterian church was used, during which "To a Wild Rose" was softly rendered on the organ. The bride was lovely in a traveling suit of taupe poret twill and periwinkle blue canton crepe, with accessories to match. She wore a corsage of Ophelia roses and carnations. The happy couple left on No. 21 for a wedding trip amid the good wishes and congratulations of scores of friends.

Mrs. Duncan is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Biddix, of Greenlee, and has made her home in Old Fort for several years. She is a niece of J. L. Biddix of Marion, and assistant cashier of the Bank of Old Fort. Mr. Duncan is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Duncan, of Iron Gate, Va. He has been bookkeeper for the Noyes Lumber company, of Old Fort, for some time and is a young man of splendid business ability and pleasing personality. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan will be at home in Old Fort upon their return from their wedding trip.

McDOWELL AND RUTHERFORD TO HOLD SUMMER SCHOOL

Arrangements have been made for the operation of a joint summer school at Union Mills by McDowell and Rutherford counties, the summer school to open Monday, May 15. The summer school is for the professional training of all county teachers holding certificates below the elementary grade. Teachers holding second grade, provisional B, provisional A, and temporary certificates are required to attend this summer school. The term will be six weeks.

Capable instructors have been secured and a very high grade of work is promised. There will be at least four instructors—a director and three teachers. Miss Mary M. Greenlee will be a member of the faculty and will have charge of the classes in subject matter. A special teacher of writing and drawing will give instructions in these subjects.

The cost will be very low. Board and rooms will be provided at the dormitories of Round Hill Academy. The management will provide board and rooms at actual cost. An effort will be made to hold the board down to something like \$15.00 for the term. Teachers for McDowell county are expected to communicate at once with Supt. W. R. Hill, Rutherfordton, N. C., and engage reservations at the dormitories.

OFFICERS DESTROY THREE MORE STILLS

G. B. Woody and A. E. Nichols, deputy sheriffs, destroyed a distillery plant in Nebo township on April 18. On the same day a still was destroyed by Deputy Sheriff J. A. Good near Pitts.

A large steam distillery was destroyed in Montfords Cove township on the 19th by Deputy Sheriffs D. Y. Grant, G. B. Woody and A. E. Nichols.

WEATHER REPORT.

Thos. McGuire, local government weather bureau observer, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion for the week as follows:

Maximum, 71 degrees; minimum, 34 degrees; rain, 0.87 of an inch; sunshine, per cent, .80.

Most Indians in America support themselves by farming.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell—Items About Home People.

OLD FORT

Old Fort, April 24.—Misses Katherine Bailey, Foy Dell Tate, Mary Hoffman; Messrs. Clarence Mauney and Franz Strickland attended the Epworth League conference at Rutherford College, Saturday and Sunday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harmon, a son.

Miss Nannie Nichols, who has been teaching school at Ashford, has returned home to spend her summer vacation.

Miss May Allison, who is attending school at the North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro, spent Easter with her parents.

Rev. W. L. Barrs and family of Drexel, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Epley.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Fortune spent Sunday with relatives in Black Mountain.

Misses Bonnie and Nora Fortune and Viola Gilliam, Messrs. Cletus Tate and Burton Vess enjoyed a trip to Broad River, Sunday.

Mrs. Barton and daughter of Asheville spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Atkins.

A site has been purchased and plans are on foot for the erection of a pottery concern to be known as the Old Fort Pottery Works. Those interested in this new enterprise are Messrs. D. W. Adams, J. A. Lowery, and J. H. Young of this place and Messrs. Jegglin and Fullbright of Spartanburg, S. C.

J. K. Byrd and son of Black Mountain spent Sunday with Mrs. A. L. Byrd.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Nichols and son motored to Ashford to attend the school commencement last Friday night.

Deputy D. Y. Grant of Old Fort and two other deputies from the lower end of the county made a raid in Sugar Hill township on the 20th of this month and captured a steamer moonshine outfit.

Mrs. T. J. Silver, who has been on a visit to relatives at Gilkey, returned home Sunday.

Patent medicine venders are very much in evidence in Old Fort—two last week and one this week.

Mrs. J. B. Johnson and daughter, Mary Margaret, are visiting Mrs. Johnson's sister, Mrs. Allanack, in Charlotte.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, April 24.—There has been an epidemic of influenza in this community for the past two weeks.

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Dawson of Old Fort were visitors at the home of J. S. Lavender Tuesday.

Tom Beach was a visitor here Sunday.

Miss Grace Erwin of Henrietta is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. W. Lavender.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gilliam, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Davis, who were recently married in Washington, D. C., have been visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Lavender were visitors at the home of Fred Noblitt, Sunday.

O. A. Davis and Miss Rooney Daugherty attended the funeral of the latter's grandmother, Mrs. Daugherty, at Black Mountain, yesterday.

Misses Hattie Gilbert and Dora Justice were shopping in Old Fort Monday.

CURFEW

Old Fort, Star Route, April 25.—Grayson Pendergrass and family of Greenlee were guests at Mrs. Lou Reel's yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Morgan visited friends on Little River Sunday.

John Reel was in Marion on a

business trip Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Parker have moved into the Saunders house.

Richard Jolly and family and Mrs. Bessie Saunders and children of Clinchfield visited Mrs. Lou Reel Sunday.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, April 24.—Mrs. Z. V. Daves and children of Marion spent last week with her mother, Mrs. W. A. Laughridge, here.

Miss Mary Greenlee, county supervisor, of Marion, was a visitor at our school house here last Thursday. Friends will be pleased to hear that little Claude Webb Daves, who has had pneumonia, is improving.

J. L. Laughridge and family of Marion were visitors here Sunday.

Nass Hennessee and family of Glen Alpine were visitors here Sunday evening.

Z. V. Daves, of Marion, spent Saturday evening and Sunday with relatives here.

W. H. Taylor made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

A singing was enjoyed by a large crowd at the home of Mrs. J. D. Laughridge Sunday evening.

W. B. Daves and D. C. Laughridge were in Marion Monday.

Miss Etta Walker and Cronje Laughridge visited Thomas Walker in Morganton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Landis and little son of Marion were visitors here Monday.

J. P. Walker made a business trip to Marion last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keat Fortune and little son of Concord are visiting relatives here.

GLENWOOD

Nealsville, April 26.—The friends of Mrs. C. G. Morris will regret to learn of her death April 24th. Mrs. Morris has been in bad health for several years. The sympathy of the whole community goes out to the family in their sad hour. The funeral was held at the Bethel grave yard Tuesday evening.

George Henley of Clear Creek spent the week-end with homefolks.

Jesse Morgan and Will Greer have returned from Granite Falls.

Oscar Morgan of Sugar Hill, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. England.

Misses Delia Gibbs, Irma Shaw, Myra McFall, Emmabel McFall and Celestia Penny and Messrs. Sigied Westmoreland, Guy Greer, E. Westmoreland and William Hennessee motored to Bridgewater last Sunday.

Miss Flay Morgan and Koy Morgan of Harmony Grove were in Glenwood Saturday.

Miss Annie Mode of Spindale spent the week-end with friends and relatives here.

Maude Seacy of Chimney Rock is visiting relatives here.

Jack Cosby and Clyde Bowman were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Wacaser last week-end.

BIG CROP OF APPLES PROMISED THIS YEAR

Hickory, April 22.—Farmers who were fearful Thursday night of a killing frost had something else to be thankful for when they looked over their fields today and thought of the promise of an abundant crop of apples, peaches and other fruit. The early morning was cold, but there was no hint of frost and any damage caused by the cold will be small, it is thought.

RULES FOR CORRESPONDENTS.

1. Write only on one side of paper.
2. Leave blank line between each item of news.
3. Do not number your items.
4. If you report a visitor to your section tell where he is from.
5. If some one in your section makes a trip tell where he goes.
6. Do not report the neighborhood visiting.
7. Be sure to report all deaths, marriages and meetings of various kinds of interest in the community.
8. SIGN YOUR NAME.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The annual convention of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Greensboro on May 2, 3 and 4.

Governor Morrison will again establish the summer capital in Asheville and those members of his family and official staff who were there last summer will return, he states.

A. C. Avery of Burke county, prominent attorney and at present mayor of Morganton, has entered the race for the nomination for corporation commissioner against W. T. Lee.

Dates for the 1922 Asheville Music Festival have been designated for August 13 to 18 inclusive, and decision has been reached to engage the Philadelphia Symphony orchestra as the prime musical feature.

The 23rd annual commencement of the Round Hill Academy at Union Mills will be held April 29 to May 3rd. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. On Tuesday, May 2, the literary address will be delivered by Hon. W. R. Chambers, of Marion.

The Jackson County Journal says the contract has been let for the erection of the new girls' dormitory at the Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School, it having been awarded to McElwee and Hester, of Raleigh, on a bid of \$89,000. The building is to be completed by September 1.

The May term of United States district court will convene in Asheville next Monday. The session will last two weeks and 397 cases have been placed on the court calendar. The majority of the cases are violations of the prohibition laws. The list of jurors include the following from McDowell county: William Treverton and J. A. Burgin, of Old Fort; William Marlow, of Marion.

TOE RIVER FAIR AT SPRUCE PINE OCT. 3-7

The premium lists have just been issued for the annual Toe River District Fair, to be held at Spruce Pine, in Mitchell county, Oct. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1922.

The district covers the counties of Avery, Mitchell, McDowell, Yancey, Burke and Watauga. The premiums offered by the association are in the neighborhood of \$2000 and the business men of Spruce Pine and vicinity have offered in addition about six hundred dollars worth of special prizes for exhibits in different classes, making the possible returns for the exhibitor greater than ever before.

Wm. Wiseman of Spruce Pine is secretary of the association.

LESS THAN TENTH OF APPLE CROP KILLED BY FROST

Asheville Citizen. Between five and ten per cent of the apple crop in Western North Carolina was killed by Sunday morning's frosts, C. C. Proffitt, county farm agent, estimated yesterday after examinations and reports.

The heaviest damage was inflicted in the low sections, where the wind did not counteract the severity of the frost, and orchards along the banks of the Swannanoa river in Buncombe were particularly heavy sufferers. Most of the Swannanoa river orchardists report their crops total losses.

The loss, however, is nothing like as heavy as last year's, when over 90 per cent of the apples and other fruits were killed.

PENSION PAYMENTS TO BE MADE EVERY MONTH

Washington, April 21.—After July next everybody on the government pension roll will be paid monthly instead of quarterly, the House today having agreed to a Senate amendment to a bill ordering the change.