

LOCAL PEOPLE IN FLOOD SECTION

Messages Received Here Reveal Former Citizens Escape Waters

WORST FLOOD RECORDED

Keenly interested in all the developments along the Ohio and Mississippi river where the most disastrous flood in the nation's history has taken place this week, Warren county citizens have kept an attentive ear to the radio much of the day and far into the night as the rescue work that has been directed through the broadcasting station at Louisville and the bulletins along the 1,500-mile front which have told of more than 250 persons being dead, around 80,000 homeless and property damage in excess of \$400,000,000 in the seven states which the surging waters cover.

The unprecedented high waters which have resulted with whole communities being evacuated and undated and with the Red Cross caring for approximately 1,000,000 refugees has caused anxiety here among citizens who have relatives in the flooded areas, but this uneasiness which was felt here Sunday, Monday and Tuesday was dissipated to a large extent by Wednesday when reports reached here by relay systems that the Warren county people had suffered no personal injury. Warren persons in Louisville are Mr. and Mrs. George Davis and family (Mrs. Davis is a sister of Mrs. C. H. Peete, Mrs. C. F. Moseley and Alpheus Jones and Joe Jones); S. O. Nunn, tobacco buyer and son-in-law of Mr. J. M. Gardner; Joe Fleming, tobaccoist, and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fleming. With telegraph and telephone wires down, it was impossible to get a message through to Kentucky the first of the week.

Following is part of the account given by the Associated Press of the flooded Ohio River, struggling like a captive serpent of fabulous strength, sought escape against weakening levees Thursday on its cresting descent to the Mississippi.

The known dead stood at 293, the homeless passed the million mark, an additional 500,000 were endangered, and property loss was estimated at more than \$400,000,000.

Along the 1,000-mile gulf town trail, the slowly receding waters lapped idly at empty houses in the empty towns.

The cost of rehabilitation, now becoming of paramount interest in northern Ohio River valley communities where the worst apparent has passed, drew estimates ranging into billions. Officials said the average cost for cleaning and drying out a single flooded home was \$250.

Fresh dangers cropped up by the dozens as the crest of the flood swung south.

At Paducah, Ky., the next point of crisis, Red Cross officials hurried to evacuate thousands of reluctant inhabitants in advance of the oncoming flood peak.

Col. Chat Rhodes, U. S. Army engineer, warned of a 61-foot crest within the next 48 hours.

Below, at Cairo, Ill., only men remained in the Island city to bolster the 60-foot wall against an expected four-foot rise in the river. Eight thousand—mostly women and children and the aged—had already fled.

At Mound City, Ill., a back levee collapsed, routing 650 men, 50 women and 175 CCC boys to higher ground.

On the Mississippi River itself, (Continued on Page 6)

BAPTIST SERVICES
The Rev. R. E. Brickhouse, Baptist minister, announced this week that he would hold services in the school house on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and evening services in the Macon Baptist Church on Sunday at 7 o'clock.

SON BORN
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Banzet in Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount, on Tuesday morning, a son—Julius Edward III.

Mrs. Annie Martin and son, Lieut. Nat. Martin, left yesterday for Fayetteville after being guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. McGuire. Mrs. Martin is a sister of Mr. McGuire and her son, Nat, is well known here where he spent several summers with Mr. and Mrs. McGuire before entering West Point.

Aycock Member Of Committee On Tobacco Compact

Representative T. H. Aycock of Warren county is a member of the sub-committee of the Tobacco Compact Bill which the joint House and Senate Agricultural Committee adopted on Wednesday night. The bill was scheduled to go before the House on Thursday.

The sub-committee, which threshed out its amendments in a series of executive sessions, presented a bill which provided for a "fair and reasonable" maximum, a 3.2-acre minimum and the requirement that the four North Carolina tobacco belts be represented on the state commission for administering flue-cured tobacco control in 1937.

A maximum of 35 per cent of cultivated acreage, suggested by the State Grange, the State Farm Bureau and prominent control proponents, and urgently demanded by Representative E. W. Wilson of Sampson county, was missing from the bill.

As a result of that deletion, Representative Wilson has declared he would offer a minority report, and demand that allotments be established upon the basis of "the number of dependent persons in the family who will be engaged in the production of the tobacco for which the allotment is desired," another proposal stricken from his amendment.

As the bill will go to the House, it contains three amendments to the original "model" compact worked out by agricultural experts in Washington and submitted for ratification by North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina and Georgia with respect to flue-cured tobacco.

The first of these Representative Wilson's proposal, with changes, to make allotments on the basis of "the percentage of total cultivated land in tobacco and in other cash crops"; to provide for publicizing contracts by posting grower's name, number of tenants, cultivated acreage and percentage of acreage in tobacco; and provision that no "historic base" of 3.2 acres or less be reduced.

To this amendment was added last night an amendment requiring that: "The acreage quota for farms in a county shall not exceed such maximum percentage of the cultivated acreage as shall be fixed by the commission as fair and reasonable for farms in such county."

The second amendment, drafted by Representative Rex Gass of Forsyth, would add in Section 14 that all tobacco producers, warehousemen, buyers, dealers, and other persons having information with respect to the planting, harvesting, marketing, or redrying or conditioning of processing of tobacco in the State "for sale or resale to manufacturers, domestic or foreign," furnish necessary information for enforcing the act. This amendment would take in tobacco dealers and require them upon the request of the Tobacco Commission to give any figures and records on production and sale of tobacco for checking against complaints that may arise under the act. The penalty for refusal, as contained in the original bill, to furnish such information would not be more than \$100 for each offense.

The third amendment written into the bill related to the membership of the North Carolina Tobacco Commission, which will administer the machinery of the act. The original bill provided for not less than three or more than seven members. The committee fixed the number at six elected by the farmers and the seventh to be named by the Agricultural Extension head at State College. Of the six elected, the amendment required that at least one be selected from each of the four flue-cured belts of the State, namely: the old belt, the middle belt, the eastern belt and the border belt.

With the exception of Representative Wilson and two others who numbered "no" as the motion to report favorably was put, members of the joint committee who started out by demanding a specific maximum had agreed last night that an irrevocable percentage written into the act would work tremendous hardships upon the little man they thought they were helping.

BOYCE IMPROVES
James B. Boyce, who has been confined to his home for nearly two weeks on account of pneumonia, continues to improve.

Miss Olivia Burwell is expected to return today from Suffolk where she has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Paul Cohoon.

RAMBLERS AT HOLLISTER
The Johnson County Ramblers will present a program at Hollister School Saturday night, January 30, 1937, at 7:30 p. m.

Celebrate Wedding Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. SAM G. WILSON

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Grey Wilson of near Warrenton who celebrate their 41st wedding anniversary today. They have lived at "The Oaks," country home, for 35 years and are the parents of fourteen children—eight daughters and six sons. With the exception of two sons and two daughters who live in California, all of their children reside in North Carolina and are frequent visitors at the homeplace, which also has been and still is a Mecca for relatives and friends. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are active members of the Warren Plains Methodist Church, which Mrs. Wilson has served as a teacher and Mr. Wilson as a steward for more than 30 years. Mr. Wilson celebrated his 64th birthday August 18 and Mrs. Will will be 60-years-old the 3rd of February. Their anniversary is to be celebrated quietly in the performance of routine duties.

Thomas Wolf, Noted Author, Is Warrenton Visitor

Tom Wolfe, author of "Look Homeward, Angel," short stories and magazine articles, returned to New York yesterday morning after spending two days here with William Polk, who roomed with him when they were students at Harvard.

The author stated that he liked Warrenton and expressed his intentions of making a return visit to the historic town. While here he was introduced to many citizens by Mr. Polk.

Mr. Wolfe's visit to Warrenton was the last leg of a visit of several weeks in the south. He went from New York to New Orleans for a short rest and returned from there to Southern Pines where he was the guest of James Boyd, author of "Drums." Leaving there Mr. Wolfe visited Raleigh and friends in Chapel Hill, where he was graduated from the University of North Carolina before going to Harvard. He arrived here to be a guest of Mr. Polk on Tuesday morning.

Tuesday night Mr. and Mrs. Polk were host to several friends in honor of the famous author. Their guests included Mr. and Mrs. Albert Coats of Chapel Hill and Mrs. Crichton Thorne-Davis.

Cooper Announces Roll Of Honor

The scholastic honor roll of the John Graham High School for the second and third months is announced as follows by P. W. Cooper, principal:

- 1A—Mary Alice Rooker.
- 2A—Milton King, Patsy Capps, Mattie Champion, Mariam Joyce Hight.
- 3B—Annie Mae George, Mildred Hamm, Esther Newton.
- 3A—Viola Lee Skillman, Elizabeth Pernel, Eloise Pardon, Mary Ruby Lyles, Maxine George.
- 4A—Lucy Seaman.
- 5B—Billy Bobbitt, Betty Davis, Mabel Grissom, Walton Parker, Margie Martin, Jane Peete, Katherine Petar, Margaret Rodwell, Mary Arden Tucker.
- 6A—Nancy Loyd, Doris Harris, Nancy Moseley.
- 7A—Blanche Evans, Charles Peete.
- 9—Dick Ward, Claude Weldon, Arthur Williams, Alpheus Moseley, Nina Shearin, Minnie Wilson.
- 10—Billy Peete.
- 11—Ralph Williams.

J. E. Allen Addresses Negro Schoolmasters

Supt. of Schools J. Edward Allen addressed the Negro School Masters Club at the Community Center on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. His subject was "Human Aspects of Teaching Reading."

Supt. of Schools J. Edward Allen returned yesterday afternoon from New Bern where he attended a meeting of Divan of Sudan Temple.

10,988 Bales Of Cotton Ginned In Warren County

The census report of the Department of Commerce, submitted by Benjamin Tharrington, special agent for Warren county, reveals that there were 10,988 bales of cotton ginned in Warren county from the crop of 1936 prior to January 16, 1937, as compared with 11,771 bales ginned to January 16 from the crop of 1936.

Aycock Would End Salary Hold-Out On Part Officials

Two bills, aimed at purifying alleged conditions existing in public office, local and state, were introduced in the House on Wednesday by Representative T. H. Aycock of Warren county.

The first bill prohibits employees of the state and its subdivisions from receiving part of their subordinate salaries as "a price for appointment or retention."

The second bill would provide for removal of local officials on seven grounds: (1) willful and habitual neglect or failure to perform duties of office, (2) willful misconduct and maladministration, (3) corruption, (4) extortion, (5) conviction of felony, (6) habitual intoxication, (7) conviction of intoxication.

Negro Dies Result Of Wreck Injuries

Bud Kearney, negro, died in a Roanoke Rapids hospital Sunday as the result of injuries he received Saturday night about 6:30 o'clock when the ox cart on which he and his wife were traveling towards Macon was struck by the car of Mrs. Dona Taylor of Littleton. Kearney received a broken leg and a bruised arm. His wife's arm was also hurt but her injuries were not serious.

The accident happened between Warrenton and Macon. Mrs. Taylor, who carries a rural circulation route for the Raleigh Times, is quoted as saying that the cart was without a light; however, State Patrolman Parks Alexander stated that he passed the cart a few moments before the accident occurred and at that time a light was on the cart.

Coroner Jasper Shearin will hold a hearing Friday morning. The wreck Saturday night was the first fatal accident that has occurred in Warren County this year. In 1936 more than 25 persons lost their lives in automobile wrecks in this county.

GOES TO EUROPE

Frank Banzet, Warrenton attorney, departed on Wednesday night for New York where he will board a liner for a trip to Europe. He expects to be gone two or three months on his tour of the Mediterranean Sea.

DICK BOYD BETTER

R. B. Boyd, who suddenly developed a case of pneumonia on Wednesday of last week, is reported to be improving at his home in Oxford. Relatives here feel that he is out of danger.

MAY OFFER BILL DISTRICT COUNTY

Aycock Would Have Board Members Come From Different Parts of County

WARRENTON A DISTRICT

A bill will probably be introduced in the House of Representatives within a few days by Representative T. H. Aycock to district Warren county for the purpose of electing members of the Board of County Commissioners and members of the Board of Education. Representative Aycock already has the bill drawn and stated when he was here over the week end that he intended introducing it in the near future.

The purpose of the proposed measure, which has been advocated by John L. Skinner for some time and endorsed by other citizens, is to give each section of the county representation on the two boards.

Under the present system, it is pointed out by advocates of the bill, it is possible to elect every board member from one township, whereas under the new plan no one section would be entitled to more than one member on each board.

Provided the bill is passed, and it is expected that it will be, the townships will be grouped into five districts and each one of these districts will nominate and elect their representative for each board. Warrenton will be in a district by itself and the smaller townships will be grouped to form a district.

Nine Cases Heard By Judge Rodwell In County Court

A variety of charges were included in the nine cases which were disposed of before Judge T. O. Rodwell in Recorder's court on Monday. Although the docket was heavy, the cases required little time and court adjourned around 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The state took a nol pro in the case against Willis Perkinson of Littleton after Mrs. Warren, who swore out the warrant against Mr. Perkinson accusing him of stealing her dog, appeared in court and stated that she had probably been misled by the information which had been given her in regard to Mr. Perkinson and the loss of her dog.

Willie Young, alleged to have cut his wife with a knife, plead guilty to a charge of assault on a female and was sentenced to four months on the roads. The road sentence was suspended upon the condition that he pay the costs in the action and remain of good behavior.

Judgment was suspended over C. F. Ellis, charged with giving a worthless check, on the condition that he pay the costs in the action.

George West, negro, charged with operating a car while under the influence of whiskey, came into court and submitted to a charge of driving with improper brakes. The state accepted his plea and judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

James Robertson Jr., negro, was tried on a charge of assault and carrying a concealed weapon. He was sentenced to the roads for four months and the weapon was ordered confiscated.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs in the case against Douglas (Sonny) Christmas, negro, charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Found guilty of possessing whiskey for the purpose of sale, Effie Ruffin, negro, was sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Arthur Person, negro, was sentenced to six months on the roads when he was found guilty on a bastardy charge. The road sentence was suspended on the condition that he pay to the Clerk of Court each week \$2.00 for the support of the child and court costs. He failed to meet with these conditions and went to the roads.

Alex West, negro, plead guilty to a charge of cruelty to an animal and was ordered to pay court costs in the action and \$1.00 to an officer for taking care of the animal.

The case against Dave Allgood and Ralph Hicks, charged with larceny, was continued.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Morning prayer will be held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Warrenton, on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and at 3:30 in the afternoon the Rev. Mr. Wagner will hold evening prayer at St. Alban's in Littleton.

Buck Loyd Under Bond Charged With Stealing Tobacco

Magistrate Edward Petar yesterday bound Clarence (Buck) Loyd over to Superior court on a charge of stealing tobacco and selling stolen tobacco. His bond was set at \$500.

Following the preliminary hearing, a warrant was sworn out against Loyd charging him with resisting arrest and he was bound over to Recorder's court under bond of \$50.00 to face this charge.

Loyd was taken into custody last week by Sheriff W. J. Pinnell and Deputy Roy Shearin after it had been learned that tobacco had been sold by him on the Henderson market in the name of G. E. Towns, a tenant of Mrs. E. P. Fitts, who is the mother-in-law of the defendant. At the time of the arrest Loyd became unruly, used abusive language, and had to be put into the officer's car by force, it was stated. Loyd claims that he was under the influence of whiskey at the time and was not responsible for his action.

At the hearing yesterday afternoon Alex Mays told the court that eight or nine hundred pounds of tobacco had been stolen from him and that part of it was found on the Oxford tobacco market. The rest of his tobacco has not been found, he said. Fred Royster of Henderson testified that tobacco had been sold on the floors of the warehouse for which he works in Henderson under the name of G. E. Towns and identified a check that was made payable to him. The check was endorsed G. E. Towns by C. E. Loyd. Mr. Royster also stated that he saw the defendant on the warehouse floor the day the check was given.

Sheriff Pinnell told the court that after he had learned that the tobacco had been sold by Loyd in Towns' name he went to Mrs. Fitts and asked if Towns had any tobacco. The officer said that Mrs. Fitts told him that Towns had disposed of all his crop before Christmas and that there was no tobacco on her place.

Continuing his testimony, the sheriff said that he went to Loyd's home and asked if he had sold any tobacco on the Henderson market in the name of G. E. Towns and he admitted that he had. The defendant, according to the officer, stated that he sold the tobacco for Towns and Mrs. Fitts was going to divide the money between them. The sheriff then told Loyd to consider himself under arrest and the defendant became profane, made threats, and had to be put in the automobile by force, it was testified.

Loyd testified that he grew the tobacco and striped it himself with the help of members of his family and that he sold the weed in Towns' name due to the fact that he owed some money and he did not want his creditor to know that he had any tobacco or money. He said that selling under another name was a practice indulged in freely by farmers and tobaccoists alike. On cross examination he admitted that when he took the tobacco off of one warehouse floor that he told warehousemen that he was moving it to another because he wanted it sold that day so he would not have to come back to Henderson the next day, and that after he had moved the weed to another warehouse he told tobaccoists that he was anxious for it to be sold due to the fact that he had to go to Norfolk the next day. When asked by the solicitor why he told a story about the matter, he replied "that was my business." Mrs. Loyd was with him when he sold the tobacco.

Both the wife and the mother of the defendant testified that the tobacco belonged to their husband and son, and said that they had assisted him in stripping it. They both admitted that the defendant had been drinking when the officers came to question him and placed him under arrest.

Gilmer Overby represented the defendant and Solicitor J. P. Phippen of Littleton prosecuted the action. Prior to the arrest of Loyd, Sheriff Pinnell had arrested five white men as the result of a number of tobacco robberies which have occurred in this county within the past several months. Jack Oakley and Bruce Grissom were given hearings last week and bound over to the Superior court to face charges growing out of the larceny of tobacco. L. D. Vaughan and Ted Read also were given a hearing on stolen (Continued on Page 6)

WARREN RAISES R. CROSS FUND

Citizens Respond To Appeal To Aid Flood Sufferers In The Ohio Valley

LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS

Deeply touched by the radio and newspaper accounts of the catastrophe which has struck the Ohio and Mississippi valley, Warren citizens have dug into their pockets and contributed willingly and generously to raise funds to relieve suffering among the million or more persons who have been caught in the flood-swept areas and are now being cared for by the American Red Cross.

Responding immediately to the first call for contributions sounded here on Sunday by the local chapter of the Red Cross, Warrenton citizens oversubscribed their first quota of \$120.00 and by Monday night the second quota of \$240.00 had been reached. Unsolicited donations continue to come in and if this quota has not already reached its last quota of \$600, it is expected to be surpassed by the end of the week.

While the total sum raised in Warren county to aid the distressed flood families in the mid-west is not known due to the fact that all of the money donated has not been turned in to officials of the local Red Cross Chapter, and some citizens have sent their contributions to Raleigh, more than \$300.00 has been reported, largely as donations from Warrenton citizens, to J. Edward Allen, county chairman, Paul W. Cooper, roll call chairman, and Howard Jones Jr., who is assisting in the work. Reports reaching here from other sections of the county are that money is also being raised in Norlina and Littleton.

Three hundred twenty-two dollars and thirty-five cents was the total sum that was reported to The Warren Record yesterday with a list of contributors, but this does not include late donations made to Mr. Cooper Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Due to his school duties, Mr. Cooper could not supply his full list yesterday morning but will have it ready for publication in the next issue of this paper.

Shortly after over-subscribing the county's second quota of \$240.00, a check in the sum of \$254.00 was mailed to national Red Cross headquarters in Washington to be used in the emergency. As fast as the funds are contributed here they are being forwarded to Washington.

In addition to cash donations, many citizens of the town and county have contributed clothes to be used by the refugees. Mrs. Tom Burton is receiving the wearing apparel for the Red Cross. Any one having clothes which he or she is willing to give is asked to carry the articles to Mrs. Burton's home in Warrenton.

Wishing to supplement the sum raised by voluntary contributions, Miss Sally Watson and Mrs. Joe Ellis organized a benefit card party here Wednesday afternoon and raised between \$18.00 and \$20.00 for the cause. The party was held in the home of Mrs. W. B. Fleming. Donations for money as well as clothing for the flood sufferers will continue to be received as reports from the stricken area indicate still further requests for funds may come from National Red Cross headquarters.

Following is the list of those who have made contributions to Mr. Allen, Mr. Jones or Mr. Cooper, with the exception of a few later contributions to Mr. Cooper:

- Rev. and Mrs. De Foe Wagner \$2.00
- John Baird
- Presbyterian Sunday School... 7.00
- Mrs. Joe Taylor
- Miss Catherine Petar
- Mrs. J. D. Palmer
- Mrs. H. F. Jones
- A. A. Williams
- Howard Jones Jr.
- Miss Lucy Burwell
- Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fleming .. 5.00
- Mrs. Tasker Polk
- Ed Blalock
- Mrs. W. R. Hedgepeth
- Providence Methodist Episcopal Sunday School
- Rev. J. F. Roach, Pastor
- Miss Sallie Allen
- Mrs. M. E. Walker, Treasurer ..
- M. E. Sunday School
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seris
- Miss Bessie Mae Davis and Mrs. Hannah Davis
- Mrs. A. H. Walker and Mrs. J. T. Walker
- Mrs. Peter Seaman