



FLOODING BEAR CREEK, which passes under Highway 705 near Robbins, pictured about 11 a. m. last Friday morning, rose some 25 feet in the area at the bridge, according to estimates of several residents of the community. About 6:30 the water was over the bridge, and at one time, according to one person, the sign at right could not be seen at all. (Pilot photo).



R. L. LINK, shown at center left, points out the spot to newsmen where his automobile, which contained his wife's body when pulled out a few minutes later, was located by a volunteer search crew last Friday morning. There were several hundred people crowding the roadside at the time the picture was taken, about 10:30 a. m.

Flash Flood Takes 3 Lives Friday

Three persons lost their lives near Robbins last Friday in what observers said was the worst flood to ever hit the upper end of Moore County.

Dead were Mrs. R. L. Link, 46, of Route 3, Lexington, her daughter, Scarlet Lynn, 10, and John Hubert Black, 36, of West End. Mrs. Link's body was the first to be recovered from swollen waters around Bear Creek, normally a slow meandering stream that was reported to have risen more than 23 feet at the bridge on NC Highway 705.

She was found shortly before noon Friday, almost eight hours after the car in which she was riding with her husband, a farmer and general store manager, and three children was swept off the road by a rushing current.

Mr. Link, 52, who was driving the car, and two sons, Monty Gene, 14, and Wayne, 12, managed to get out of the open back windows before the car was sub-

merged in almost 20 feet of water. He told newsmen that he was unable to get Mrs. Link out of the car, "although I felt her arm through the window just before it started going down pretty fast."

Link and his two sons managed to climb some nearby trees to escape the swirling waters. They were removed by boat in about 30 minutes.

The body of Scarlet Lynn was discovered about 1 p. m. not far from the location of the submerged car. She apparently had been swept out.

The body of the third victim in the disastrous flash flood, that of John Hubert Black, was discovered by a searching party about 12:30 a. m. Sunday morning.

Black had been in a car swept off the road a few minutes before the car carrying the Link family plunged into the water.

Joe Richardson, of Pinehurst, was identified as the driver of the car. He had also been rescued from trees by a volunteer group in a boat shortly before Link and his two sons were removed. At the time he was taken from the tree, Richardson mumbled "my buddy, my buddy, I guess he's gone."

No significance was attached to the statement at the time, though during the rescue operations the rumor was rife that another body was in the water.

Mayor W. R. Kennedy of Rob-

Johnnie Hall And Joe Carter Named Carousel Leaders

Preliminary plans for the holding of the third annual Southern Pines Golf Carousel will be discussed at a joint meeting of several committees at the high school library Tuesday night at 8 p. m.

The Carousel, being sponsored this year by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, will probably be held during the latter part of October or the first part of November, committee officials pointed out. They said, however, that no definite date had been set and that many things had to be considered before any definite commitments could be made.

Heading up the Carousel will be Johnnie Hall and Joe Carter, co-chairmen of the Jaycee committee in charge.

An advisory committee of the Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the event for the first two years, is composed of John Ostrom, chairman, Warren Bell, Valerie Nicholson and Roy Grinnell.

An advisory committee appointed by the Jaycees is composed of Jerry Healy and W. B. "Chick" Holliday.

The Jaycee co-chairmen said today they would announce full committees after next week's meeting. They also said they would request the three participating golf courses, Mid Pines, Pine Needles and the Southern Pines Country Club (Elks Club), to name committees to assist in the over-all planning.

Indications are that the first week in November, the date many people thought would be the best for the tournament would have to be eliminated. It was the private feeling of many people that the national elections, which will be held during the first week of November, would cause many potential players to miss the tournament.

Hall and Carter said they would use the facilities of every Jaycee Club in the state to help boost the entry list.

They have done considerable groundwork in laying the plans for advance promotion and publicity.

Carolina Orchids Sets Open House Twice On Weekend

Want a breath of spring in the middle of summer?

The second in a series of open houses at Carolina Orchids, Inc., one of the most famous greenhouses in the South, will be held at the greenhouses Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 6 p. m., it has been announced by Mr. and Mrs. Karl H. Bridges, owners.

Visitors, who are being admitted without charge, will be able to see more than 1,000 orchids in full bloom, all in one greenhouse.

The firm, which has steadily grown to become recognized as one of the finest growers of prize orchids in the country, has some 60 to 75 thousand orchids, in varying stages of growth. More than 10,000 varieties, many of them rare and extremely difficult to grow, are included in the giant collection.

Mrs. Bridges said that visitors could see one specimen known as "oncidium," the smallest open now, a pure white orchid known as cybele, and Afterglow, with petals of a coppery tone.

Visitors may also see the thousands of plants in their various stages of growth. At present the greenhouses number about fifteen, and all are well-stocked with orchids.

The usual \$1 admission fee — which is distributed to various charities — has been dispensed with for the open houses.

The greenhouses are located on Crest Road, about two blocks off Midland Road, within the city limits of Southern Pines.

bins, who also operates a funeral parlor, said he had learned that Richardson and Black were together after 3 a. m. on the fateful morning. He said he informed Deputy Sheriff D. B. Cranford, who tried to track down Richardson, but Cranford was unsuccessful.

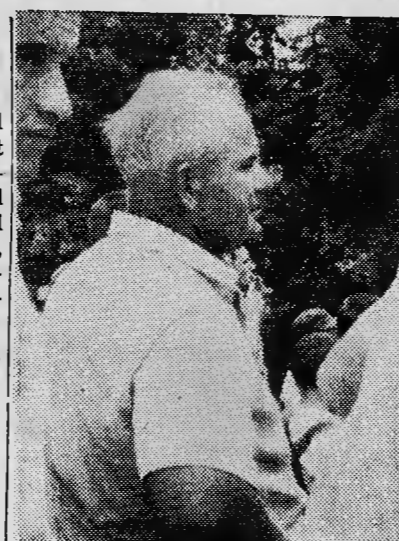
Ralph Steed, county coroner, said that Fred McDuffy, a farmer of near Robbins, had reported to town officials that Richardson and Black had left his farm about 3 a. m. heading towards Robbins.

After Cranford was unsuccessful in finding Richardson at his home in Pinehurst, officials tried to locate him and discovered he had gone to Dunn to visit his wife's relatives.

Black's two brothers came to Robbins Saturday night and said Black had not been seen for quite a while. Black, they reported, was married and worked in Laurinburg.

Black, it was reported, had hired a taxi driver to be at his home in West End at 5 a. m. Friday morning to pick him up to take him to Laurinburg.

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R. L. LINK sadly surveys the work of the volunteer search crew that was in the flood waters of Bear Creek looking for his missing wife and daughter, both later found drowned.

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County Commissioners To Buy New Fire Truck For Rural Protection

A move by a committee to set up a program of rural fire protection in the county has paid off — not quite as much as had been expected — but enough to cause a general expression of pleasure from a number of officials in the county.

The Board of County Commissioners voted Wednesday afternoon to purchase immediately one fire truck, to be used in the county at some spot selected by a committee representing the various sections.

The Board also said it would purchase another within 60 days "if the budget will allow it."

Ralph Steed of Robbins, who was appointed by Mayor W. R. Kennedy of Robbins to represent the citizens committee at the special meeting, said he was extremely pleased with the board's action.

"It is a small start, but represents progress," he said. "We hope the full plan of rural fire protection will be fully implemented in the immediate future."

The Moore County Farm Bu-

reau, which has some 450 farm families in its membership, was represented at the meeting by Clyde Auman of West End, president of the organization. He also expressed pleasure at the Board's decision and said it was an excellent start to rural fire protection, "one thing this county has been sadly lacking in."

Auman said he could foresee the day when the county would be completely protected by modern fire fighting equipment and called on the Board to recognize the problem that rural people are faced with when fire threatens their homes.

Under the present plans a committee of mayors and fire officials in the county will decide the proper type equipment to purchase and the locations of the equipment so that maximum protection may be realized.

The request for the commissioners to provide such protection was made at a meeting in the courthouse about 10 days ago, attended by mayors of all towns in the county with their fire officials.

AGOS Airmen Capture Adult Softball Title

Defeat CP&L For 6th Straight Win

Airmen at the Air-Ground Operations School defeated Carolina Power & Light Company 13-2 last Friday night to wind up in top spot in the Adult Softball League.

The Airmen went through the season undefeated, winning six straight games. Carolina Power & Light had its perfect season spoiled by the Airmen, winding up with a 5-1 season record.

In a special playoff game for third place, the Church of Wide Fellowship defeated the Lions Club Tuesday night 12-4.

The first four teams will begin Shaughnessy playoffs tonight (Thursday) at Memorial Field and continue next Tuesday. Winners will be decided on a best two-of-three basis.

Irie Leonard, director of the summer recreation program, announced the schedule as follows: Thursday, July 26, 7:15—Church of Wide Fellowship (no. 3 team)

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Volunteer Fire Department Loses 25-Year Veteran

The resignation of Ralph Mills, a veteran of 25 years with the Southern Pines Volunteer Fire Department, was accepted with "genuine regret and deep feeling" by members of the department at their last meeting.

Mills, superintendent of the Southern Pines Water Department, had informed the department several weeks ago.

Harold B. Fowler, chief of the local volunteer fire department, said that Mills had given "devoted and unselfish service to the department without ever a thought of personal glory or remuneration."

The Sandhills Post of the American Legion will meet at the Legion Hut on Maine Ave. at 8 p. m. Friday night to elect new officers. Other business is also scheduled.

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441st IN VAST CHAIN

New Colonial Store Sets Opening Next Wednesday; Building Complete

Opening of the new Colonial Store on the corner of North East Broad Street and Connecticut Avenue has been scheduled for next Wednesday, August 1, company officials announced this week.

The store, 441st in the vast Colonial chain, has been under construction since March. Finishing touches and the tremendous task of stocking the shelves will be completed when the store opens its doors formally Wednesday morning at 8:30.

W. H. Lee, a Durham native who has been with the company 15 years, four as manager of Colonial's other store in Southern Pines, said this week that approximately 50 people will be employed by the firm in various capacities.

The new store, modern in every respect, will have more than 10,000 square feet of space devoted to displaying more than 4,000 different items, double the amount in the other store. The display

Aged Resident Killed Saturday On RR Track

'Probably Did Not See Train,' Witnesses Say

Funeral services for Mrs. William Edward Cox, 82, who was accidentally killed when she walked in front of a south-bound Seaboard Airline passenger train Saturday morning, were held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

The services were conducted by the Rev. Martin Caldwell, rector

of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, of which she was a member, assisted by Dr. T. A. Cheatham of Pinehurst. Dr. Cheatham also conducted graveside services at Mt. Hope Cemetery, where the burial took place.

Mrs. Cox was killed instantly shortly before 9 a. m. Saturday. She had, for three or four minutes, been talking with Harry Pethick, Mayor Pro Tem of Southern Pines, in front of Hamel's Restaurant on the corner of North East Broad Street and New Hampshire Avenue. She apparently was on her way to the curb market across from the passenger station on North West Broad Street.

Mr. Pethick told Southern Pines police officers that he noticed she was walking across the track in the face of the oncoming train. He said she gave no sign of hearing him.

Bernest Sellers, railway station porter, told the officers he was walking alongside the tracks on the station side to meet the train's mail car, which ordinarily stopped just south of New Hampshire Avenue. He said he also saw Mrs. Cox crossing the tracks and waved frantically in attempts to get her attention.

A number of witnesses, several of whom were having breakfast in Hamel's Restaurant, later told officers they heard the warning bells on the track and the train's horn.

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