

NEW FLOOD DRIVES 5000 FROM HOMES

Thousands of Acres of Sugar Cane in Louisiana Will Soon be Flooded

NEW ORLEANS, May 17.—Probably 5,000 homeless refugees will be added to the 60,000 already made homeless or otherwise seriously affected by the floods as a result of the breaks in the levee on Bayou des Glaisses, near Hamburg, Va., according to estimates made today by Red Cross workers. Today's break increases the total area flooded to more than 5,500 square miles in Louisiana and Mississippi.

A total of 42,000 people are now being fed and clothed by flood relief agencies in the two states, according to these officials, 23,000 in Louisiana and 19,000 in Mississippi. It is expected that at least 2,000 persons who will be affected by the Hamburg crevasse will be added to this roll.

The loss of livestock in the area being flooded by the Hamburg breaks will be very great, as residents of that section did not anticipate a flood and but little time was given for the removal of livestock. Thousands of acres of sugar cane in Averilles, St. Martin, St. Landry and Iberia parishes have either been flooded or will be within the next two days by the water from Bayou des Glaisses and the Red river through the break in the levee near Hamburg, now about 900 feet wide.

Reports from the affected area today stated the water had reached and inundated the towns of Moreauville and Plaqueville and is gradually rising around the town of Melville which is expected to go under water early tomorrow. At the present rate it is estimated Palmetto will be inundated by Friday.

The flood at Melville was reported rising at the rate of six inches an hour.—Associated Press.

DR. H. A. BOAZ ELECTED BISHOP

Methodist Complete Naming of Five New Bishops; Secretarial Elections.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., May 17.—The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session here today, completed its Episcopal elections by naming Dr. Hiram A. Boaz, of Dallas, Texas, as the fifth Bishop to be chosen at this session; revised the machinery of the Board of Missions and began the election of general board secretaries, over which the conference has direct supervision. The secretarial elections were still in progress when the body adjourned late today and will be resumed in the morning.

The principal contest centered about the choice for secretary of the Board of Church Extension and two ballots were taken before Dr. T. D. Ellis, of Macon, Ga., was elected to succeed Dr. S. H. C. Bergin, of Louisville, who was not a candidate for re-election. Dr. Ellis lacked two votes of a majority on the first ballot. The other votes were scattered among a large number of candidates on both ballots.

Dr. John Shackford, of Nashville, Tenn., was elected general secretary of the Sunday School Board and Dr. E. B. Chappell, of Nashville, editor of the literature of the Sunday School Board. Heretofore, Dr. Chappell has performed the duties of both offices, but this conference separated the work.

Election of Dr. Boaz as bishop came on the third ballot today and the eighth of the conference. He received 213 votes. Dr. Boaz, with the four other Bishops, Dr. J. E. Dickey, Griffin, Ga.; Dr. W. B. Beauchamp, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. H. M. Dobbs, Anniston, Ala.; and Dr. Sam R. Hay, Houston, Texas, will be consecrated Sunday.

The conference late today set May 6, 1926, as the date of the next general conference. The place will be chosen by a committee later.—Associated Press.

Explained at Last.

Teacher—Why did Joshua command the sun to stand still?
Tommy—I guess it didn't agree with his watch.—Boston Transcript.

SOUTHERN CONVENTION OF BAPTISTS IS OPEN

President E. Y. Mullins Re-elected. As Is Dr. H. C. Moore, Recording Secretary.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 17.—Jacksonville today became the chief Baptist city of the nation, as thousands of messengers and visitors to the southern Baptist convention poured in from 18 states for the opening session of the 66th annual meeting.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins, of Louisville, was re-elected president of the convention and the four vice-presidents elected were Rev. R. M. Inlow, of Sedalia, Mo.; W. W. Gains, of Atlanta; Rev. J. J. Taylor, Leaksville, N. C.; and Rev. W. D. Nowling, Greenville, Ky. Mr. Gains is an attorney, George W. Norton, of Louisville, treasurer, and Dr. W. P. Harvey, of Harrodsburg, Ky., auditor, were re-elected, and the convention then began its first contest over officers.

Three names were put up for the two positions of recording secretary. Dr. H. C. Moore, of Nashville, Tenn., and G. H. Burnett, of Macon, Ga., were nominated to succeed themselves, while the name of A. S. Barnes, of Montgomery, Ala., also was placed in nomination. The convention voted by ballot and Dr. Moore and Mr. Burnett were re-elected.

The committee on committees was announced with Dr. J. L. Gross, of Louisville, as chairman and was instructed in a resolution adopted to make no discrimination in sex in appointing committees.

Proposal to extend the closing of the \$75,000,000 five-year campaign to November 30, 1924, instead of May 1, 1924, was referred to a committee as were recommendations from the unofficial conference of northern and southern Baptists which met recently at Columbia, Mo. The latter proposals were that the two great Baptist bodies of America appoint joint committees to co-operate in many activities, including the "synchronizing of campaigns such as stewardships and education," and to draw up a statement "briefly embracing the principles and policy of Baptists." These matters were put before the session by the executive committee of the convention, but without recommendations and much opposition developed to extending the campaign and to adopting the Columbia recommendations. The remainder of the committee's report, chiefly a review of the year, was adopted.—Greensboro News.

FOUR DROWN AND FIFTEEN ARE MISSING

Collapse of Bridge in Texas Town Carries Many Persons into River.

MARLIN, Texas, May 17.—Four persons are known to have been drowned and 15 others are missing as a result of the collapse of the Marlin-Belton bridge over the Brazos river five miles west of here yesterday. The west tier of the bridge crashed while about 30 persons, including many women, were standing there watching repair work on an abutment, which had been damaged during the recent flood.

Two of the four bodies recovered have been identified as those of Mrs. Ed Mosley, of Beaumont and Mrs. Goldberg, of Marlin.

Rescue parties, hurriedly gathered, dragged many of the struggling persons from the water before they went under. Boats and rafts quickly thrown together aided in the work. Several of those rescued had drifted to the falls three miles south of the accident before they were taken from the water.

Those rescued were all in a more or less serious condition. Mayor F. M. Stallworth, who was among those who went down, was rescued several miles down stream. A small automobile occupied by a child went down with the bridge. The child had not been found tonight.

Utility.

Jinks.—What did Marjorie do with that shiftless cave man she was engaged to?

Binks.—Jilted him, I believe, on the grounds that a chap like that ought to be useful as well as elemental.—Life.

NEWS LETER FROM THE TOWN OF KENLY

Mother's Day Observed At Methodist Sunday School —Personal Mention

KENLY, May 16.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Huff from Lowell, spent Sunday here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Darden.

Mrs. Mary Chase, of Wilson spent Sunday in town the guest of relatives.

Mrs. J. G. High has recently returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. D. B. Bullock in Wilson.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the M. E. Church held its regular monthly meeting last Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. A. J. Broughton and Mrs. A. H. Hardison.

Mrs. L. Z. Woodard, Mrs. J. T. Revell, Mr. Marvin Revell and Miss Elma Revell spent Monday in Princeton the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edwards.

Mrs. L. C. Wilkinson is spending sometime in Raleigh with her daughter, Miss May Wilkinson, who is a student at St. Mary's College.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Holden are leaving today for Louisburg College to attend the graduating exercises of their daughter, Miss Lucile Holden, who is a member of the graduating class.

Mrs. Fannie Hooks spent sometime last week with friends and relatives in Grimesland. She was accompanied home by her little granddaughter, Bettie Frances Hooks.

The birthday feast given Mrs. Martha Matthews last Friday evening was quite a success. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Mr. W. H. Howell died here last Thursday and interment was made on Friday in the Kenly cemetery. He was one of Kenly's oldest citizens. He is survived by a wife and several children.

Mother's Day was observed here Sunday morning by the M. E. Sunday School. The program was successfully carried out, various departments of the Sunday School had programs suitable for the day. Committees at the Sunday School provided all who attended with a flower to wear in honor of the occasion. After the Sunday School hour, church services were held by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Holden who delivered a very able sermon: "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Proverbs, 23:7.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. High, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Broughton and son, Master John Sutton, attended the funeral of Mr. B. D. Bullock in Wilson Sunday afternoon.

The "Bright Jewels" of the M. E. Church met at the church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock with a full attendance under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Darden.

There will be a barbecue dinner uptown Saturday the 20th, by the members of the Annie Benson Wesley Class of the M. E. Sunday School. Proceeds will be used for the payment of chairs in the ladies Sunday School room. Everybody is invited to come.

Mr. Hal Gilbreath of Goldsboro, spent Sunday in town the guest of his wife and mother.

Miss Jessie Perry, Miss Nora Dunlap, Prof. T. E. Leddy of A. and E. College and Mr. Graham of Raleigh, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Woodard Sunday.

SCHOOL BUILDING AT SELMA ABOUT COMPLETED

The new school building which has been in course of construction for the past year is about completed now and plans are being made to hold the commencement exercises in the new building on the night of June 2, with an address by Hon. Josephus Daniels, of Raleigh. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. J. Kenneth Pfohl, of Winston-Salem, N. C.

The complete program for the commencement exercises will be published later. It is hoped that each of these distinguished gentlemen will be heard by a large gathering of people from Johnston county as well as the citizens of Selma.

HALF THE COUNTIES WILL GET LOANS

A Million Dollars Ready for Distribution Among the Counties at Once

RALEIGH, May 16.—Just one-half of the counties will get immediate loans from the five million dollar loan fund for erection of school buildings, according to announcement by the state board of education today. One-fifth of the full fund, or a million dollars, will be ready for distribution among the counties on a loan basis immediately, and the remainder will not be available before the summer and fall months.

It was just about a year ago that the state board of education notified counties that the special building fund will be available the first of this year, and suggested to them that they go ahead with their building programs. In response to this advice many school buildings were erected and counties borrowed money from the local banks. When an attempt was made to sell these bonds in January, the purchaser, the Fidelity bank of Durham, was advised not to take them until the courts had passed on the constitutionality of the issue. In the meantime the counties had borrowed about a million dollars and spent this in addition to their available funds for the erection of buildings.

The middle of April this year the courts validated the bonds and on April 27 the treasurer completed the sale of a million dollars worth of the bonds at 4 1-2 per cent. interest. The first loans, therefore, have been made to those counties that had gone ahead with their building program.

Each county in the state will be given an opportunity to borrow its pro rata part of the five million, that is, it may borrow the same per cent. of this amount that the school population of the county bears to the state population, and the remainder of the fund will be loaned during the summer and early fall on this basis. Counties are advised by the board of education to continue their building with assurance that this money will be available.

An interesting feature of the loans included in the million dollar distribution is that the money is loaned almost exclusively for the erection of high school buildings in rural districts. Only \$40,000 of the entire amount will be used in a city school, and this goes to Wilmington, where a high school will be erected for the entire county. It is at last possible for counties to secure funds with which to erect high school buildings for the rural districts. The state board of education has recently made appropriations for the purpose of maintaining at least one high school for the rural districts of each county and with these loans it is possible to supply adequate buildings.—Greensboro News.

DOG RUN MAD AT PINE LEVEL BITES EIGHT CHILDREN

A Bull pup belonging to Mr. Jesse Parker, of Pine Level, went mad Sunday and bit eight children. Three of Mr. Parker's children were bitten; one of Mr. R. L. Fitzgerald's; one of Mr. Clarence Strickland's; one of Mr. F. C. Price's; one of Mr. Stout's; and one of Mr. Kilpatrick's. All were bitten are taking the Pasteur treatment. The serum was sent from Raleigh, and will be given each day for twenty-one days.

Mr. J. M. Oliver Dead.

The friends in the county of Mr. J. M. Oliver, of Pine Level will regret to learn of his death which occurred at his home Saturday morning. Mr. Oliver had been in bad health for some time and had been confined to his room for about a month.

The funeral took place Sunday afternoon conducted by Rev. S. H. Styron of Pine Level and Rev. W. G. Farrar, of Princeton. The Masons had charge of the service. Interment was made in the graveyard at the old home place about a mile from Princeton. A fuller account will appear in a later issue.

HUGE GAS WELL ON FIRE; ROAR HEARD FOR MILES

Flames Belching From Crater 200 Feet Wide Blown in Earth Near Eldorado, Ark.

ELDORADO, Ark., May 16.—A crater 200 feet across was blown out early this morning at the wild Murphy gas well, north of Eldorado, and the gas from it and all other craters in the vicinity was ignited and blazing fiercely. Several smaller craters were fired last night within a radius of 200 yards, but the main well, estimated to be making more than 75,000,000 cubic feet of gas a day, did not catch fire until the huge crater was blown out this morning.

All hope of extinguishing the blaze has been abandoned. The roar of the flames can be heard for miles, and before daybreak the fire had been seen as far away as this city, a distance of 10 miles.

The well blew in Sunday night while the drill stem was being removed. The derrick and machinery at the mouth of the well were destroyed, and the drilling crew barely escaped with their lives. Numerous geysers began forming at once on all side of the well, and gas is seeping into all the water wells in their vicinity.—Associated Press.

DIOCESE OF N. C. IN SESSION

Rev. A. E. Penick Named Bishop Coadjutor; Chapel Hill To Get New \$90,000 Church.

Rev. Edwin A. Penick, rector of St. Episcopal Church, Charlotte, was elected Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of North Carolina on the sixth ballot in the 106th Diocesan Convention Wednesday night. Immediately, with the Bishop Joseph Mount Cheshire ruling against a proposal to make the vote unanimous, the convention adopted a resolution expressing its approval of the choice.

The voting on seven nominees started at 9 o'clock and it was not until after 10:30 that the sixth ballot brought the result with the rector of the Charlotte Church receiving two more than the necessary thirty clerical votes and six more than the necessary eighteen lay votes.

Other nominees included Wyatt Brown, of Baltimore, Md., Rev. Milton A. Barber, of Raleigh; Rev. I. W. Hughes, Henderson; Rev. S. S. Bost, of Durham; Rev. W. W. Way, Raleigh; Rev. Alfred R. Berkley, of New Orleans.

The new Bishop Coadjutor, who comes to assist Bishop Cheshire after 28 years of service in the diocese, and to succeed Bishop Cheshire eventually, is a native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., having graduated from Sewanee and from the Virginia Seminary of Theology and from Harvard. He came to the parish of St. Peter's Episcopal church from Columbia, S. C., and taking the church which had a membership of 430 August 1, 1917, he has built up a church of 710 on May 1, 1922.

The new Bishop Coadjutor is prominent in civic and social work in Charlotte, a member of the Rotary Club and during the war served as a chaplain in the U. S. army.

The election of a Bishop Coadjutor followed a morning session largely devoted to the consideration of the advisability of holding the election immediately and an afternoon session which was featured by the raising of \$75,000 for the erection of a Church at Chapel Hill to serve the University of North Carolina.

The \$75,000 is made up of a gift of \$50,000 announced by Bishop Joseph Blount Cheshire as coming from a layman whose name he would not divulge on a condition that the diocese raise \$25,000. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Charlotte, led the movement with a pledge of \$10,000. T. H. Battle gave \$1,000; R. J. Walker, \$1,000; F. S. Spruill \$25,000; W. H. Williams \$500; Dr. R. H. Lewis \$500; B. Finney \$100; Cameron MacRae, R. H. Lewis, Jr., \$100; and another anonymous gift of \$3,350 which with \$8,000 on hand made up the necessary \$25,000.

Work will begin on the new church to cost approximately \$90,000 immediately. It will be connected with the old church by cloisters and the old building will be used as a chapel.—News and Observer.

The annual output of 8 large watch factories in this country, is more than \$15,000,000.

DR. J. O. ATKINSON TO BE AT PRINCETON

Will Deliver Commencement Address; Wells-Anderson Marriage

PRINCETON, May 17.—Miss Lissie Woodard has returned home after teaching school at Lumber Bridge for the past several months.

Edgar Boyett has returned home from Wake Forest college.

Elmer Holt has returned home from Mars Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mitchell and Mr. Luther Pearce from Greensboro have been spending a few days here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sanders from Smithfield were visitors in town for the week end.

Mrs. Flossie Wells and little Franklin and Harriet Elizabeth of Greensboro visited relatives here last week end.

Mr. Will J. Thompson and children, from near Pine Level attended Mother's Day exercises at the Methodist church here Sunday.

Rev. W. G. Farrar delivered a most appropriate sermon Sunday morning at the Mother's Day exercises. There was a large congregation present, many from different sections.

Information has been received here that Miss Ollie Anderson and Mr. Bob Wells were married in Greensboro last Friday. Miss Anderson was one of the teachers in the graded school here a year ago, and is most pleasantly remembered by many who will be pleased to hear this news. Bob is a Princeton boy who recently moved to Greensboro. Their many friends wish them much happiness and a pleasant journey through life.

In consequence of the disastrous hail storm which visited this town last Sunday, it is a well known fact that hail storms were sent upon different sections of the country in Bible times as a punishment upon the people for their wickedness. Let us consider this warning and put a stop to so much blockading and whiskey traffic in this town and immediate vicinity.

Friday, May 19th, at 8 p. m., there will be a call meeting of the Community Club. Supt. of Public Instruction, H. B. Marrow, will be present. Every one interested in the school is urged to attend.

Mrs. J. M. Oneal, of Selma and Mrs. Tiner, from Kenly, were the guests of Mrs. G. G. Edgerton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Etheredge from Kenly, were visitors in town Sunday.

On Wednesday afternoon, May 24, at five o'clock the children of the school will gather on the grounds for songs and other exercises. There will be a short program by the fourth, sixth and seventh grades and a milk play by the third grade. The milk play will be under the direction of Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, Home Demonstration Agent, of Johnston County. She has staged this play at Smithfield, Benson and Pine Level. Every one must see it.

Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock the music class will give its annual recital. The children's chorus, under the direction of Miss Carrie Mae Hedgepeth, will sing.

Thursday evening, May 25, at 8:30 the senior class will give its class day exercises, to be followed by a short play, "Not a Man in the House." This program is especially attractive.

On Friday morning, May 26th at 10:30 o'clock Dr. J. O. Atkinson, of Elon College, will deliver the address to the graduates of the school. Dr. Atkinson is secretary of the Men and Millions Forward Movement of the Christian church. He will also deliver the address at State College, Raleigh, this year. Following the address will be the delivery of the certificates of attendance, the seventh grade certificates and the high school diplomas. Those graduating from the high school this year are: Miss Thelma Toler, Miss Mildred Massey, Miss Tempie Hinton and Mr. Raymond Snipes. Eula Boyett will receive a certificate covering most of the work in the high school course.

Friday evening, May 26, at 8:30 the high school students will present the play, "The Old Fireside." School children will be admitted for 15 cents. Tickets for others will be 35 cents.