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## FLOOD WIPES OUT THREE VILLAGES

### Six Hundred Persons Perish in Flood in Gleno, Italy; Swept 50 Sq. Miles

Bergamo, Italy, Dec. 2.—Six hundred dead, three villages destroyed and 50 square miles made desolate. This was the toll of the flood from Gleno lake, when the great dike guarding it collapsed, releasing the irresistible force of water, which bursting forth in mad fury, carried all before it. It swept over the hills and down into the valleys for a distance of 15 miles to Lake Iseo, which checked the momentum of the vast stream, arresting its course.

Bergamo valley today is nothing but a barren waste of mud and water—a veritable lake in which it is dangerous to venture, for in some places it is over a man's head. In this soggy mass, the bodies of the victims lie tangled among fallen trees, telegraph poles, buildings and bridges. Here and there portions of broken walls project as mute evidence of the tremendous might with which the waters engulfed the region. The homeless are counted in the thousands, most of whom are mourning for lost relatives, or searching for their bodies. Relief parties from Milan and Brescia are on the scene, while all available troops have been mustered to aid the shelterless. The bishop of Bergamo received a telegraphic donation from the pope, for the purpose of undertaking immediate extensive relief.

### Others May Break

There is great fear among the survivors of other dams breaking, especially as today is the Feast of St. Bibbiana, on which according to popular superstition, if it rains it will rain for 40 days and 40 nights.

The three villages almost completely destroyed were Dezzo, Corna and Buggio. Of the 500 inhabitants of Dezzo only three survive.

The disaster threatens to be one of the greatest of its kind because of the vast amount of water let loose on the countryside. It destroyed hundreds of homes, where families perish without even realizing the tragedy which overwhelmed them.

A correspondent of the Associated Press visited the scene. The dike, situated three miles from the village of Dezzo, was an immense structure, four miles long and 35 yards thick. It served as a dam for the artificial lake situated about 6,000 feet above sea level, and containing 10,000,000 cubic yards of water, the source of which was chiefly the glaciers of Gleno mountain. This basin measured about four miles by two and cost 30,000,000 lire.—Associated Press.

## 16TH ANNUAL SEAL SALE BEGINS THANKSGIVING

Beginning November 29th, Thanksgiving Day, the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association launched its sixteenth annual Seal Sale. This association is the only organization in the State that is authorized to sell and appoint agents for the sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals and spends these funds to fight tuberculosis in accordance with the program adopted by its board of directors, which board is representative of the entire State. As a matter of fact, the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association is the only organized association in the State engaged exclusively in the fight against tuberculosis. It is officially recognized by the National Tuberculosis Association.

### Miss Esther Alford Gets Stove

Little Miss Esther Alford is the proud possessor of the miniature stove, but one that will really cook, given away Saturday at the Jones-Cotter Hdw. Co. For sixty days this enterprising firm had been giving tickets with cash purchases. Duplicates were deposited in a box and Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, little Miss Ruth Rose drew the lucky ticket out which entitled little Miss Alford to the stove. Mayor J. A. Narron presented the gift.

If some people would listen to half the things they say they would soon cease saying them.

## RELATIVES MIX BABIES OF MOTHER AND DAUGHTER

A news item from Madrid, Spain tells of a most unusual circumstance in connection with the birth of two babies. A mother and daughter both gave birth to sons at the same hour. The grandfather proudly displayed to relatives his new born son and his grandson, one in each arm. The babies were passed around from one to another of the admiring kinspeople, and in the confusion the identity of the babies was lost. Both looked alike, and neither the relatives, nor doctors, nor nurses could tell which was which. As a result of the mix-up, the babies will never know their true relationship. They will never know who is the grandmother or who is the mother. The nephew may be his own uncle. The tangle presents a number of complications.

## RUD LEWIS KILLED BY COUSIN ON HUNT THANKSGIVING

Dunn, Nov. 29.—The lure of Thanksgiving hunting resulted in the death of Bud Lewis, 12-year-old son of Hardy Lewis, who lives 13 miles east of Dunn, in Sampson county today when the back of his head was blown off by Roger West, his 16-year-old first cousin.

The two boys were hunting and were walking a log across a swamp when the gun went off unexpectedly. The unfortunate lad fell into the water and death resulted instantly. The load from a shotgun struck the lad at close range, blowing away the back of his head.

### Bank Presents Lesson In Thrift

A moving picture arrangement operated by electricity, in the window of the First and Citizens National Bank is attracting quite a bit of attention from passers-by this week. The display shows the value of milk as a food, representing the dairy cow as the most economical producer of human food. It is interesting to both children and grown ups to watch the cow being milked as she eats the fodder, silage etc. which is transformed into milk—the most perfect food. The procession of dairy products including, milk itself, cheese, ice cream, cream butter and cottage cheese, then moves automatically out of the dairy plant unto happy American homes where such a diet makes healthy boys and girls, and men and women. A lesson of economy is taught in other pictures displayed, all of which suggests that savings accumulated through economy and thrift should be deposited in a good bank. The First and Citizens National Bank are able to present this lesson to the public through the North Carolina Bankers' Association if you have not stopped at this window, make it a point to do so before the week is out.

### MRS. WARD GIVE TEA

Mrs. W. Ryal Woodall and Mrs. Ed F. Ward gave a delightful tea Saturday at the home of Mrs. Woodall. A color scheme of yellow was carried out in the rooms thrown open to the guests, yellow chrysanthemums forming an attractive part of the decorations. Yellow candles were also used.

Mrs. Woodall met the guests at the door, while Mrs. Ward assisted by Mrs. R. R. Holt and Miss Janie Lyerly of Greenville, received in the reception hall. Mrs. Charles Broadhurst and Mrs. J. J. Broadhurst poured tea in the living-room. Mrs. H. C. Woodall directed the way to the dining-room where a salad course was served by Misses Marjorie Johnston, Nell Grantham, Virginia Broadhurst and Elizabeth Aycock. Dainty pink and yellow baskets of salted nuts were given as favors. Receiving in the back hall were Misses Irene Myatt and Lallah Rookh Stephenson. During the afternoon Miss Irene Myatt and Mrs. John White Ives delighted the guests with several musical selections both vocal and instrumental.

Quite a number of ladies called during the afternoon.

The Woman's Club will meet Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock in the club room. Some very important business will be transacted at this meeting and every member is urged to be present.

## HOLD SERIES OF MEETINGS

### First Will Be Held at Meadow School on Dec. 10. Others During That Week.

During December, January and February a series of community meetings will be held in various parts of the county under the auspices of the superintendent of schools and the Extension Service of the County. The First and Citizens National Bank of this city, The Farmers Commercial Bank of Benson and The Bank of Wendell are also cooperating in making these meetings serve a real purpose in the development of community life.

Some of the questions to be discussed at these meetings are: (1) What is a Community? (2) Is Your Community Alive? (3) Are You Satisfied with Your Community? (4) Have You a Community Problem? (5) What Can You do to Help Solve It? Prominent speakers will be on hand at the placed designated below to discuss these and other questions on Community life.

The first of these meetings will be held at Meadow School on December 10 at 2:30 p. m. Other meetings to be held during that week are scheduled for Pleasant Grove School on Tuesday, Dec. 11; Corinth School on Wednesday, Dec. 12; Corbett-Hatcher school, Thursday, Dec. 13; and Brogden School, Friday, Dec. 14. To all of these meetings which will begin at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, the public is cordially invited.

## ANOTHER FLOGGING CASE NASH COUNTY SCENE OF

Rocky Mount, Nov. 30.—The second flogging to take place in Nash county within almost as many weeks occurred Wednesday night, according to authentic reports reaching here from Nashville, when Henry Gardner, member of a prominent family of the county, was taken from the home of Annie Viverette, a young woman who resided in Cooper's township, carried some distance into the woods and given a lashing.

Reports state that the young woman, association with whom is claimed to have caused the flogging, was seized by the band and taken along to witness the flogging, which Gardner is quoted saying consisted of twenty lashes across the back. The spokesman for the band is alleged to have set a stipulated period of seven days for her to leave the county, while the young man was given a lecture in addition to the whipping.

The band is reported to have been made up of forty or fifty persons all of whom are said to have been masked. The account received here states that several members of the band called at the home of Annie Viverette about midnight and stated that they were looking for her and Gardner, whom they found at the house. Both were bundled into cars and taken by a circuitous route to some exactly undetermined spot in the woods where the flogging was administered and the woman given a warning to leave. According to information received this morning, she had taken no steps to carry out the warning.

### Prayermeeting At M. E. Church

There will be prayermeeting at the Methodist church Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Come. You will be welcome in Jesus name. We will sing and talk about the Daily Bible Readings each week in family, and by individuals for Sunday school preparation. Again, I say, come! D. H. TUTTLE.

### COOLIDGE REFUSES GIFT TURKEY

President Coolidge disapproves of the custom which has been in vogue at the White House in the past of receiving as a gift the turkey which graces the Thanksgiving table. Admirers of each President have vied with each other for the honor of providing the Thanksgiving bird, and many such offers were declined this year by President and Mrs. Coolidge. Enough turkeys have been received at the White House it is said, to load down the tables of the whole staff of employees. President Coolidge wishes to discourage the custom.

## COMMISSIONERS HAVE BUSY DAY

### White Home and Farm Agents Retained; No Appropriation For Negro Work

The first Monday in December is always a busy day for the County Commissioners, this being the day when the budget for the county expenses is taken up, and yesterday was no exception to the rule. The matter of retaining the home and farm demonstration work both for white and colored was up for considerable discussion, there being some difference of opinion among the commissioners as to the advisability of continuing this work. Mrs. Estelle Smith, of Goldsboro, in charge of the Eastern District of Home Demonstration work, and Mr. E. W. Gaither, of Wilmington, District Farm Agent were here in the interest of the work. Through the efforts of quite a number interested in keeping the work in the county, it was finally decided to keep both the Home agent, Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, and Farm agent, N. B. Stevens. The appropriation for the negro Farm agent was discontinued and appropriation was denied for the Negro Home Work.

In addition to considering this phase of county work, more than the usual number of taxpayers appeared before the board to have their assessments reduced. This was probably due to the fact that statements of taxes due have just been sent out.

## MASH AND WHISKEY CAPTURED NEAR CLAYTON

Mr. J. D. Stephenson, assisted by Mr. J. J. Batten, captured several gallons of mash and a small amount of whiskey in a barn in Clayton township about three miles west of Clayton on Saturday, December 1. The mash was buried in a pit a short distance from the house. Buck Barbour, colored, was captured but is now out on bond. He will be tried in the Federal Court in Raleigh.

### In Honor Of Miss Lyon

Friday evening Mrs. W. H. Lyon entertained quite a number of the young people in honor of Mr. Lyon's niece, Miss Margaret Lyon, of Durham. Hearts dice was played at six tables. At the close of the evening the hostess served a delicious salad course.

Those present on this delightful occasion were: Misses Pauline Broadhurst, Irene Page Stevens, Arah Hooks, Rose and Nell Grantham, Mary Gattis Holland, Edna Hilderbrand, Jane Avera, Majorie Johnson, Maude and Nell Meacham, Messrs. Lawrence Wallace, Morgan Broadhurst, Tilden Honeycutt, Thel Hooks, Tom Ragsdale, Edward Patterson, Frank Skinner, Willard Lawrence, Lawrence Staniel, Norwood Holland, Delma Brown, Nick Avera, and Edgar Watson.

### IRENE CASTLE BECOMES BRIDE OF CHICAGO MAN

Chicago, Nov. 30—Irene Castle, dancer, and Frederick McLaughlin, wealthy Chicago coffee merchant, were married here Wednesday evening, it was learned today. The marriage took place at the McLaughlin residence, 336 North Michigan avenue, and was a quiet ceremony. They left Chicago last night for the west. The news that the widow of Vernon Castle, dancer and war hero, who lost his life while an aviator instructor in Texas and later the wife of Captain Robert Tremaine, from whom she was divorced in Paris, was married, was confirmed at the offices of W. F. McLaughlin and company, of which the bridegroom is secretary and treasurer.

McLaughlin is a son of the late W. E. McLaughlin, pioneer coffee merchant, and was a Harvard man of the class of 1901. His elder brother, George D. McLaughlin, succeeded their father as head of the company. The bridegroom in 1917, after the United States entered the world war became a major of cavalry, officers' reserve corps.

## LIZZIE WITHOUT LIGHTS RUNS INTO BUGGY; MULE DEAD

An accident occurred near Holt Lake on the Smithfield-Four Oaks road Saturday night about 6 o'clock when Andrew Sanders, colored, driving a Ford, said to be minus headlights, ran into a buggy in which Mr. and Mrs. Wiley B. Hayes and Mr. A. R. Lee, of near Teen's Chapel, were riding. Mr. Hayes' head was hurt, but not seriously, while the others escaped injury. The buggy was completely demolished and the mule's hip was broken. The mule was so badly crippled that it was necessary to kill him.

## BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT IN SMITHFIELD PROGRESSING

A boy scout meeting was held Wednesday night in the basement of the High school building, the next meeting will be in the High school building also. It will be on Dec. 5 Wednesday night at seven-thirty. Mr. Rice has promised to be our scoutmaster until we can find someone else. Mr. Rice is not able to be a permanent scoutmaster, so we are on the lookout for a man as good as Mr. Rice. The boys in the different patrols are as follows:

### Tiger Patrol

Charles Alford, patrol leader; Raymond Woodall, assistant.

### Wolf Patrol

James Kirkman, patrol leader; Joe Honeycutt, assistant, Norman Grantham, Thad Young, Dan Kirkman, Ernest Aycock.

### Eagle Patrol

Watson Wharton, patrol leader; Elmer Stephenson, assistant, Albert Keene, Roy Parrish, Edward Lee Parrish.

### Hawk Patrol

Hugh Ragsdale, patrol leader; Irving Gillette, assistant, Bill Hooks, Herman Lawrence.

### Doll Contest at Hood's.

The doll contest at Hood Brothers drug store is creating no small stir among the little folks of our town. About a week ago, it was announced by the proprietors that 15 dolls would be given away Christmas to the fifteen little girls receiving the highest number of votes at their store, votes being given for each purchase. Up to yesterday afternoon, around seventy names had been nominated.

Three had over five thousand votes, Eliza Vestal Ives being in the lead. Those running close to her are Mary Olive Peterson and Margaret Rogers. Two had over four thousand votes; Dorothy Hooks and Elizabeth Kasey; three over three thousand, Madge Lee, Annie Laurie Keen and Brookie Ennis; and eight over two thousand, Nell Morgan Broadhurst, Frances Jones, Stella Woodall, Louise Spear, Gladys Johnson, Mary Ellen Lawrence, Margaret Holland and Leonard Broadwell.

### Recorder's Court Proceedings

The following cases were tried and disposed of in the Recorder's Court here last Tuesday:

State vs. Arthur Hilliard, charged with violating the prohibition laws. The defendant was found guilty, sentenced to twelve months on roads and required to pay costs.

State vs. Donnie Simms, violating prohibition laws. Not guilty and discharged.

State vs. Donnie Simms, violating prohibition laws. He was found guilty on two counts and was given thirty days on roads and costs or \$25 and costs.

State vs. Donnie Simms, carrying concealed weapon. Guilty; fined \$50 and required to pay costs.

State vs. Donnie Simms, assault with deadly weapon. Guilty; fined \$1.00 and costs.

State vs. Clayton Drake, charged with larceny. He was found guilty, fined \$25 and costs.

State vs. Henry Hughes, alias Herman Hughes, violating prohibition laws. Not guilty and discharged.

### Music Club Meets

The music department of the Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. J. A. Wellons tonight (Tuesday.) The subject for the evening is: "Women in the Field of Music."

## DEADLOCK SEEMS CERTAIN IN HOUSE

### Progressives Have It In Power to Prevent Election of Speaker.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The 68th Congress will convene tomorrow at noon, but how soon it will be able to proceed to business appeared tonight to rest with the progressive bloc.

Republican insurgents in the house have given notice that they will block organization. Those in the senate have made no public announcement, but admittedly they have the votes to tie things up there if they elect to do so.

In view of his situation, Republican leaders are entirely at sea as to when President Coolidge will be able to deliver his first annual message to Congress.

Representative Longworth, of Ohio the Republican leader, said tonight that at the outset of the session tomorrow the house would begin voting on the election of a speaker and that if a deadlock ensued an overnight adjournment would be taken after two or three ballots.

In the senate the program of the majority leaders is for the swearing in of newly elected senators and an adjournment until Tuesday out of respect to members who have died since last March 4. There seems to be little disposition on the part of the Republican insurgents and Democrats to upset this plan.

Reiterating the determination of the progressives to block organization of the house, Representative Nelson, of Wisconsin, chairman of the bloc, declared tonight in a formal statement that "Congress is attempting to organize under the same old guard, and under the same old cry, hail, hail, the gang's all here."

"The opening maneuvers of the old guard leaders," he said, "indicate promises of continued service to the railroad manipulators, grain gamblers, coal operators and influential tax dodgers, but none whatever to the citizen who is unable to maintain a lobby to represent him here, a lobby that serves as the liaison between secret committees and the favored interests."

With the Democrats expected to line up solidly for Representative Garrett, of Tennessee, for speaker, Republican leaders, basing their estimate on the vote in their party conference yesterday for speaker, conceded that Speaker Gillett undoubtedly would fail to obtain a majority on the first ballot. With 214 of the 225 house Republicans present at yesterday's conference, Gillett received 190 votes, Cooper, of Wisconsin, a leader of the insurgents, 15. Madden of Illinois, 8 and Little, of Kansas, 1.

Until the house is organized the determination of the ratio as between Republicans and Democrats on the outstanding committees and the assignment of majority members of those committees can not be made by the committee on committees Democrats, at a loss at the time of their caucus last night as to what representation they will be given on the committees, were unable to proceed with the selection of their members of the ways and means committee, who in turn select the Democrats on the other committees.

The only business transacted at the caucus was the unanimous indorsement given Mr. Garrett for speaker, the election of Representative Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois, as chairman of the caucus, and the rejection of a proposal by Representative Stevenson, of South Carolina to take away from the Democratic ways and means committee members the power to make committee assignments and to place such authority into the hands of a committee on committees.—Associated Press.

### Methodist Bazaar.

The ladies of the missionary society of the Methodist church will hold their annual Christmas bazaar next Thursday in the building formerly occupied by the Farmers Bank and Trust Co. The bazaar will open promptly at ten o'clock. Besides the articles of fancy work, chicken salad, stewed oysters, cake and candies will be sold.