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VIRGINIA FLOOD CAUSES DAMAGE

Damage Is Estimated To Be Over \$2,000,000; James River Still Rising—Richmond Suffers.

POTOMAC RIVER HIGH

Richmond, Va., May 13.—Although the James River at Richmond, already 19 feet above its normal stage, continued to rise early tonight, other rivers and streams that left their banks and caused the worst flood the Piedmont and Shenandoah valley sections of Virginia have experienced in a decade, were receding and surveys of the damage were started.

No accurate estimate of the monetary loss will be available for probably a day or two, but it is known the damage will pass the two million dollar mark. Two persons are known to have lost their lives, and many were rescued, after being caught in the swirling waters.

Scores of small bridges were washed away, many miles of railroad tracks were badly damaged, roads districts were inundated and in several places large portions were swept before the onrushing waters. Hydroelectric plants were seriously damaged, many of them being out of commission, forcing manufacturing plants to close down and leaving residents of more than a dozen cities and towns without light and power. Other manufacturing plants were flooded and their machinery and stock ruined, and still more business buildings, residences and other structures in the lowlands were filled with water. Far more seriously damaged, railroad traffic was suspended or crippled and livestock and fowl fared badly.

At Richmond the turbulent waters of the James river had backed into Shockee creek and flooded Main street in front of the downtown railroad passenger station with about two feet of water at 6 o'clock, and government forecasters declared that the river had not as yet reached its crest. Other streets nearer the river and in lower sections of the city were under even more water, but every one had sufficient warning of the approach of the flood to remove their belongings to higher ground, and it is thought the principal damage will be confined to buildings in the affected sections.

POTOMAC RIVER HIGHEST SINCE JOHNSTON FLOOD

Washington, May 13.—The banks of the Potomac river were swept by a flood in this section today which brought the highest water levels since 1889, the year of the Johnstown disaster. Hundreds of homes and camps along the river banks have been inundated, and at high tide the waters were lapping over the sea-wall in Potomac Park, threatening to swamp the roadways.

REV. BILLY SUNDAY IS MUCH BETTER

Rochester, Minn., May 15.—Rev. W. A. (Billy) Sunday, the evangelist, arrived here early today to enter the Mayo Clinic Hospital for treatment of kidney ailment.

He spent a restful night aboard the private car that brought him here from Chicago "the best in the last 12 nights," according to his physician, Dr. R. L. Sanders, of Memphis.

Mr. Sunday walked unassisted from the train to a hotel where reservations had been made for his party.

Dr. Sanders issued this statement: "Reverend Sunday is very much improved. His reactions have been very rapid since noon yesterday. Last night was the best night he had in 12 nights. His temperature is normal this morning."

"Do you know about Mah Jong?"
"No, how many children has she?"

NEW SCHEDULE FOR TRAINS

Mrs. D. T. Lunceford, postmaster, received from J. A. Campbell, A. C. L. agent here, a change in schedule effective May 18 of train No. 89, which will in future arrive at the station here at 2:35 p. m. instead of 3:08; train No. 94 which will arrive at 6:22 p. m. instead of 8:26; train No. 93 which will arrive at 7:53 a. m. instead of 8:08 a. m.

This change of schedule will necessitate a change in the time for closing mails. Mail for train 93 will be closed at 2:15 p. m. and for train 94 at 6 p. m. The public should bear in mind these changes.

HAPPENINGS IN THE TOWN OF CLAYTON

Waddill—Whitley Engagement Announced; Club Women Attend State Federation

PERSONAL MENTIONS

Clayton, May 15.—Mr. and Mrs. John Jeffreys, of Selma, spent Sunday in Clayton with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McCullers returned Tuesday night from their wedding trip north, and are making their home with Mr. McCuller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McCullers.

Mrs. Helen Dickson of Raeford, is the guest of Mrs. J. B. Turley this week.

Rev. A. C. Hamby and son, Master Lynch Hamby, of Raleigh, spent Sunday in Clayton with friends.

Mrs. P. A. Wallace delightfully entertained at a miscellaneous shower for Miss Elizabeth Whitley, whose approaching marriage to Paul H. Waddill has been announced. Miss Whitley is the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Whitley and Mr. Waddill is a prominent young business man, having recently allied himself with large business interests in the town.

The beautiful home of Mrs. Wallace was enhanced by a profusion of flowers, and there were sixty invited guests. Punch was served from a bower of spring blossoms, and a musical program and contest delighted the guests until half a dozen little Dutch Cleanser maids in costumes with hat boxes representing Dutch Cleanser cans filled with beautiful gifts marched from secret entrances into the living rooms and circled about the bride-elect depositing their boxes at her feet. The gifts were numerous and after their display the hostess served a delightful buffet course.

2 Inches Snow On Mt. Mitchell Near Asheville

Asheville, May 12.—Snow fell in large quantities on the mountains near Asheville yesterday. Persons at Mount Mitchell reported that the summit of the range was covered with two inches of snow, and on Craggy a fall of 2 to 4 inches was reported. The weather in Asheville was cold and rainy.

Rev. Phillip Schwartz At Stevens Chapel

Rev. Phillip Schwartz of Raleigh District Epworth League Secretary, will preach at Stevens Chapel Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to the service.

Flowers Lead to Mother's Death

Chicago, May 13.—William Cervenka, aged 15, remembered his mother with flowers Sunday and it cost her her life and will probably cause the death of his father.

Anton Cervenka, 50, the father, was in the garage, going over his automobile preparatory to a Sunday ride. Mrs. Barbara, 48, the mother was in the kitchen, preparing lunch baskets. William was sitting near a window in a front room. Another boy came by and hailed him. The other boy was carrying a bouquet of flowers intended for his mother and expressed surprise that William had forgotten "Mother's Day." William slipped out of the house, went to the nearest florist shop, and bought a big bouquet, which he put in a water pitcher and placed on the dining table, unnoticed. Then he went out on another errand, leaving a surprise for his mother.

The father came into the room first, however, saw the flowers and asked his wife who had sent them. She repeated truthfully that she did not know and the husband flew into a rage and accused her of receiving flowers from some admirer. The quarrel became heated. The husband dashed into his room, secured a pistol and shot his wife through the mouth, and then shot himself in the head. Mrs. Cervenka died an hour later and her husband is dying at the Bridewell Hospital.

Musical Concert To Be Given May 20th.

Local talent entertainments always have their appeal for Smithfield audiences, and the concert to be given by the Stallings-Hinnant Concert Co., at the high school auditorium on Tuesday evening, May 20, will probably be no exception to the rule. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Stallings, well known here, where they have made their home, and a quartette of Hinnants, Messrs. Ed. Gloucus, Paul and Theodore, of Wilson have a program of music that is sure to please. There will be violin, piano, saxophone and banjo solos as well as orchestra selections, and singing. This entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Business and Professional Woman's club of this city.

Cyclone Demolishes Church Near Coats

Coats, May 12.—A cyclone passed over a section about two miles north of Coats about 12:30 p. m., Sunday, traveling in a Northeasterly direction. It did considerable damage, completely destroying Ridge church and damaging orchards, shade trees and numerous outbuildings. The path of the storm was about seventy-five yards wide.

Pomona Club Meets With Mrs. Watson

The fourth meeting of the Pomona club was held at the home of Mrs. B. H. Watson last Monday, May 12. The morning was spent in sewing. Just before dinner a business meeting was held. The roll was called, showing seventeen members present and three absent. Ten new members were enrolled.

Dinner was served at twelve o'clock in the yard and was enjoyed by all. Miss Minnie Lee Garrison entertained the crowd in the afternoon by demonstrating egg dishes which proved to be very helpful as well as pleasing to taste.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. J. E. Woodall.—Reporter. Smithfield, Route 2, May 15.

Methodist Church

Rev. D. H. Tuttle will hold regular preaching services at the Methodist church Sunday morning and night. The topic for the Sunday morning sermon is "The Cost of Building a Spiritual Character Temple."

Live in a thankful spirit and you will find more to be thankful for.—Brook Herford.

DR. BINFORD TO BE AT KENLY SUNDAY

Dr. Raymond Binford, president of Guilford College will preach the commencement sermon at Kenly high school auditorium next Sunday May 18 at 11 o'clock.

On Wednesday night, May 21, a music recital will be given under the direction of Miss Katherine Jones.

The senior play written by Mrs. Beulah Bailey Woolard will come on Thursday night, May 22nd, at 8 o'clock.

The graduation address will be delivered by Dr. W. P. Lawrence of Elon College, at 10:30 a. m., May 23.

AN AGED CITIZEN OF SELMA PASSES

Mr. B. H. Woodard Dies At Home of His Daughter, Mrs. J. N. Wiggs, Tuesday Evening at the Age of Seventy-Five

BURIED NEAR PRINCETON

Selma, May 15.—Mr. Barney Hallowood Woodard, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of this section, died Tuesday evening at his home here after an illness of several months.

The deceased was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Woodard and was born in Boon Hill township, January 6, 1849, in which section he spent the greater part of his life as a prosperous farmer. Seven years ago he came to Selma and has since made his home with his daughter, Mrs. J. N. Wiggs.

Fifty-two years ago he was married to Miss Louisa Creech who preceded him to the grave nine years ago. To this union eight children were born, all of whom survive except Mrs. Donie Woodard Holland, who died about six years ago.

In early manhood Mr. Woodard joined Old Union Primitive Baptist church and was always a faithful, consecrated member. He was a splendid neighbor, a loving father, a devoted husband, a man whose honesty nobody doubted, whose life was fidelity, itself.

The funeral services were conducted from the home at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon by Elder Elijah Pearce, of Princeton. The lovely flowers expressed in their silent way the esteem of his friends and loved ones.

One brother, Mr. Monroe Woodard, of near Princeton, survives, also the following children: J. R. Woodard, Princeton; Mrs. J. N. Wiggs, Selma; W. T. Woodard, Selma; Mrs. J. A. Hodge, Kenly; E. V. Woodard, Selma; Mrs. George Pike, Raleigh; Miss Bertha Woodard, Selma.

The burial was in the family cemetery near Princeton. The pall bearers were: Messrs. Wade J. T. Creech, T. M. Benoy, J. R. Straughan, J. P. Temple, W. R. Smith and H. E. Earp.

Mr. D. M. Hall Still In Race For Register Deeds

Through mistake the political card of Mr. D. M. Hall of Clayton, who is a candidate for Register of Deeds, was left out of the past two issues of The Herald. Mr. Hall advises us that he is still in the race, as his card which appears again in this issue states. We regret that this mistake happened.

Ziady Bros. Purchase Smith Building Here

The brick store next to Mr. J. D. Spiers on Third Street has been recently purchased by Mr. A. N. Ziady and his brother who have been operating a fruit store at this place for some time. The fruit store will be continued. The property was purchased from A. W. Smith.

Southern Baptists Will Handle Negro Problem Without Aid

Digs For Rabbit; Finds \$10,000

Coal Gate, Okla., May 13.—John Huckaby, fourteen, while hunting, chased a rabbit into a hollow tree. His dog digging at the bark of the tree uncovered an old skunk hide wrapped around \$10,000 in currency.

The money is believed to have been buried half a century ago, as the printing on the bills is dim. The money was sent to the currency de-emption.

President Chase Goes Under Knife Today

Chapel Hill, May 14.—Dr. H. W. Chase, president of the University of North Carolina, is in Watts hospital, Durham, and will be operated on tomorrow for appendicitis. President Chase has not been feeling well of late and entered the hospital Monday for a thorough examination. Dr. Foy Roverson, who will perform the operation, said tonight Dr. Chase's condition is favorable to a rapid recovery.

Stallings-Hinnant To Give Concert In Kenly

The Kenly people are to have the opportunity Monday night, May 19, to hear the Stallings-Hinnant Concert Co., a group of talented musicians from Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Stallings have been at the Lyceum platform with marked success, and Mr. Paul Hinnant who plays saxophone, has spent the past season on Keith's circuit. The other members of the Hinnant quartette are musicians of merit and the program promises to be entertaining from start to finish. Master Theodore Hinnant is only twelve years old but will have a prominent part on the program. This same concert will be given in Smithfield on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Business and Professional Woman's club. It is being given in Kenly under the auspices of the Woman's club.

Storm Blows Roof Off In Pleasant Grove

Dr. G. A. McLemore, who has been in Pleasant Grove township since the storm Sunday, reported quite a severe storm in that section. The roof of Mr. Tommie Dupree's house, he was told was blown off and the orchard of Mr. William Stephenson partially uprooted. The wind was terrific but the path of the tornado seemed to miss most of the buildings.

Mrs. L. E. Reaves Dies At Fayetteville Hospital

Friends here will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. L. E. Reaves, of Raeford which occurred late Wednesday afternoon in a hospital in Fayetteville. Mrs. Reaves was Miss Mattie Bingham before her marriage and lived in this city. She went to the hospital in Fayetteville three weeks ago and underwent a serious operation. She stood the operation well, however, and apparently was doing nicely, when complications set in and a second operation became necessary. She lived ten days after the second operation, her condition being quite precarious during all that time.

The body was taken to her home at Raeford yesterday where the funeral was held at two o'clock. The deceased was a faithful member of the Methodist church, and the funeral which was largely attended was conducted by her pastor. She leaves a husband and five children as follows: Mr. Ray Reaves, L. E. Reaves, Jr., Halle Reaves, Mrs. Lee Mosby and Miss Dixie Reaves.

Convention Rejects Recommendation For Joint Conference With Northern Baptist at Negro Problem

DR. McDANIEL MADE PRES.

Atlanta, May 14.—Voicing its determination to handle the negro problem in the South without consultation with the Northern Baptist convention or any other organization, the Southern Baptist convention late today rejected a recommendation of its executive committee for a joint conference with the Southern Baptist Convention and Northern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention.

The recommendation was contained in a report of the executive committee to the convention. It was attacked by Dr. B. C. Henning, of Atlanta, in a charge of negro work under the Home Mission Board, who said that it would complicate a situation which already is delicate enough. He urged that the board be represented be left alone to handle the situation as it sees best.

Dr. Livingston Johnson, of Raleigh, N. C., said the intent of the recommendation was not to have any organic connection with any other body on the negro question, but that the action merely was taken at the request of Congressman Lowrey to do something to bring about better feeling between the whites and the negroes.

Dr. Johnson also said that the Catholics are after our negroes. The Catholics had two conferences in my home state with our Baptist negroes before I knew anything about it.

Dr. A. J. Barton, of Kansas City, brought the matter to a close by urging that for the sake of simplicity the recommendation be rejected and the negro problem left up to the Home Mission Board, which is charged with the responsibility for relations between the white and negroes. He said he was thoroughly in favor of the Southern Baptist handling the problem alone, as "the Northern Baptist knows nothing whatever of the negro problem as we know it."

At the morning session Dr. Geo. W. McDaniel, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., was elected president of the convention over Dr. Z. T. Cody, of Greenville, S. C., and Dr. John D. Mell, of Athens, Ga. He succeeds Dr. E. Y. Mullins, of Louisville, Ky.

MRS. BRYAN AND THE FAITH CURE

Mrs. William Jennings Bryan has followed Reverend Raymond T. Richey, a faith healing evangelist to the little town of Hazlehurst, in the pines of South Georgia, seeking a cure from illness from which she has suffered for a long time.

Mrs. Bryan attends all of the Richey meetings, but is unable to leave her wheel chair because of paralysis, but expressed the belief that she will be cured through faith. She says she has been made better through faith and the works of God and the teachings of Evangelist Richey.

"Both Mr. Bryan and myself believe implicitly in the power of God to save through healing brought about by faith," said Mrs. Bryan to the reporters. "I believe firmly that if I can get faith enough in the word of God and Jesus Christ, I shall be cured of my infirmities. If I am not cured my faith in the power of God to heal will not be lessened. I will simply accept it as evidence that I do not believe strongly enough in His power to be relieved."

Some folks may sneer at this, but it is evident that the Bryans believe in the power of prayer to heal the sick and to drive from the flesh its physical and mental ailments.

Never sneer at those who believe in the power of prayer.—Wichita Falls (Texas) Record.