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## Recent Heavy Rainfall Floods Johnston's Creeks and Rivers

### Considerable Damage To Bridges; Mill House At Holt's Pond Washed Away

### NEUSE REACHES 24-FOOT

The two weeks of rainy weather which culminated in the unusually heavy downpour of Sunday night, Monday and Tuesday night has caused considerable damage in Johnston County. Besides injury to the cotton crop, other losses have been sustained until it would be difficult to estimate the damage in dollars and cents.

Boon Hill township perhaps suffered the greatest loss when Tuesday morning the mill house at Holt's pond (or Harrison Lake as some call it) with all the machinery and a large quantity of corn and meal was washed away. According to our correspondent at Princeton, Mr. C. H. Holt, the total loss is counted at about \$20,000. The bridge and about sixty feet of the dam were also washed away. The Central Highway forces have already commenced to build a new road at this point and it will not be long before traffic can be resumed over this road. Other damage caused by high water in this section included the washing away of Howell's bridge and a part of Lane's bridge (with several feet of embankment) on Little River. The damage at Baker's mill could not be estimated Wednesday at which time the waters were four feet deep over the top of the new concrete dam which was only finished a week or ten days ago. The oldest men in that section say they have never seen such a big rain and Little River was nearly twelve inches higher Tuesday than it was in 1919 when the Baker mill bridge was washed down. The flood waters in Neuse Islands were still rising Wednesday and it was thought that it might be several days before they reach their highest mark. The damage to small bridges washed away and road washouts all over Boon Hill township will amount to several thousand dollars.

Neuse River reached its high mark about eight o'clock when it measured 24 feet. It was at a standstill practically all day Wednesday, but began falling Wednesday night and went down eight inches by yesterday morning and has continued falling. The record this week lacked two feet and five inches of reaching the record of 1919 when Neuse River was the highest within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. It lacked a foot of being as high as it was in August 1908 when twenty-five feet was reached. In 1919 the bridge just beyond the river known as the Highland bridge was completely submerged, not even the railings showing above the water.

Just this side the Highland bridge Tuesday the wagon of the National Biesuit Company ran partly off the embankment and all efforts to remove it were unavailing. The truck was anchored and at this writing is still partially submerged. Small boats carried passengers across Tuesday, Wednesday and yesterday at fifty cents a passenger. Some automobiles were towed across.

Nothing like an adequate report of the damage throughout the county has reached us, but it was wide spread. The road from the station near Selma to the Selma city limits, we understand, was covered with water for around twelve hours Tuesday. The Bagley and Horne bridges over Little River near Kenly were washed, and Lowell bridge was covered with water. Black Creek bridge between here and Four Oaks has been covered and was floating yesterday. Holt Lake reached the highest mark in its history. The bridge over Swift Creek near the county home was washed away and Middle Creek was impassable at White mill near Mr. N. G. Rand's home.

### Conference at Sanders Chapel

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Four Oaks Circuit, will be held at Sanders Chapel on Saturday October 4 at eleven o'clock. All official members are requested to be present.

### TO THE PATRONS OF THE EIGHT MONTHS SCHOOLS:

Owing to the prolonged rain, which has rendered the picking out of the cotton crop impossible, the Board of Education has deferred the opening of the eight months schools from October 8th until October 15th.

H. B. MARROW,  
Sept. 30, 1924.

## STREAMS EASTERN CAROLINA RECEDE

### Three Persons Killed As Result of High Water; \$3,000,000 Damage Done Highways

Raleigh, Oct. 1.—Reports received here tonight indicated that the flood conditions in Eastern North Carolina had improved considerably during the day and with one exception the rivers were reported as gradually receding toward normal. The Neuse River in Wayne County, however, had not reached flood stage, and with the river 12 feet above normal and reported rising at the rate of six inches an hour, residents of the low lands were retreating to higher ground. The crest of the flood at that point was not expected before mid day tomorrow. Already most of the low lands were said to be inundated to a depth varying from one to three feet. The flood took a toll in lives this afternoon when C. C. Bell, 35, and Leroy Coley, 20, were drowned in the Contentnea Creek near Stantonburg when attempting to reach a boat which had lodged against some boulders when they were caught in the swift current of the swollen stream. The bodies had not been recovered tonight. These drownings made the death toll three in the state, a man having been killed on the Catawba River.

### LIMING LAND PAYS IN ANSON COUNTY

Wadesboro, Sept. 29.—It pays to lime land especially where the farmer desires to plant legume crops for soil improvement, finds J. W. Cameron, farm demonstration agent in this county for the State College extension division.

During the first week in September five carloads containing about 200 tons of lime were ordered co-operatively by Anson County farmers. "Previous to this time," says Mr. Cameron, "about ten cars had already been placed in the county through my office. But this is only a beginning. We still need thousands of tons of lime for use on land where legumes are to be grown."

J. W. Carpenter of Peachland found he could not grow crimson clover until he had limed his land. Now he never pulls fodder because of the supply of clover hay on hand. J. A. Parker of Upper Burnsville recently harvested seven large loads of lespedeza hay from two acres of land limed three years ago. The stubble remaining is larger than the lespedeza on the adjoining area which has not been limed. J. G. Gaddy of Morven limed part of a sandy field three years ago and found that cowpeas planted after grain this summer are larger and greener than on the unlimed portion. W. R. and Adam lockhart, Frank Bennett, T. V. Hardison, B. I. Dunlap and W. B. Winfree are farmers who are having success with alfalfa since liming the land. It is useless to attempt the growing of alfalfa without liming.

Mr. Cameron states that there are a number of other Anson County farmers who are growing fine crops of legume hay, are building up their soils and increasing the acre yields of the crops following the legumes by devoting more attention to preparing the land, fertilizing and liming. For growing legumes, states Mr. Cameron, liming is essential for full success.

## CAR OVERTURNS INTO RAGING CREEK

### Man Drowns When Car Hits Abutment and Plunges From Bridge

Wilson, Oct. 2.—Buck Varden, traveling salesman for the Sash, Door and Glass Corporation, of Richmond, Va., and very prominent in this city, was drowned about 7:30 o'clock last night when the Ford coupe in which he was riding struck the abutment of the bridge at Johnny B. Swamp about a mile and a half from Rocky Mount and overturned into the swollen stream.

According to reports from Rocky Mount, Mr. Varden was stunned when the car struck the abutment, and after the car overturned into the stream he did not realize his danger until it was too late. One of Mr. Varden's friends, who was coming to Wilson in the car, made his escape from the closed car after it landed in the water.

Mr. Varden was on his way to Wilson from Rocky Mount when the accident occurred, making the trip on the old Wilson road. The body of the young man was taken from the water after about 10 minutes, and first aid methods were used in a vain attempt to save his life.

The body of the deceased will be carried to Richmond this morning for burial. Mr. Varden is survived by his parents, one sister, Miss Lucy Nelson Varden, and three brothers, William, Burwell and Carter Varden.

Mr. Varden has been residing in Wilson for the past three or four years and has used this city as his headquarters. He is well known and highly respected by all who knew him and played an important part in the social activities of the city.

### REV. JOHN R. WOODS TO TEACH IN SEMINARY

Richmond, Va., Sept. 28.—The Rev. John Russell Woods, graduate of the city, in the class of 1923, will occupy the chair of church history at the seminary this session, it was announced today. He succeeds Dr. Walter L. Lingle, who resigned the post in order to give his full time to duties as president of the general assembly training school for lay workers.

Mr. Woods will occupy the chair of church history for only one session, his plan being to go out to China next summer as an evangelistic missionary. During the 1923-24 session of the seminary, he held the Hoge fellowship which entitled him to a year of graduate study at the institution. The past summer preached at Smithfield. He is a son of Dr. J. B. Woods, distinguished medical missionary to China, and a grandson of the late Dr. James Power Smith, Presbyterian minister, who died at an advanced age a year or more ago at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles F. Myers, Greensboro. Before entering the Seminary, Mr. Woods attended Davidson College.

### Civil War In China

Civil war is raging in China. As this is written fighting is going on near Shanghai. That city is one of the most important ports in China, with a population of more than one million. Many foreigners, including Americans, are in business or are serving as missionaries there.

The tuchups, or war lords, of two Chinese provinces are causing the trouble. The two provinces are Kiangsu and Chekiang. Shanghai is supposed to be a part of Kiangsu but for several years has been controlled by Chekiang. Now, the tuchun of Kiangsu—Chi Shieh Yuan—is trying to regain Shanghai from General Lu Yun Hsiang, tuchun of Chekiang.

The United States, Great Britain, France and Japan have notified the Chinese government at Peking that it must protect foreigners in Shanghai. It is feared, however, that this warning will do little good. The Peking government is a government in name only. Really, China has no central government, but is broken up into states ruled by the warlike tuchuns. American, British and Japanese warships were ordered hastily to the harbor of Shanghai to do what they could to protect the foreigners in that city.—Current Events.

## BENSON KIWANIS RECEIVE CHARTER

### Parent-Teachers Ass'n Gives Reception in Honor School Faculty

### ORPHANS GIVE CONCERT

Benson, Oct. 2.—The children of the Methodist Orphanage of Raleigh gave a sacred concert in the Methodist church Sunday evening at seven o'clock. The church was practically filled to hear this splendid concert.

The Parent-Teachers' Association gave a reception Friday evening from eight to nine in honor of the faculty of the Benson school. The president, Mrs. S. J. Lee, made the address of welcome on behalf of the Association. Rev. J. E. Blalock welcomed the teachers on behalf of the churches; Miss Virginia Lee, on behalf of the young ladies of the town, Mr. Larrie Cavenaugh on behalf of the young men; Mr. A. T. Lassiter, on behalf of the parents; Supt. H. C. Renegar spoke on behalf of the faculty. Refreshments were served.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met Tuesday evening at 7:30 with Mrs. A. S. Oliver on Church street. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Oliver. The following officers were elected for the year: president, Mrs. W. D. Boone; vice-president and superintendent of Young People's Missionary Society, Mrs. W. T. Martin; recording secretary, Miss Vallie Hill. The subject for the evening was "Africa." It was very interesting and well attended. Several matters of interest to the Society were discussed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stallings, of Kenly, spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Oliver.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Weinges, of Georgia, are in Benson for sometime. Mrs. Weinges was Miss Evelyn Boone before her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barbour, of Hamlet, spent several days in town last week.

Mr. W. W. Hockaday has accepted a position with the Buick company in Dunn.

Rev. Mr. Rollins, of Ingold, spent Friday here. Mr. Rollins was pastor of the Baptist church here at one time.

Mr. Herman Denning, of Atlanta, Ga., has been spending some time in and near Benson with relatives and Rev. C. C. Wheeler spent the week end with his family here.

Miss Carol Davis, of Wendell, has arrived to take one section of the sixth grade. She will also teach expression.

One of the most important and enjoyable events in the history of our town place Tuesday evening at the North State Hotel, the occasion being charter presentation of the Kiwanis Club.

Covers were laid for about one hundred and fifty local and visiting Kiwanians with their wives and sweethearts, who upon donning the attractive Kiwanis caps formed a colorful scene around the banquet tables. Acting as toastmaster was Kiwanian Ezra Parker, who kept things lively every moment of the time.

Among the notable guests were Kiwanian Joseph S. Bowles, Jr., who has already endeared himself to the local club and who in a forceful response to President Oliver's remarks of welcome set forth the lofty and noble ideals for which Kiwanians stand and impressed every member with the opportunities open to them for unselfish service to their community through this channel of united civic interest and pride. Following him Rev. C. K. Proctor, of Kinston, made an address that was full of inspiration and high standards to be attained. After many contests for prizes were pulled off the outstanding event of the evening took place when Kiwanian Felix Harvey in an address surpassing in depth of oratory and containing word pictures expressed with remarkable ease and fluency presented the coveted charter to President Adlai S. Oliver. Kiwanian William T. Martin overdid his previous record in a speech of acceptance. Then followed spicy greetings from Fred Waters, representing the Selma club. Josh Horne, Rocky Mount, Judge Harris, Raleigh; Mr. Matthews,

### He Won



"Breakfast in New York and supper in San Francisco" is the dream realized by Lieut. Russell Maughan, the nation in his dawn to dusk flight army airman, who recently thrilled across the continent. He hails from Minnesota.

## TWO MEN DROWNED AT STANTONSBURG

### C. C. Bell and Leroy Coley Believed To Have Drowned In Effort To Reach Boat

Wilson, Oct. 2.—C. C. Bell and Leroy Coley, white men of Stantonburg, were drowned in Contentnea Creek on the old Ruffin farm, now owned by Charles Farmer, about one and a half miles from Stantonburg, Tuesday, it was learned here last night.

The two men waded into the water to get a boat, but the swirling stream swept them on down the creek. At a late hour last night neither of the bodies had been recovered, and it was announced that the search would be renewed this morning.

Bell, who is 35 years of age, leaves a widow and one child. Coley is 20 years of age and unmarried. Reports were circulated yesterday afternoon that the two men had been found up a tree in the middle of the creek, some distance from where they disappeared. This report, however, proved untrue.

### BIG SNAKE CONSUMPTION

TOKIO, Sept. 29.—More than two hundred snake dealers in Tokio supply the city's demand for snakes as food and medicine, according to figures gathered by the Jiji Shimpou, one of Tokio's leading newspapers.

Tokio citizens consume about 40,000 snakes each month, says this paper. Snakes, mostly of the viper family or garter snakes, are either eaten by invalids needing the nourishing factor which science has labeled vitamin A, in which these reptiles are supposed to be rich, or else they are consumed as a drink, made by burning them and dissolving the ashes in spirits. Such consumption of snakes is due to old superstitions and does not have medical endorsement.—Associated Press.

### The Undesirable Title.

Five years ago Canada asked the British Crown not to confer any more titles on Canadian citizens and asked further that hereditary titles already conferred should expire with the present holders. Two years ago South Africa made a similar request, and now Australia expresses the same wish. Decorative titles are seldom popular in a Republic; and when, as sometimes happens, the persons honored by them are chosen with little wisdom or discrimination the ordinary citizen looks on them with amused contempt.—From The Youth's Companion.

### of Clinton.

The Kiwanian luncheon song by everyone concluded an evening of constructive pleasure which will be long remembered by those whose privilege it was to be present at such an auspicious occasion.

## COUNTY FAIR SEC. MAKES STATEMENT

### Tells That The Fair Management and Civil Authorities Have Done Their Duty

### LETTER OF MR. WELLONS

Some time ago the County Fair Association was sent a copy of a resolution signed by a number of organizations in the county relative to the enforcement of law in regard to gambling devices at the County Fair, and which was published in this paper. Mr. R. A. Wellons, secretary of the Fair Association, has written a letter to the different organizations acknowledging receipt of the resolutions in which he takes exception to a statement which says "the presence of these evils is seemingly ignored by the civil authorities and management of the Fair." He asks that his reply be published in order that the public of the county may know the true facts. The letter of Mr. Wellons is as follows:

"I wish to acknowledge receipt of a copy of resolutions adopted by your organization at a recent meeting.

"I sincerely appreciate the interest that you have in good government which prompted your organization to draw and send to me this resolution. I do not, however, appreciate the statement in this resolution which is as follows: 'Whereas, the presence of these evils is seemingly ignored by the civil authorities and management of the fair,' with reference to this statement I wish to say for your information that last year the management of the Fair had the full co-operation and the support voluntarily tendered it by Sheriff Massey and by Mayor Narron, and on several occasions both the Town and the County Officers worked until late in the night in co-operation with the Fair management. The Fair management in an earnest endeavor to see that the spirit of the law was strictly complied with had in his employ eighteen men all of whom had been deputized by the Sheriff. Seven of these men did nothing but patrol duty as officers, the other eleven were detailed as ticket takers and sellers and gate keepers, all under strict orders to see that the law was enforced. It seems to me that instead of ignoring the presence of the evils referred to by you, that the authorities of the County, our town and our Fair on the contrary did everything possible to enforce the law.

"I wish to assure that all other suggestions in your resolution are deeply appreciated by us, and we will be glad to work harmoniously with you, or any of your representatives, in making this year's Fair the cleanest and best of its history."

### BAPTIST BOYS REORGANIZE

Next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 the Royal Ambassadors of the Smithfield Baptist church are to meet at the parsonage to reorganize for the new year. They will be reorganized with two chapters, Junior boys from 10 to 12 years, and the intermediate 13 to 16. It is hoped that a man will be secured shortly to aid the pastor in the work as chief councillor. Each well organized chapter has three degrees, Pages, Squires, and Ambassadors, and these divisions will be observed here in the new organization. The ten-year-old boys will be introduced this year as pages. Promotion from one degree to the next will require passing a test on Bible and mission study. The organization here is a part of a great Southwide organization of 1154 chapters which is counting for a vast deal in the development of the higher life in the boys of Baptist churches. Parents are invited to co-operate with the movement here with a view to the best results for their boys. Earnest work is urged this year, one incentive offered for good work being that boys who measure up to a certain standard will be offered the privilege of attending for a week the Royal Ambassador camp in the summer at the assembly ground at Morehead City.