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Deaths In Florida Storm Above 400

Accurate Figures Not Yet Completed; More Than 6,000 Are Injured and 50,000 Homeless

With the national red cross firmly at the helm, the work of rescue work and relief in the storm swept sections of Florida is moving apace.

Hasty surveys reveal conditions as even worse than first news had indicated and appeals to the nation for financial assistance and for nurses, medicines and supplies went out yesterday from Miami, the center of the district hardest hit by the storm.

As the flood waters receded and the rescue parties were augmented, additional bodies were found at Miami, Moore Haven, Fort Lauderdale and other points, with the certainty that still others were buried in wrecked buildings and held captive by debris covered waters.

OVER 400 VICTIMS.

Accurate figures as to the total known dead had not been compiled last night but rescuers said the total would be above 400. Miami's official death list announced last night totalled 99, but opinions as to the final count were widely at variance, the undertaker in charge of compiling the list estimating it at not more than 100, while C. A. Collins, head of the missing persons bureau, expressed the belief that at least 750 more persons had perished. Mr. Collins pointed out that 300 boats had been riding in Biscayne bay when the storm hit.

The Moore Haven known death list tonight stood at 110 with estimates of at least 200 more unaccounted for and decomposing, according to Col. S. L. Lowry, Jr., of Tampa, in charge of troops at the demolished city on the western banks of Lake Okechobee.

As isolated sections in the everglades and other sections were searched, the number of injured increased and tonight was estimated at more than 6,000 of whom more than 1,000 were in Miami hospitals.

Likewise the total of the homeless went beyond the 50,000 mark with special trains, automobiles and trucks being pressed into service to move them to nearby cities for shelter and care. Almost incredible suffering was reported from several sections with the possibilities of pestilence by no means passed.

More cases of illness, some believed to have been caused by polluted waters, were reported to the health authorities and patients were promptly segregated as part of the campaign to prevent the spread of disease.

A survey of sanitary conditions throughout the storm district has been started by Dr. J. H. Linson, of the United States public health service, and if necessary to prevent outbreaks of epidemics the entire resources of that service will be put into operation.—Associated Press, Sept. 24.

"Give me a glass of water, please," said the man in the barber's chair, feebly.

"You aren't going to faint, I hope," said the barber, conscious that he had been doing some extraordinary gashing of the customer's cheek.

"No, I only wanted to see if my mouth would hold water."—Ex.



"Conceit aces lack education, wid sum folks an' hits a hull lot cheaper."

Group of "Good Samaritans"



The spirit of the lines "Let me live in a house by the side of the road, and be a friend to man" was beautifully expressed by a group of citizens in Pleasant Grove township recently when they went to the aid of Mr. J. Claude Coates, and pulled his crop of fodder at a time when sickness in his family prevented him from attending to it himself. The little 7-year-old daughter of Mr. Coates has tumor of the brain and has been critically ill for several weeks. She has recently lost her eyesight, and is not expected to live but a short time. Out of the goodness of their hearts and with a deep sympathy for a neighbor in trouble, these Pleasant Grove folks rendered what service they could in helping to house Mr. Coates' crop. Some one took a snapshot of the group and we were thus enabled to reproduce it as shown above.

Officers Capture Postal Employees Two Large Stills Organize Council

Three Arrests Are Made For Making Whiskey In Horse Stable

Last week prohibition officers captured two large whiskey stills, several barrels of beer, some whiskey and tools, and arrested three negroes for violating the prohibition laws.

On Tuesday, September 14, Deputies J. O. Hinton, F. L. Pittman, C. Q. Stephenson, and E. S. Deans found a 60-gallon copper still in operation on the land of H. Well Brothers in Boon Hill township. Eight barrels of beer were destroyed. No one was at the still.

On Saturday, Sept. 18, Deputy Sheriffs F. L. Pittman, J. O. Hinton, C. Q. Stephenson, Rowland Hayes and Millard Parker located a 50-gallon still two and a half miles west of Smithfield on Poplar Branch. The still, which was set up in a horse stable, looked as if it had been in use for years. Six barrels of beer were found buried back of the stable and a quart of whiskey was found buried near the back door of the dwelling. A bushel and a half of meal, 150 pounds of sugar, tubs, buckets and two single-barrel shot guns were taken from the stable.

Officers report that holes were found all about the farm where the still had been buried at times in the past.

George Leach, colored, who lived in the dwelling nearby, together with his two sons who are about twenty years old, was arrested. All were brought here to jail but later some of the colored friends stood their bonds and they were allowed to go home. George Leach was bonded under a \$500 bond and the bonds of his sons were fixed at \$200 each. The case has been set for trial in recorder's court on October 19th.

MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM COTTON CROP FIGURES ORDERED DISCONTINUED

Washington, Sept. 22.—The practice of the Government Crop Reporting Board in giving maximum and minimum estimates of the cotton crop was ordered discontinued today by Secretary Jardine and in the future predictions will be based only upon conditions as they existed at the time of the report.

Congressman Hammer several days ago launched a vigorous protest against the maximum and minimum estimates of probable cotton yield, writing Secretary Jardine about the matter in addition to issuing a statement giving his view that the system was harmful to the cotton growers.

Plan Armistice Day Celebration

County Committee Meets With Chairman F. H. Brooks For Discussion of Plans

The county committee on the Armistice Day celebration to be held here on November 11th met in the office of the chairman, F. H. Brooks, Wednesday afternoon, and plans were outlined that indicate one of the best county affairs yet staged in Johnston.

On November 11, all Johnston county will be invited to come together to do honor to her dead heroes of the World War, but the program is designed to honor the living as well as the dead. The monument will be unveiled on the courthouse square, and the American Legion is arranging appropriate exercises for that event. The county committee is arranging for the other exercises of the day.

Steps are being taken to secure a speaker and music for the occasion. One of the features of the day will be a barbecue dinner at which the ex-service men of the World War, and veterans of the Civil War will be guests. Mr. Billie Barnes, of Clayton, heads the committee to get the barbecue cooked and together with other Clayton citizens will do the job well. Those who attended the Armistice Day celebration in Clayton last year can vouch for this statement.

At the meeting held Wednesday the county was divided into seven districts with a committee from each district to aid in securing funds for financing the dinner and also who will be on hand on November 11th and help serve it. These districts are as follows: Clayton and Wilders townships; Elevation, Pleasant Grove and Banner; Ingrams, Meadow and Bentonville; Boon Hill and Pine Level; Micro, Beulah and Oneals; Selma and Wilson's Mills; Smithfield and Cleveland.

Between now and Nov. 11th, cards will be sent to all ex-service men as a reminder of this occasion, and inviting their presence. If, however, some of these cards should go astray each ex-service man is requested by the committee to remember that this occasion is being planned for them, and that he will receive a warm welcome on that day.

Last year at Clayton the ladies furnished a great many homemade cakes for the dinner for the soldier boys, which seemed to be greatly enjoyed. The committee decided to appoint what is known as a Cake Committee to solicit cakes to be made for this occasion and brought to Smithfield, if coming, and if not to be delivered to the chairman in their respective townships. The Cake Committee is as follows: Mrs. B. A. Hocutt, Clayton; Miss Pearl Barnes, Clayton; R. F. D.; Mrs. A. M. Johnson, Clayton; R. F. D.; Mrs. Delma Hardee, Benson; R. F. D.; Mrs. J. E. Gilbert, Benson; R. F. D.; Mrs. W. T. Martin, Benson; Mrs. J. Lib Lee, Benson; R. F. D.; Mrs. S. W. Lassiter, Bentonville; R. F. D.; Mrs. J. W. Sanders, Four Oaks; Mrs. R. S. Stevens, Princeton; Mrs. E. Street Jones, Pine Level; Mrs. L. M. Ausley, Micro; Mrs. W. J. Hooks, Kenly; Mrs. Julius Jeffry, Zebulon; R. F. D.; Mrs. W. G. Wilson, Wilson's Mills; Miss Annie Noble, Selma; and Mrs. Lee Sanders, Smithfield.

The chairman in each township appoint a committee to help her in the work of soliciting cakes for this dinner.

All communications with reference to the Armistice Day celebration dinner should be addressed to F. H. Brooks, Chairman, Smithfield, N. C.

FREE! 5 Gallons Gasoline

If the person who has the following N. C. license number will present a copy of this to Holleman Motor Company, local Chevrolet dealers, before the next issue of The Herald they will receive five gallons of gasoline absolutely free. Your license tag reads:

Summer Christmas Tree
The Junior Department of Centenary Methodist Sunday school will have a Christmas tree and party Friday evening at 7:15 o'clock in the basement of the church. The gifts on the tree will be packed ready for shipment to a missionary in China. All the teachers and children of the department are urged to be present.

SENATOR HEFLIN TO OPEN COUNTY FAIR

Senator Thomas J. Heflin, of Alabama, has been secured by the secretary of the County Fair Association to open the fair here on Tuesday, October 5th. The senator will speak at 12 o'clock at the fair grounds. His eloquence and his wit is not unknown to Johnston county people for he was one of the drawing cards for the Eastern Carolina Exposition held here two years ago. Senator Heflin will also open the Rocky Mount fair to be held soon. Senator Heflin's return to Johnston county is an unusual treat which it is hoped will be enjoyed by a large crowd.

Recorder's Court Meets Two Days

A Total of 23 Cases Disposed of; Number Are Bound Over to Superior Court

The Recorder's Court of Johnston county had two full and busy days here this week—Tuesday and Wednesday—and a large number of wrongdoers were dealt with. The following cases were disposed of. Sanders L. Lynch, a well known white man of Boon Hill township, was tried on a charge of larceny and receiving. Probable cause was found and he was bound over to superior court.

L. B. Richardson, white man, was found guilty of possessing intoxicating liquors in violation of the Turlington Act. Prayer for judgment was suspended upon the payment of costs.

C. H. Smith was found guilty of simple trespass and prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of costs. Ira Allen and Alfred Allen, white men of Ingrams township, were found guilty of possessing intoxicating liquor in violation of the prohibition laws. Ira, the younger, was taxed with a \$50 fine and one-half the costs, while Alfred, the elder, was taxed with a \$10 fine and half the cost.

Belton Green, a negro, plead guilty to possessing liquor. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

Dolly Penny, a colored man, was before the court on a charge of larceny. He was found guilty and sentenced to four months in jail—jail sentence to be remitted upon payment of a \$25 fine. There were two other counts against this defendant, one in which he was charged with operating a car without lights and the other for operating a car without license. He was ordered to buy licenses, fix his lights, and was so discharged upon payment of costs.

David Budd Tyner, a white man of Boon Hill township, was bound over to the superior court on a charge of the larceny of some bags.

C. A. Smith was called and failed. Judgment nisi scifa and capias was entered in his case. Joe Atkinson, colored, charged with an assault and cursing, was found guilty. He was sentenced to go to jail to be worked on Johnston county roads for a term of 30 days, jail sentence to be suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$50.

Detech Holder, a negro from Oneals township, was given a preliminary hearing on a charge of housebreaking. Probable cause was found and defendant was bound over to the December term of the superior court.

The State took a nol pros in the case of Leacy Adams.

Jeff Turner, a negro, was tried on a charge of attempted rape. Probable cause was found and defendant was bound over to the superior court.

Adelaide King and Frank Anderson were before the court on a warrant charging immoral relationship. Both were found guilty. The man was sent to jail for a period of four months and the

TUNNEY DEFEATS DEMPSEY FOR HEAVYWEIGHT CROWN

MEET THE CHAMPION



Gene Tunney

FIGHT IN HEAVY DOWNPOUR RAIN

Nearly 150,000 Persons Jam Sesqui-Centennial Stadium To See Great Upset In Ring History

DEMPSEY STAGGERED IN THE FIRST ROUND

Battle Went Full Ten Rounds, With Judges Unanimous In Declaring The Fighting Marine The Winner; Tunney Boxed Skillfully and Had Dempsey Groggy and Practically Blinded When The Final Bell Rang; Rain Started Soon After Fight Began and Kept Up Until It Was Over, Drenching the Thousands Who Witnessed The Contest; Tunney Had Champion On Verge of Knockout, Himself Apparently Escaping Serious Punishment.

Ringside, Sesqui-Centennial Stadium, Philadelphia, Sept. 23.—Gene Tunney is the new heavyweight champion of the world.

Frank Brown and Mike Berustein, judges were unanimous in declaring blonde ex-Marine the winner.

Tunney came within an ace of knocking Dempsey out in the first round when he planted a hard right to the jaw just before the bell rang.

Fatal Blow In First
The champion's knees sagged, and he went to his corner in distress. Tunney, fighting cautiously, outboxed Dempsey, retreating before the champion's crowding attack, whipped vicious punches to his body at close quarters and nailed the champion with short snappy left and right hooks at long range. Dempsey began to tire quickly after the seventh round and as they stepped out for the tenth the champion was a bloody spectacle with his right eye cut and bleeding and his left eye closed.

The fight, with its record-breaking crowd of 132,000 spectators, was staged in a downpour of rain. A sly fighter entered the ring, big drops of rain slashed into the canvas. Before the bout was half finished the rain began to fall heavily, soaking late spectators.

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SUPPLIES BY EXPRESS TO FLORIDA GO FREE

Mrs. T. C. Henry, express agent here, has received instructions from the superintendent of the express company, Mr. May, authorizing her to accept shipments of food, clothing, medicine, and other emergency supplies consigned to the Red Cross, or any other recognized relief organization to Florida and Alabama with free transportation.

This offer is generous and reflects the spirit that characterizes America in times of distress.

Johnstonians In Florida Are Safe

Relatives and Friends Receive Messages From Miami Telling of the Awful Desolation

The storm in Florida with so much loss of life and property destruction in its wake, has caused a good deal of uneasiness on the part of Johnston county people who had relatives in the stricken area. All of them have now been heard from, and no loss of life of former Johnstonians has been reported.

Mr. J. A. Wellons had a telegram Monday afternoon from his daughter, Miss Mabel Wellons, who holds a position in Miami, one of the hardest hit sections, stating that she was all right, and there was no cause to worry on her account.

Mrs. A. M. Calais had a similar message from her father, Mr. A. M. Willets. Mr. Calais' parents and grandmother live in Miami also. Telegraphic messages have been meager, but news of safety suffice until letters give details of the terrible disaster.

The editor of The Herald received a letter from Mrs. Delia K. Sanders yesterday announcing that all is well with her and her little daughter, Martha Rose. Mrs. Sanders has been living in Miami for several years having purchased a home there. She states that her home is standing although all awnings, screens and the roof of her kitchen are torn off. Even the tops of the trees around her place were wrung off. Mrs. Sanders in describing the experience says:

"The storm lasted twelve long awful hours. I dressed by candlelight at two a. m., and woke Martha Rose at three o'clock and had her to dress. At four o'clock one of my neighbors came over because their house swayed so, and they had not been in my house fifteen minutes when their house fell. It was the blackest night, not even a ray of lightning, and we thought dayling would never come. Between 8 a. m. and 1 p. m. the wind blew a terrific gale, and we saw sailing in the air planks, roofing, buckets, tubs, etc. Trees were popping, windows were rattling, and then a crash would be heard—a roof blown off or a falling house."

"Saturday morning after daylight a family of five, the youngest, a baby four months old wrapped in a blanket, was rescued."

Heath Johnson recognized his name last issue.

Changes Made In District Names

Consolidation Necessary Changes; Special Tax Rates of Districts Certified To Board of Commissioners

The Board of Education with Messrs. W. G. Wilson and J. W. Woodard present, at its regular meeting for September made a number of changes in the way the school districts will be designated in future. These changes which were occasioned by consolidations which have taken place together with the special tax rates of the several districts are as follows:

Beulah No. 1, Kenly.

Ordered that as a result of the special elections held on the 2nd day of May and the 19th day of August, 1926, Beulah No. 1, Hickory Cross, Beulah No. 2, Pittman, Beulah No. 3, Kenly, and Beulah No. 4, Niagara be consolidated into one district to be designated Beulah No. 1, Kenly.

Beulah No. 2, Glendale.

Ordered that Beulah No. 6, Glendale be changed to Beulah No. 2, Glendale.

Boon Hill No. 1, Princeton-Brogden

Ordered that as a result of the elections held on the 20th day of July, 1926, and on the 2nd day of September, 1926, the following districts be consolidated into one district and designated Boon Hill No. 1, Princeton-Brogden District: Boon Hill No. 1, Carter's, Boon Hill No. 6, Brogden, and Boon Hill No. 10, Princeton.

Cleveland No. 1, Cleveland.

Ordered that as a result of the elections held on the 23rd day of February, 1926, the following dis-