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## MANY KILLED BY WIND STORMS IN SOUTH THIS WEEK

### Alabama Bears Brunt of Tornado, With 190 Known Dead

Tornadoes and windstorms, sweeping over five southern states this week killed 300 persons and wrecked property valued at millions of dollars, reports from Alabama, the worst stricken section, describing the catastrophe as one of the major ones experienced in the south.

Clouds of dust floated over this section Monday night and Tuesday, but as far as it could be learned, no great damage resulted.

Reporting more than 275 persons killed, Alabama bore the brunt of the storm that blew down homes over wide areas.

Thirty-three were killed in Georgia, 16 in Tennessee, 2 in Kentucky, and 2 in South Carolina.

The twisting winds struck first near Marion, then at Northport, both in the west central portion of Alabama. Twenty-eight were killed at Northport and scores were injured. At Marion 18 were killed. The storm then appeared at Demopolis, Faunsdale, and Inden, all in the same area. It struck next in the central portion, sweeping over the towns of Lomax, Columbiana, Thorsby, and other communities.

At the same time a tornado dipped down on a half dozen communities in Tennessee. Five members of one family were killed near Pulaski when they were buried beneath the wreckage of their home. Five others lost their lives near Conasauga. Another man who was picked up and blown from sight by the wind had not been located and is believed dead. Other scattered casualties were reported, and at Cleveland the storm snatched an infant from its mother's arms, dropping it into a well where it drowned.

Striking in the northeastern and northwestern sections of Georgia, a tornado took more than a score of lives near Dalton, Cartersville, Athens and Rome. Single casualties attributable to the storm were reported at Decatur, Atlanta, and Milledgeville, Ga.

A path a quarter of a mile long was left in Whitefield and Murray counties in north Georgia, and churches, homes, and barns were wrecked. Ambulances at Dalton, Ga., in the vicinity of which 5 persons were killed, chugged over storm-littered roads, searching the near-by rural communities for dead and taking medical attention to the injured.

At Dalton, an unidentified white man was blown to the top of a tree, the wind blowing a piece of wood through one of his arms. He hung suspended until daylight, when he was rescued and taken to a hospital believed fatally injured.

One man was killed near Spartanburg, S. C., and at Gaffney, S. C., a negro woman lost her life in the collapse of her dwelling.

Rescue workers pressed into wrecked communities and homes throughout the tornado-ravaged areas, working tirelessly in aiding the hundreds of injured, and in providing shelter for those left without homes.

The Red Cross was organizing in Alabama for quick relief of the injured, and Gov. B. M. Miller appealed for contributions for the storm sufferers in a formal proclamation to the people of his state.

Saying "there will be great suffering unless they are aided properly, Governor Miller's proclamation called on people of the state to contribute relief funds for distribution through the Red Cross.

## Cotton Production in County Off 12 Per Cent

A few over 3,000 bales of cotton were ginned in Martin County from the 1931 crop, it was announced this week by the bureau of the census, the number being 417 bales under the 1930 production. The actual production in the county for the past year was 3,019 bales.

While Martin reported a 12 per cent decrease in the crop, the country, as a whole, reported the second largest crop in history, and just about the lowest prices ever recorded.

## Fire Destroys One of County's School Buses

One of the county buses serving the Jamesville School was burned early yesterday between here and that town. The bus, just starting its daily run, carried the driver, Vernon Griffin, and only one or two passengers. No one was hurt or endangered.

The fire started when a leak developed in the gasoline, spilling gas on the exhaust pipe. The driver and others are said to have made every effort possible to check the blaze, but failed in their attempts. Insurance was carried on the truck.

## Committee Meets Tomorrow To Name Member of Board

A meeting of the Martin County Democratic Executive Committee will be held in the courthouse here tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, when a successor to Mr. J. A. Getsinger as member of the Martin County Board of Education will be named, it was learned from the county chairman, Elbert S. Peel, this morning. The meeting will be held in the commissioners' room.

No names have been officially advanced as possible appointees, but it was rumored here yesterday that the committee would be asked to consider the names of J. F. Jordan, Dardens merchant; E. H. Ange, Jamesville merchant; R. O. Martin, Jamesville Township farmer

and C. C. Fleming, fisheries owner and operator. The appointment will be made subject to the primary next June, it is understood. Members of the committee include the following: R. O. Martin, Jamesville Township; Joshua L. Coltrin, Williams Township; Plenny Peel, Griffins Township; Leslie T. Fowden, Williamston Township; J. S. Ayers, Cross Roads Township; W. S. White, Poplar Point Township; Ed. James, Robersonville Township; J. A. Davenport, Hamilton Township; J. W. Hines, Goose Nest Township; J. L. Croom, Gold Point Precinct and A. B. Rogerson, Bear Grass Township.

## HONOR ROLL FOR MARTIN FARMERS SIXTH MONTH AT APPLY FOR \$17,395 LOCAL SCHOOLS

### Number Of Honor Pupils Decreases During the Past Month

Shickenpox and perhaps an early touch of spring fever had something to do with a decrease in the number of honor pupils in the local schools during the sixth month recently ended. Several grades, 4-B, 5-B, 6-B, 8-A and 11 came up short, the other grades reporting a total of 114 honor pupils, as follows:

Grade 1-A: Jim Critcher, Therman Gurganus, Joseph Gurganus, Jimmy Leggett, Franklin Lilley, Jimmie Manning, Evelyn Griffin, Lucile Jones, Madeline Taylor.

Grade 1-B: Susie Daniel, Doris Griffin, Emma B. Ward, Raleigh Mendenhall, Sam Moore.

Grade 2-A: Anne Fowden, Mary C. Godwin, Betty Hoard, Bina Jackson, Mary L. Manning, Sybil Roberson, Reg Griffin, S. C. Griffin, Haywood Rogers, jr., William Lilley.

Grade 2-B: Edith Andrews, Sallie Griffin, Katherine Roberson, David Hardison, Charles Mizell, William M. Pate, Simon A. Perry, jr., Simon D. Perry, jr.

Grade 3-A: Joseph Thigpen, Jack Sullivan, Raymond Rawls, Emory McCabe, Jerry Manning, R. J. Hardison, Nancy Biggs, Eleanor Brown, Nina Bland, Marjorie G. Dunn, Katherine Morton, Katherine Manning, Sarah Taylor, Emma Lou Daniels, Frances White, Stuart Critcher.

Grade 3-B: Grace Jones, Dare Perry, Faye Gurganus, Fate Roebuck, jr., William Bennette.

Grade 4-A: Virgil Ward, Julia Watts, Reid White, Susie Whitley, Elbert Peele, jr., Bill Ballard, Jerry Clark, Bernice Cowen, Rachel Keel, Sallie G. Gurkin, Eleanor Taylor, Doris Moore, Louise Melson, Gordon Manning, Julian Jackson, Bob Everett, jr., Jack Edmondson, Dick Dunn, James W. Ward.

Grade 4-B: None.

Grade 5-A: Reg Manning, Elva G. Barnhill, Thelma Griffin, Iola Griffin, Nora Grimes, Ruth Shepard, Cottie M. Wynne.

Grade 5-B: A. C. Bailey, James Mendenhall, Charlie Taylor, Lucille Griffin, Vera C. Griffin.

Grade 6-A: Addie Lee Meador and Charles Dickey.

Grade 6-B: None.

Grade 7-A: Brinkley Lilley, Clayton Moore, Ben Manning, Ellis Wynn, Bolton Cowen, Ella Wynne Critcher, Frances Cox, Marie Griffin, Allie Harrison, Evelyn Lilley, Myrtle Price, Gwen Watts, Jean Watts.

Grade 7-B: Lorene Weaver.

Grade 8-A: None.

Grade 8-B: Mary Bell Edmondson, Eula Green, Alice Harrison, Blanche Harrison, Minnie Mae Lilley, Billie Griffin, Lawrence Lindsey, Annie Wynn, Grace Manning.

Grade 9: Olive McCabe, Jessie Mae Anderson, Roger Critcher.

Grade 10: Jennie Green Taylor, Russell Taylor, Roebuck.

Grade 11: None.

## Irresponsible Children Raid Flower Yards Here

Irresponsible children, entertaining mean and degrading ideas, are said to have raided a number of flower yards here during the past few days, causing much concern for those who have toiled in an effort to bring into being something beautiful.

Yesterday morning, the vandals raided Mrs. Irene Smith's flower yard in New Town, carried away a number of pretty jonquils and trampled other budding plants.

## Arrest Young Colored Boy for Stealing Hogs

Ed Bell, young Jamesville negro was arrested here Wednesday by Constable Sexton and Sheriff Roebuck and jailed here in connection with the theft of a hog.

## JUDGE FRIZELLE MAIN SPEAKER AT KIWANIS MEET

### Jurist Not In Favor Repeal Of Any Liquor Laws Now On Books

The eighteenth amendment is responsible for an increase in lawlessness and an increase in disrespect for law, Judge J. Paul Frizelle told 28 local Kiwanians at their regular luncheon held in the Woman's Club Hall here last Wednesday. "But," the judge declared, "I am not in favor of the repeal or alteration of any of the liquor laws now on the books." And he challenged others to live up to the laws as long as they are on the statute books.

Citing many of his statements made before the grand jury here last Monday in the superior court, the jurist challenged the small group of civic leaders to go out and mingle with youth and aid the unfortunates. "It is your duty to eradicate perverted views of life entertained by youths about you. Give them stimulating thoughts; furnish the young with worth-while ideas," the speaker pleaded with his group of listeners.

The spendthrift standard of living experienced a few years ago has vanished for many of us, the judge declared in so many words. In an effort to maintain that standard, responsible youths from good families have stooped to robbery and even killing, the judge citing one case where two youths, members of prominent Burlington families, robbed a hosiery mill. "They found it necessary to work, but they were unwilling to and they decided to steal, rob, and even kill, if necessary, that they might enjoy the pleasures of life," he said.

Continuing, he said, "We live in a day when it isn't sufficient to see our own household disciplined; we owe a duty to society and the unfortunates. We must take time to inculcate into our youths' thoughts real thrift, economy, sacrifices, and self-reliance. We must dedicate our lives to the virtues of men and women of a generation ago."

The judge, hesitating a while, said, "It looks as if the complete downfall of our civilization will have to tumble before we will recover."

With warm praise, the jurist referred to the work of Kiwanis as a valuable one, spurring local members on to greater activities. His talk was well received and greatly enjoyed.

The meeting Wednesday was one of note with the organization. Six new members, Messrs. V. D. Godwin, J. C. Anderson, D. R. Davis, C. O. Moore, Iverson Skinner, and Garland Barnhill, were received into the local group, and a committee was named to talk with members who have not been attending regularly.

The sentence imposed upon Member Norman Harrison during Ladies' Night at the club recently is being complied with fairly well, it was reported.

## Near Train-Truck Wreck Reported Here Yesterday

A large Ford truck, owned by A. U. Wilson, of Ne Bern, and driven by a colored man, was damaged at the Washington Road crossing here yesterday morning when it was driven into an embankment to avoid a collision with the morning passenger train. The truck was within a few feet of the track when the driver saw the train not more than a few yards away. He drove to the right onto the tracks and bounced across the ties just ahead of the engine, missing a collision by inches.

## Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Dies In Hospital

Irene Gardner, 8 years old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gardner, who live near here on the McCaskey road, died in the Duke Hospital, Durham, Thursday. She had suffered much during the past several months with a hemorrhagic disease. She was carried to the hospital Wednesday.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow, but complete burial arrangements could not be learned this morning.

## EASTER

The Easter season here will be featured by a concerted drive for large attendances upon religious services Sunday and holidays in the schools and local bank Monday.

Through the cooperation of the local merchants, an appeal is being directed to everyone to attend services at some church Sunday. Attendance reports will be gladly published next Tuesday.

Plan now to attend one or more services this Sunday.

## Few Fish Are Being Caught In River Seines This Week

Starting their seine fishing this week, fisheries along the Roanoke are reporting comparatively small catches, the number of trapped fish failing to pay operating costs, Mr. C. C. Fleming, owner of the Camp Point and Jamesville fisheries, said yesterday. Two and three hundred herring were taken at a haul yesterday morning, but very few shad were running, it was said. A daily increase is expected from now on, and if the weather is favorable comparatively large catches will be in order by Easter Monday.

According to reports reaching here, the commission in charge of fishing regulations on the Roanoke are making a failure in enforcing them, making it difficult for the fisheries to operate. Drift nets, measuring 80 yards or more, are said to be in use just below the fishery, the law stating that nets more than 40 yards long should not be used. It is further understood that the drift nets should be at least 200 yards apart, but the reports state that they are drifting down the stream with only a few feet separating them.

## L. T. FOWDEN IS MADE CHAIRMAN VICTORY FUND

### Out To Raise \$200 In An Effort To Defeat The Republicans

"We are out to raise between two and three hundred dollars as Martin County's part for the support of a sweeping and victorious Democratic campaign throughout the nation this year," Mr. Leslie T. Fowden, recently appointed Victory Fund Chairman for the Democratic Party in this county, said this week.

A general canvass will be made by Mr. Fowden and his assistants during the next few weeks, and although economic conditions are not favorable for collecting cash, the time is ripe to wage a campaign against the opposing party, Mr. Fowden stated, adding that he believed a ready response could be expected when Republican prosperity is applied as a stimulus to giving in support of a Democratic victory.

"Those who talk the most about politics will be taxed accordingly," Mr. Fowden said. The "Little Tammanies" will be observed closely, time of arguments made and opinions expressed recorded that assessments might be laid. "Much has been said, but little has been paid in support of Democratic campaigns in this county, but we hope there will be a change in our county this year," Mr. Fowden said.

In appointing Mr. Fowden county chairman for Martin, Mr. C. L. Shuping, State chairman of the fund, said: "We are on the eve of a great Democratic victory throughout the nation. Every recent election indicates this. The people are sick of the woes which have been visited upon them by the Hoover administration, and they are determined that the Republican party should not be returned to power. The Victory Fund campaign of the Democratic party offers them an opportunity to contribute to the defeat of the Republican party and the restoration of the government to the people, and the response of leaders throughout the state to the call for service indicates that they will accept this opportunity with enthusiasm and energy. Every citizen of North Carolina having the interest of the State and the nation at heart, will be given the opportunity in this campaign to aid in bringing about victory, and I desire to stress that we want every Democrat in North Carolina to contribute and become a stockholder in the party which has the interest of the people at heart. Every contribution, no matter how small, will be gratefully received, for we will understand that it indicates the interest of the individual in the party, and in the state and nation."

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## MRS. SARAH ANGE DIED TUESDAY

### Beloved Woman Buried In Ange' Town Cemetery Wednesday

Mrs. Sarah Frances Ange, greatly beloved woman of the Angetown section of the county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Andrew Waters there last Tuesday night about 9:30 o'clock. Entering upon her 91st year, Mrs. Ange had been in feeble health for some time, and during the last several months she had been confined to her bed, the end coming gradually. She was one of the oldest citizens in the county and was regarded as a Christian neighbor and friend by all who knew her.

Her husband, the late Lafayette Ange, died several months ago. Two children, Mrs. Andrew Waters, with whom she made her home, and Mr. Arthur W. Ange, prominent Winterville merchant, survive.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Wednesday afternoon by Dr. Duffie Toler, Free Will Baptist minister. Interment was in the cemetery there.

## Local Farmer Ships Two Carloads Sweet Potatoes

J. G. Stalon, local farmer, shipped two carloads of sweet potatoes to the northern markets from his curing house here yesterday, a first car having been shipped several weeks ago. They were quoted at 90 cents a bushel for the best grade delivered in New York.

## Christian Primary Classes Plan Egg Hunt Monday

Members of the primary department of the local Christian Sunday school will enjoy an Easter egg hunt Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, it was announced today by the superintendent who is urging a large attendance upon all classes in the school Sunday morning. Full particulars in connection with the hunt will be announced at that time.

## Young Boy Dies In Poplar Point Township Tuesday

The eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wallace died at the home of his parents in Poplar Point last Tuesday, and was buried in Pinetown on Wednesday.

Mr. John H. Anderson, of Raleigh, is attending a group Masonic meeting here tonight.

## PROCEEDINGS IN SUPERIOR COURT FOR MARCH TERM

### Road Sentences, Totalling 135 Months, Meted Out During Week

The criminal docket completed in the Martin County Superior Court here early yesterday morning proved to be a poor one, the tribunal imposing only \$320 in fines. Road sentences were numerous, the fifteen such sentences totalling 135 months. Seven of them were for 12 months each, the others ranging from 3 to 8 months in duration. A few of the road sentences were suspended upon certain conditions, but out of the large number of defendants facing the judge, a good-sized crop of road workers was picked.

The docket before the court was one of the smallest called in a superior court here in many months, and not one of the defendants was sentenced to State's prison.

No court will be held tomorrow, but the trial of civil matters will continue next Monday, and on throughout the week.

Criminal proceedings, continued from last issue, are as follows:

Herbert Page, found guilty of breaking in the show window of J. S. Ayers and Company's store and sleeping there a few hours, was sentenced to the roads for three months.

Allen Williams was found not guilty of an assault.

Isaac Ampey, frequent court visitor, was sentenced to the roads for four months in the case charging him with an assault on a female.

The case charging Richard Latham with false pretense when the court learned that he had already served three months, the dismissal being made upon the condition that the defendant pay the prosecuting witness, Jimmie Pappas, \$7.50.

John Haywood was sentenced to the roads for six months when he was found guilty of larceny.

Charlie Hodges was found not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon.

Charged with an assault on a female, Scott Williams was found guilty of simple assault.

Eight months on the roads was the sentence imposed upon Robert Hassell when the court found him guilty of larceny and receiving.

The jury found John Clemmons not guilty of larceny and receiving.

The bastardy charges against Primus Cherry and John Manning, both colored, were dismissed from the docket.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case charging S. L. Woodard with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Charlie White was found not guilty in the case charging him with false pretense.

Chester Terry was sentenced to the roads for a period of 12 months for violating prohibition law. It will be remembered that Terry sold several young Robersonville boys a quart of liquor for a virtually worthless cigarette coupon.

O. L. James, Matthews James, and Ira James, all brothers, were found guilty of housebreaking, larceny and receiving, but sentence had not been pronounced late Wednesday.

The trial of the cases lengthened, and it required all of yesterday to complete the criminal docket, the court making preparations at that time to start on the civil docket today.

Haywood Myrick was sentenced to the roads for a period of six months when the court found him guilty of larceny and receiving.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging Jas. E. Brown with attempted forgery, the defendant pleading guilty to the charge.

The case, charging Fletcher Bryant with seduction, was continued.

A nol pros resulted in the case charging Joseph Franklin Weathersby with attempted rape.

The case charging Jasper Smith with violating the liquor laws, was continued.

Papers were issued and the case charging Closs Roberson with larceny and receiving was continued.

Johnnie Coltrin was sentenced to the roads for six months for carrying a concealed weapon, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the costs by the defendant.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, John Swinson was found not guilty.

Heavy sentences were meted out by Judge Paul Frieelle yesterday morning when he sentenced J. C. Clemmons to the roads for 12 months on a larceny and receiving charge, and Matthew, Ira and O. L. James also for 12 months each on house-breaking and larceny and receiving charges.

Mr. G. H. Mizelle, of Jamesville is a business visitor here today.