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## Louisiana Helpless; Flood Moves To Gulf Taking Everything In Its Pathway

Unknown Number of Lives Lost; 7,000 Square Miles Inundated; and Waters Covering More Land

BODIES SWEEP AWAY

Rescue Workers Are Making Every Effort to Remove Flood Victims From Floating Houses

Baton Rouge, La., May 18.—(AP)—One span of the Texas Pacific Railroad, ridge across the Atchafalaya River at Melville collapsed today, carrying the water Tony Pettala, an Italian farmer, and his son. The boy clung to a log until rescued but the father was carried away by the swift current. Pettala was the father of eight children.

New Orleans, May 18.—(AP)—Complete inundation of an area 15 to 20 miles wide between the west bank of the Atchafalaya River and the higher ground along the western boundary of St. Martin Parish was advised today by the Weather Bureau in a flood bulletin charging the course of the flood down the Atchafalaya to be the most serious in the history of the state as it moved toward the Gulf of Mexico, taking everything in its path.

An unknown number of lives have been lost so far in the flood, and the prospects are that many more will be lost before the waters finally fall. At Melville, 130 miles Northwest of New Orleans on the Atchafalaya River, 100 groves were reported to have been drowned, although the mayor of the town, Paul LeFleur, said in a statement that no lives had been lost. At Rosa Plantation, near Melville, the fate of 40 persons was still unknown, and they were thought to have been trapped in the lowlands where a 15 to 20 May current was flowing.

W. T. Clark, a rescue worker out of Alexandria, who is credited with saving 13 people in the Bayou Des Glaises section, reported the drowning of a man, and his two sons yesterday. Clark said he removed the mother from the roof of a floating house and before he could reach the man and two boys, the house careened and they were swept away. The bodies were not found.

Army engineers said today that 20 parishes were covered in whole or in part by the flood waters. To the North of Bayou Des Glaises flood waters still covered 13 parishes between the Arkansas line and Old River.

Approximately 4,000 square miles are inundated in this area it was estimated. Below Bayou Des Glaises an area of 2,050 square miles has been flooded. Back waters on the East bank of the Atchafalaya have flooded 230 square miles, mostly marsh land. In Iberville Parish 1,000 men, working in two 12 hour shifts, were fighting today to save the levee at McCray, on the East bank of the Atchafalaya opposite Woodside and 150 miles Northwest of New Orleans. State Engineer George Schoenberger said he thought they would be successful.

The levees at Morgana, 150 miles from New Orleans on the West bank of the Mississippi and Plaquemine Point, 18 miles below Baton Rouge on the East bank, were reported in better condition today than they had been for some time, due to the work of armies of men.

Secretary of Commerce Hoover assumed the role of Admiral today and reviewed the Coast Guard and rescue boats at Torras, near the mouth of Old River. He planned to come to New Orleans later in the day and to go from here to Alexandria.

VISITORS ATTEND HERTFORD ROTARY

Hertford, May 18.—Two talks by visitors and three by local Rotarians featured Tuesday's luncheon of the Hertford Rotary Club at the Hertford Hotel. The visitors were State Senator P. H. Williams and Attorney C. E. Thompson of Elizabeth City. Local speakers were Carroll Blanchard, Dabney White and Silas Whedbee.

REACHES QUEBEC

Quebec, May 18.—(AP)—Commander Francesco De Pinedo, Italian aviator, arrived in Quebec today from Montreal at 1:52 p. m.

## OFFICERS NAMED IN BALL LEAGUE FOR THIS CITY

Canvassers Busy Obtaining Subscriptions With Intention of Opening the Season on May 30

WILL NEED \$200

Second Meeting to be Held Friday Night to Work Out Further Details for Summer Games

Canvassers were busy Wednesday soliciting subscriptions for the initial financing of a "twilight" baseball league in Elizabeth City this summer, as the outcome of an organization meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night, at which officers were elected, and preliminary plans for the formation of the league were made.

The officers elected are: J. H. Wilkins, president; Harry G. Kramer, vice president; Ralph Pool, secretary, and C. E. Pappendick, treasurer. It is planned to form three teams, and two representatives from each team, together with the officers of the newly formed association, will constitute the board of directors.

Under present plans, the season will begin Monday, May 30, with a schedule of four games a week, to continue as long as the interest of the fans appears to warrant. Sponsors of the league estimate that \$200 will be sufficient for the preliminary financing, and that gate receipts will take care of the limited expenses involved afterward. There will be no hired players.

The officers of the association and other interested fans will hold a second meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce to work out the details of organization, and make further arrangements for opening the season.

Other than that the personnel of the three prospective teams will comprise the best available amateur baseball material in Elizabeth City, few of the details incident to formation of the league have been worked out. It is expected, however, that the names will be known respectively as the Country Club team, the City team, and the Cubs, and will be managed respectively by Leslie Belauka, Pratt Fearing and Vernon Caddy, all well known local followers of the great American game.

Mr. Belauka and others soliciting subscriptions reported a generally favorable popular response to the appeal. It had been hoped earlier to organize a semi-professional baseball league in this section, on the order of that maintained last year, but the difficulty in financing such a league, particularly in towns in this section smaller than Elizabeth City, proved an insuperable barrier to the plan.

From the success of the "twilight league" baseball associations maintained here in other years, sponsors of the plan this year are hopeful of enthusiastic support for it.

STOCKHOLDERS GET REMINDER

Virginia Dare Hotel Installation Due Friday; Itemized List Mailed Out

On the eve of the seventh installation on stock subscribed falling due, stockholders in the new Virginia Dare Hotel, now under construction here, Wednesday received an itemized statement giving the exact standing of the 536 shareholders in Elizabeth City's most enterprising community venture.

Of the \$349,600 subscribed in the hotel stock drive last spring, a total of \$231,252 has been paid to date, the statement discloses, and delinquent subscriptions total \$49,998. In the case of both those who have paid up and those who haven't, names and amounts are given inexorably in black and white.

The next stock payment will fall due Friday, in the amount of 15 per cent of the total subscribed. The next payment will be due July 20, this being the last, it is also in 15 per cent of the total.

Meanwhile, construction of the hotel is proceeding with amazing rapidity that has characterized the job since it was begun. The outside work on the hotel proper is virtually completed, and plastering operations are under way. An arcade entrance giving access to the hotel from Main street side will begin within the next few days. The hotel proper fronts on McMorine and Fearing streets.

C. D. Robinson, president of the hotel corporation, and members of the board of directors join in urging all stockholders to meet their payments promptly, so that there may be no delay in completion of the big project, the contract date for which is August 15.

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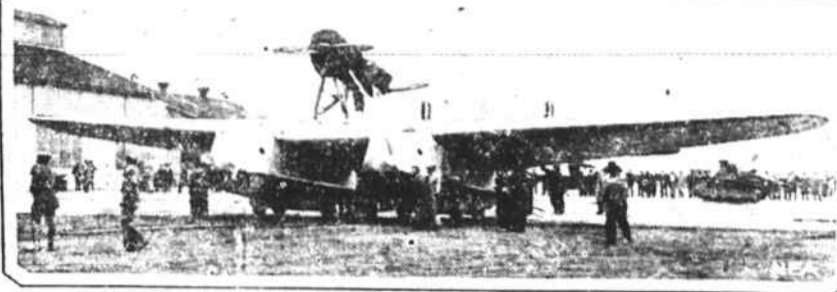
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## The Plane That Carries De Pinedo's Hopes



The Santa Maria II, in which Francesco De Pinedo will continue his flight, is shown above after its arrival at Miller Field, New York. The commander's first plane, in which he crossed the Atlantic, was burned at Grovers' Point, Ariz., and this one, intended for his return flight, was shipped from Italy.

## Twenty Killed When Blast Destroys Schoolhouse

Lansing, Mich., May 18.—Twenty little bodies were scattered at noon today from the wreckage of a district school at Bath, 10 miles North of here, which was destroyed about 10 o'clock this morning by a blast, presumably caused by dynamite.

The bodies were mostly those of children.

Among the bodies was that of Andrew Keyhole, a farmer living in the vicinity, who, witnesses said, was seen lurking near the schoolhouse this morning.

State police found four sticks of dynamite at the former farm house of Keyhole.

Neighbors of the farmer revealed that he had recently lost his farm when a mortgage on the property was foreclosed.

Among the identified dead were Glen Smith, postmaster at Bath and Nelson McFadden. Both were passing the school house at the time of the explosion. McFadden was killed instantly and Smith died in a Lansing hospital. Both his legs were severed by the explosion.

## Elizabeth City Will Entertain State Merchants

Durham, May 18.—(AP)—Elizabeth City will entertain the 1928 convention of the North Carolina Merchants' Association by virtue of her victory in a competition of other cities in this morning's session of the twenty-fifth annual convention, Wilmington, Concord and Hickory were contenders for the honor of entertaining the merchants of all sections of the State.

The morning session was continued with the nomination of 14 directors and with the selection of the convention city. A district of "special co-operative sales promotion events," led by Elmer R. Ottlinger, of Wilson, was the only other thing on the program.

Directors elected this morning were: R. T. Baynes, Greensboro, retired president; Elmer R. Ottlinger, Wilson; M. J. Newcomb, Durham; W. R. Stiles, Huntington; Aubrey McCabe, Elizabeth City; A. A. Joseph, Goldsboro; J. H. Blount, Greenville; D. Holloman, Raleigh; H. B. Patterson, Charlotte; F. G. Hanner, Sanford; L. M. Morrow, Albemarle; Nathan La Grand Hamlet; T. C. Hinesley, Lexington. The directors will select the officers at a meeting scheduled for the afternoon.

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## Kiwanis Speaker Recalls Days With Beloved Poet

Life of John Charles MacNeill, Famous Son of North Carolina Sandhill Country, Discussed by Dr. John Arch McMillan at Kiwanis Supper

Trained reminiscences of his friend and classmate, the late John Charles MacNeill, North Carolina's greatest poet, were related Tuesday night by Dr. John Arch McMillan, alumni secretary of Wake Forest College, in an address before the Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club and the Senior Class of the High School, their home guests, at the weekly club supper at the Christ Church Parish House.

Dr. McMillan also read extensively from the works of the famous North Carolina poet. He told of his boyhood days spent with MacNeill, of the latter's experiences as a teacher in Mecklenburg College, Georgia, later of his practice of law in Louisville, and finally of his years on the Charlotte Observer, during which his two volumes of verse were published.

And finally Dr. McMillan told of the October day when they buried MacNeill in Old Spring Hill burial grounds, among the North Carolina sandhills he loved.

MacNeill was a man who had a command in such reverences, the speaker declared. "The word 'beloved' for him, but he regarded every one with the same respect and reverent homage; and never in his whole life did one discover a word passed his lips."

Dr. McMillan presided his discussion of MacNeill with congratulations to the Senior Class on having successfully completed 11 years of hard work in the school room. He told them they were no different from the boys and girls their parents were some 25 or 30 years ago.

"There is not a man who wasn't 'speaking' at your age," he said. "They were just like you."

The speaker was introduced by A. R. Combs, assistant superintendent of the High School, as "belonging to our folks," and as having been instrumental in bringing him to North Carolina some 19 years ago.

Felicitations of the evening were extended by father and son, President Harry G. Kramer, of the Kiwanis, welcoming the Senior Class, and President John Kramer, of the class, delivering the response. Both did their stuff commendably, though the crowd conceded the son had a shade the better of it. Also, there was a rousing song by the school orchestra, and an entertaining stunt arranged by Dr. Claude Williams, in which various Kiwanians were asked sundry questions, as though they were in school.

The forty odd members of the senior class were introduced, one by one, by Andrew Bailey, one of its members. Miss Doris Cartwright won the "madame" prize drawn and presented by Walter F. Wood. The club prize went to Ralph Hobbes, principal of Central High School.

PITCHER OUT GAME TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

St. Paul, Minn., May 18.—(AP)—Eddie Meade, member of the pitching staff of the St. Paul American Association Club, committed suicide here at his hotel today. Meade, who shot himself, had been ill for several weeks and Manager Nick Allen recently said his illness would keep him out of the game for the rest of the season.

A note found in Meade's room asked that the authorities notify a sister, Mrs. C. M. Boland, at Buffalo, New York. Meade came home from Kingston, North Carolina, and in the last half of the 1926 season won a number of games for St. Paul. A bid for Meade was made by the New York Americans.

FAMOUS COMEDIAN DIES ABOARD SHIP

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GAS COMPANY TO ADD EQUIPMENT

Improvements to Cost \$15,000 Says New Manager, Z. C. Wagoner

Improvement to cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000 will be installed at the Southern Gas Improvement Company plant within the next 60 days, according to Z. C. Wagoner, new manager of the company here, who arrived on Monday to take up his duties.

The gas company office will be moved to the corner of Main and Broad streets, opposite the Southern Hotel about the first of June, Mr. Wagoner says.

The improvements contemplated will insure uniform pressure and therefore better service to gas patrons. The new service truck of the company has just arrived. Improvements at the plant include a new return tubular boiler, electrically driven and controlled, compressor with sufficient capacity to insure adequate pressure, two high pressure storage tanks and a station meter.

The new equipment will arrive in about three or four weeks and installation is expected to be completed within about two months. Officials who were in the city about a month ago examined the plant and decided to install the new improvements.

Mr. Stallings has made a wonderful record here," Mr. Wagoner remarked on Tuesday. "He did everything that was possible in the way of service with the equipment that he had. I certainly feel that he should be congratulated on his record."

## FLYING SQUALLS FARM FOR WOMEN PRESAGE CHANGE PRISONERS IS COLUMBIA CREW WHERE IT WAS

Charles Levine Tries to Obtain Substitute for Lloyd Bertaud With Whom He Has Been in Dispute

NO PLACE FOUND

Offers to Waive All Reward and Donate His Share of Prize Money to Families of Dead Airmen

New York, May 18.—(AP)—Squalls in the Atlantic flight of Charles Levine, chairman of the board of the Columbia Aircraft Corporation, which owns the plane, endeavored to obtain a substitute for Lloyd Bertaud, air mail pilot, with whom he had been in dispute several days.

Bertaud, however, announced his determination to make the flight himself.

Levine refused to comment on the telegram, but said to matter what occurred Clarence Chamberlain, pilot of the plane, would remain a member of its crew.

Lieutenant Bernt Balchen, a Norwegian aviator, who accompanied Commander Richard E. Byrd on his flight to the North Pole, was offered Bertaud's place but declined to force Bertaud out of the flight.

Balchen is employed as an engineer for the Atlantic Aircraft Corporation, which made Byrd's plane America.

Bertaud in his telegram also offered to purchase the Columbia, make the trip and then return the plane to Levine, but the latter said the ship was not for sale.

Thomas L. Hill, president of the American Society for Promotion of Aviation, made public a telegram to Levine offering \$50,000 for the Columbia, and stating that he had two pilots, "internationally known," who would be ready in 24 hours to take off for Paris. Levine said he had rejected the offer.

Meanwhile, Captain Charles Lindbergh is eagerly awaiting favorable weather for a hop-off in his Ryan monoplane and Commander Richard Byrd and his two flying companions, Lieutenant George S. Norris and Heron A. Sorenson, continue to bring their giant Fokker plane, America, to a point of perfection.

Slight improvement in flying conditions over the Atlantic was reported by the Weather Bureau but conditions were said to still be unfavorable for a trans-oceanic flight.

Apples are as bald as Arthur Marm. I never saw one with hair on, either lobbed or with a permanent wave, but if it was style for apples to have hair they could wear transformations like the ladies do.

Apples don't paint their cheeks but they have red ones—that's where they are ahead of the girls, who smear red stuff on their faces and think it makes them pretty. If they had as much sense as a red apple, they wouldn't do it.

Green apples, make apple pies, apple sauce, and stomach ache. Green apples and small boys go together but it is awful hard on the boys.

The only thing that can make more trouble for small boys than a green apple is more of them.

Apples are easy to eat cause they don't have any bones like fish.

Apples grow on trees called apple-trees, and fall off when they get ripe unless a boy wants them sooner then they come off of one.

Apples used to be used to make apple brandy, but now they ain't. Dr. Claude Williams says he's sorry.

If apples ain't used and are left setting around, they spoil just like people, and ought to be thrown out to the pigs.

Rotten apples is a skin game. Rotten apples are like rotten eggs—they don't either smell good.

Farmers make elder out of apples. They take a few good apples and a lot of rotten ones with worms in them and ground them up and squeeze out the juice. It is an awful mean way to treat the worms.

Jerome Flora and Dick Venters are supposed to get new jury plums for a lot of their after-election friends, but they ain't enough to go around so some of them get specked apples.

Apples and peaches are both rosy checked and bushy but you never heard Rob Kramer look at a good looking girl and say "she's an apple."

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