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Crop Damage**

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apparently hopeless condition of his field, said he planned to contact TVA engineers to investigate the possibility of repairs and saving at least part of the land for farming.

Last week's floods and heavy rains struck Haywood County's tobacco and corn crops hardest, a spot check last Friday showed.

Estimates of farmers in scattered sections were that the burley and corn crops would be cut by approximately 25 per cent as the result of the water damage.

Hardest hit by the flooding of the rainswollen streams and rivers were the low lying sections of Canton, Woodrow, Bethel, and Clyde.

Tenth District Highway Commissioner John Walker of Asheville said it was too early to estimate accurately the damages to highways and bridges in the county.

The streams and rivers which reached their highest levels in years, carried away an undetermined number of smaller bridges connecting secondary roads throughout the county.

Hay, oat and other grain crops also were heavily hit, flattened by the rush of the water and bogged by the silt and debris deposited by the flooding rivers. Sweet potato and Irish potato crops in many sections were carried away.

Some crops on high land, though safe from the ravages of the water, were flattened by strong winds that accompanied the rain.

The survey indicated that crop damage alone may reach \$100,000 or more.

Though the flash floods of August 1940, which damaged 40 per cent of the burley crop, were more spectacular, several farmers feared that last week's floods caused more damage because of the time of the year in which they struck.

Oral Yates, one of the leaders in the Iron Duff Community Development Program, pointed out that corn was about two feet high in the fields at this time of the year and that the hay crops were up and ready for the harvest.

In 1940, he continued, the hay was already stacked and harvested and the corn was in tassel.

He estimated that the recent floods in the lower Iron Duff section, adjoining the Pigeon, would cost the five farms there between \$3,000 and \$3,500.

The tobacco crop, relatively small in proportion to the others

in this section, suffered about a 10 per cent loss, Mr. Yates added. The Bethel area with its approximately 50 farms was much more heavily hit.

George Stamey, a member of the County Triple-A committee and the Tobacco Commission, estimated the damage to soil and crops at approximately \$25,000.

Fifty acres of corn were flooded, much of it covered with silt, and 15 to 20 acres of wheat were blown or washed down.

Mr. Stamey estimated 25 per cent of the oat crop, which was ready to be harvested, was damaged. This year's crop, he added, was expected to be the best in years.

He forecast the damage to wheat and tobacco would be approximately 10 per cent, but that the loss to the county's tobacco crop as a whole would reach 25 per cent.

In Bethel and other sections, tobacco plants had just been set out. Entire patches were washed away.

Mr. Stamey and other farmers expressed the belief, however, that much of the corn and tobacco could be salvaged.

The flood waters in many cases failed to wash the roots of the corn from the ground. And many tobacco plants can be replanted after drying.

But, they pointed out, it is too late for grains to be replanted.

Mr. Stamey explained, however, that replanting of the tobacco would mean a delay of two to three weeks in the development of the crop.

Albert Ferguson of Crabtree, also a Triple-A committee man and member of the county Tobacco Commission, estimated that damage to the crops would reach \$10,000 on the 150 farms in Crabtree Township.

Greatest damage, he said, was to the corn crop, with 100 acres hit and 10 of these completely destroyed.

Another casualty in this section as well as others was the tobacco crop.

He added he learned that the Fines Creek section suffered approximately the same damage, and estimated that 25 per cent of the county's tobacco crop was damaged.

But where the tobacco patches have not been washed away entirely, Mr. Ferguson added, much of the crop could be replanted by Monday.

Where replanting is necessary, however, the salvaged plants could be replanted in about 10 days, if there is no more rain.

Tributary streams in the Crabtree area rose to their highest levels in about 15 years but did not overflow their banks. The trouble started when they all

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Wreck**

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the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Mr. Elliott is a member of the Lions Club, and Mr. Williamson is worshipful master of the Waynesville Masonic Lodge.

Attending the services in a body were members of both organizations.

The Masons, many of whom also are Lions Club members, met at the Lodge room early this afternoon, then went in a body to Mr. Kirkpatrick's home on Hazel Street, and carried the casket to the church for services.

At the side of the grave in Green Hill Cemetery, R. H. Terrell, past master of Clyde Lodge 453, conducted burial services under the Masonic rites.

Serving as active pall bearers were Jack Felmet, Emmett Balentine, Lions Club President Paul Davis, Joe Davis, and J. C. Patrick, all members of both the Masonic Lodge and the Lions Club; and W. C. Boutwell, member of the Masonic Lodge.

When informed of Mr. Kirkpatrick's death, members of the Waynesville Lions Club who had gone to Wrightsville Beach for the annual State Lions Club convention, hurried back to Waynesville.

Funeral services for the younger victim of the wreck will be held at 11 a. m. tomorrow at the Antioch Baptist Church with the Rev. Lush Rogers officiating.

Burial will follow in Davis Cemetery in Cove Creek.

Serving as pall bearers will be Burnette Crawford, Johnny Davis, Wallace Crawford, Dow McElroy, Erastus Crawford, and Billy Crawford, with cousins of the dead boy in charge of flowers.

ELECTRIC EYE SORTS FRUITS

CHICAGO (U. P.)—An electric eye that chooses and rejects fruits and vegetables for freezing is among the new mechanical developments for the frozen food industry. The electronic sorter scans 60 items a second and rejects fruit and vegetables of non-uniform color—differences which are imperceptible to the human eye.

joined Crabtree Creek, which washed over into the adjoining farm lands.

He estimated the damage to corn crops in both Crabtree and Fines Creek at 25 per cent.

Another resident of the area, J. M. McElroy of Clyde Route 1, took a more cheerful outlook. His estimate of the crop damage in Crabtree was about 10 per cent.

Pigeon Takes Short Cut Across Highway At Clyde



This picture was made as the water was rapidly rising from Pigeon River at Clyde last Thursday afternoon. Thirty minutes later the water was at the top of the guard posts on the left. (A Mountaineer photo by Ingram's Studio).

Swimming Meet, Boat Races To Be Held On July 4 At Junaluska

A featured event of the Lake Junaluska Assembly's Fourth of July observance will be a swimming meet, boat races and fireworks under the direction of Cuthbert Ishee, High Point coach and Recreational Director for the Assembly. Entry blanks for swimming and boat events furnished on request by Mr. Ishee at the Assembly office or Potts' Service Station.

The morning events, starting at 10 o'clock:

50-yard free style, 50-yard, free style (boys 14 and under), 100-yard back stroke, 50-yard, free style (girls), 100-yard, free style, low board diving, and 200-yard relay.

The afternoon activities will be boat racing, starting at 12:45 p. m., as follows:

Canoe race (two in a canoe), row boat race (one man in a boat), canoe whistle race (at the sound of

RACKET COMES UNSTUCK

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (U. P.)—Gum-on-a-stick proved a profitable venture for Ernest Lee Crone, 26-year-old soft drink salesman, until the police caught up with him. Crone would put a blob of gum on the end of a straightened-out coat hanger and stick it into the company's cashier's cage when it was empty. His two-months' haul was \$500.

a whistle the two men change positions in the canoe), canoe race (boys under 14), canoe tilting (preliminaries), motor boats warm-up, 5-horse power and under, 10-horse power and under, 22-horse power and under, unlimited.

Fireworks from foot of the Cross on Missionary Point at 10 p. m. will close the program.

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motorists, however, since it was only a fraction less than two miles around.

The sections of Highway 276 blocked by slides all are above Cruso, and one is about 100 yards on the Brevard side of Wagon Road Gap.

Mr. Knight said there would be one-way traffic over the partially blocked sections up to the high bridge for several days.

Unpaved roads in the path of the flood were badly beaten, with some road surfaces washed away entirely, and rivers still coursing over others.

DEAD GIVEAWAY

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (U. P.)—A woman bus rider turned red with embarrassment when she accidentally disclosed her afternoon's pastime. Intending to ask for bus tokens, she gave the driver a bill and asked for "a dollar's worth of chips."

**Meeting Set For Wednesday
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Improvements**

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books for the church. Among the improvements pointed out in the community were the painting of the church which is underway, along with the making of underpinning and steps for the structure.

Plans are to put a new floor in the church as soon as possible. Also planned are improvements to the cemetery road. These are to be made in the next four weeks.

John Howell, Vinson Morrow, Crawford Jenkins, Robert Medford, and James S. Morrow have painted their homes, while Sam Chambers has built a Grade A dairy barn.

Henry Allison has built a porch and screened his windows. D. C. Davis has improved his home, and Thomas Franklin is building a new one.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. July 1 at the church.

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Asheville Pastor**

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Johnson City, Tennessee are at the Terrace Hotel.

A group of twenty-four young people from Memorial Methodist Church at Thomasville, are week-ending at Lagoalinda.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kelley, of St. Petersburg, Fla., are vacationing here. They are registered at the Terrace Hotel.

Cuthbert Ishee, of High Point, has come to take charge of recreational activities for the summer. Plans for Fourth of July celebration, including boat racing and fireworks and athletic events are underway.

LONG TRIP, LONG TICKET

CHICAGO (U. P.)—John Chapin, manager of a Chicago travel bureau, doesn't know for sure, but he thinks he has sold the longest bus ticket in history. It was a 31-footer and was bought by a salesman who planned a round trip to New York with stop-overs in 56 towns.

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