

Staggering Toll Taken By Floods Over Wide Front

More Than 500 Deaths In United States and Mexico from Raging Waters

Raleigh, June 4.—Floods, already charged with more than 500 deaths and upwards of \$25,000,000 damage in Western states and in Mexico, rolled relentlessly last night (Tuesday) over rich regions of Kansas, Missouri and California.

The raging waters spread destruction and threatened further loss of life over a widening area. The big Missouri hit new crests. It passed its 1927 level. It promised to equal the disastrous proportions of the flood of 1903.

The smaller Kaw, carrying the tide which swept southward out of Nebraska into Kansas by way of the Republican River, raced eastward toward Kansas City—and confluence with the swelling Missouri.

Army engineers and city officials feared the full crest of the Kaw, roaring into the Missouri, would bring flood conditions at Kansas City similar to 1903. Industrial sections were inundated then with heavy losses.

The threatened portions of Kansas City include the stockyards and buildings, numerous industrial plants and the Kansas City livestock exchange.

National Guardsmen, regular Army men and police rushed ahead of the surging crest in Missouri and Kansas. They helped farmers and townspeople in the lowlands to higher ground.

Prompt warnings were credited with preventing great loss of life. Still, death estimates already had pushed toward 600. The dead included 400 persons drowned in Mexico and more than a score in Colorado and Wyoming last week as well as victims in Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

Damage in Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri alone was set unofficially in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000.

The Kaw valley, from Kansas City west to Topeka, a distance of about 75 miles, took on an appearance of war-time evacuation.

At Topeka, capital of Kansas, thousands of persons lined the river's banks as an expected six-foot crest approached from the west, where the business district of Manhattan, site of Kansas State College, lay largely under water.

The Missouri river flood waters swirled through deserted Missouri towns of Cedar City, Tebbets and townwright. Residents had fled before the approaching wall.

The Red Cross was unable to concentrate its efforts in Kansas and Missouri. It notified county chapter to handle each district individually. Arrangements were made to distribute rations among refugees.

In a race against threatened new floods, tugboat crews and workmen strove to repair broken levees of the San Joaquin river near Manteca, Calif.

It was believed a 300-foot broken section could be repaired by Wednesday night.

Already, however, 5,000 acres of rich land were under water. Property damage was estimated at "several hundred thousand dollars." Thirty-four families fled their homes.

ESTIMATES 400 PERISHED IN MEXICAN DISASTER

Mexico, D. F., June 4.—Floodwaters receded today from the valley of Mexico, leaving many of an estimated 400 dead buried in a newly-created cemetery of mud.

Many children were among the 255 persons whose bodies were recovered from the wreckage of the church in San Pedro, where each year the revolt of the countryside kneel in prayer, the supplicants beseeching their patron saint for life-giving rain.

The flood waters, rushing down the valley yesterday in a narrow course, caught the people in their church, gathered to celebrate the festival of the saint, and damaged other towns in the Federal District.

Martin Villanueva, guardian of the church, described scenes of horror. "The church and the plaza were jammed with the celebrants," he said, "when a terrible rainstorm broke. The children rushed into the small building, while the men stood under the roof outside. I climbed to close a window, saw the water rushing upon us, and shouted a warning."

How the crowd could move to the feet of water and mud was a mystery.

sister's two children drowned." From San Pedro the rushing waters swept on down the roads leading to other villages, trapping many who had been on their way to the little church.

Some of the bodies were carried from San Pedro as far as San Gregorio, 15 miles down the mountain. It was believed many victims were buried in the mud.

Damage to the crops was less than at first reported, since the waters followed a comparatively narrow course.

Early in the morning, the police, firemen and relatives of the victims, working in the church debris by the light of flickering candles, began the task of seeking the bodies. They carried them to the outside and the wailing of the women were made. The roads were crowded with relatives of the victims, and many chanted religious dirges.

The rain started at 2:30 p. m. yesterday, and soon the mountain streams overflowed, forming another great stream through the valley bottom. In two hours the fields were lakes and roads rivers.

The village folk tried to stop the soldiers' first efforts to retrieve the bodies because they believed the disaster was an act of vengeance from Heaven. Earlier in the day the village priest was arrested and the service halted by the authorities.

The known victims in Milpa Alta totaled 21 and in Xochimilco 22.

President Lázaro Cardenas ordered a mobilization of relief forces to aid the stricken populace.

Riggs Is Found To Be Insane

Self Crucifier of High Point Will Be Committed to Hospital in Morganton

High Point, June 4.—R. J. Riggs, 36-year-old filling station proprietor who voluntarily underwent "crucifixion" last Saturday morning in a vain attempt to win back the affections of his estranged wife, was ordered committed to the State hospital for the insane at Morganton late yesterday.

The commitment order was signed by Justice of the Peace C. C. Muse upon a statement by Dr. W. J. McAnally, High Point city health officer, that Riggs was in need of mental treatment.

Weak and apparently dazed, the man lay nailed to a rude cross for more than two hours, was transferred from the High Point jail to the Guilford county jail at Greensboro to await removal to the institution. He offered no objection.

"I want to see my babies," he said, "and if I can't I don't care where you put me. I want live long, no matter where you put me."

Since officers discovered him upon the cross, with nails piercing the flesh of his heels and the skin between his thumbs and fore-fingers, Riggs has not been visited by any relative.

Summer Term To Open Next Tuesday

College Campus Quiet Since Graduating Exercises

Greenville, June 4.—The College campus is quiet after the biggest commencement in its history, and the one that starts the new quarter of a century. The students have all gone and some of the members of the faculty, but most of them are still here finishing up the term's work and checking up, at the end of the year.

The Summer School will open on next Tuesday morning, June 11, and the prospects are for the largest in many years, with a possibility of the largest in the history of the school. The staff will be made up largely of regular members of the faculty and officers, but the full teaching staff is not on duty during the summer.

The new travel-study course is proving very popular. The three subjects for which the students will get credit, if they fulfill the requirements of the courses, and the teachers going on the tour with them, are: Geography, J. E. Cummings; English, Miss Emma L. Hooper; and History, R. C. Hollis. They will leave next Tuesday, the first day of the summer.

Farmville Tobacco Board of Trade Elect New Officers

H. N. Howard Elected President, J. S. Gates, Re-elected Vice President; Committee Appointed to Work with Citizens Committee in Advertising market

The Farmville Tobacco Board of Trade met in special session in the offices of A. C. Monk and Co., Wednesday night with a large number of the members present.

The object of the meeting was for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and laying plans for the approaching season.

In the absence of a presiding officer, A. C. Monk was called upon to act as temporary chairman, and after stating the purpose of the meeting, called for the nomination of a president, as this office had been vacant for some time. Mr. H. N. Howard was then nominated and unanimously elected to the office of president. J. Sterling Gates was re-elected as vice-president.

The election of a secretary and treasurer was deferred and a committee appointed by the president to investigate the possibility of securing a whole-time sales supervisor and publicity man who could also act as secretary-treasurer; this committee to report their findings to the Board as soon as possible.

The president was also asked to appoint a committee to work in conjunction with D. E. Oglesby, Geo. W. Davis and T. E. Joyner, who have been asked to serve for the business firms of the town in raising funds to keep our market ever before the growers of Eastern Carolina. On this committee from the Board of Trade president Howard the following: J. Y. Monk, R. H. Knott, J. Branch Bobbitt, Grover C. Webb, W. S. Royster, I. E. Satterfield and Playto Monk, the members of the Board asking Mr. Howard to act as chairman of this committee.

Among those attending the meeting were: A. C. Monk, Plato Monk, Coy Monk, J. Y. Monk, R. H. Knott, J. M. Hobgood, L. R. Bell, J. Branch Bobbitt, Grover C. Webb, H. N. Howard, J. L. Twigwell, R. C. Thornton, of the Imperial Tobacco Co.; Tom Roberts, of American Suppliers; I. E. Satterfield, of Export Leaf Tobacco Co.; W. S. Royster, of Leggett and Myers Tobacco Co.; and Alex Allen, of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

Health Officer Warns Public

The Health Officer, Doctor Ennett, feels that the Infantile Paralysis situation has reached the point where the public should be advised as to the early symptoms of the disease and as to the generally accepted measures of control. He states that there are many things about the disease which are obscure and still baffles medical science.

The early symptoms, however, are: fever, headache, vomiting, pains in limbs, back or neck, fretfulness, and followed usually within three or four days with paralysis or loss of use of certain muscles, more often a leg or an arm or any combination of these. Doctor Ennett states that the disease is seasonal, usually beginning in May and reaching its height in August or September.

The health officer advises that in case of sickness in children, parents should not take the children to the physician's office, but call the physician to the home. Especially should the children be segregated from other children, be protected against flies, either by screens or by mosquito netting, and that the eating utensils of the patient be sterilized and kept from those of other members of the family.

He further advises that all children avoid picnics and other such gatherings, in fact he feels that it would be much safer for all small children to remain at home until the prevalence of Infantile Paralysis has subsided.

NOTE.—At present there are 7 cases in Pitt County, the last case being reported to the health department on May 29th.

TO MEET IN WILSON

The Benjamin May Chapter D. A. C. will meet in Wilson on Saturday, June 8th, 9:30 p. m., at the Women's Club, with Mrs. C. E. Moore and Mrs. Kate Sheppard joint hosts.

Through State Capital Keyholes

By Bess Hinton Silver

AMUSING—Along about this time of the year presiding State-wide primaries, candidates for the big posts begin to visit Washington to ascertain how they stand with the boys from the home-State who have proved their vote-getting ability. So far, not a single one has returned discouraged. The lands who get to Congress must be good at politics and must be better to stay there. They know better than to give office-seekers the impression that his Congressman is not his friend. It's the old army game of science and skill but it still works.

SCRAPPING — North Carolina power industries are going after the Rayburn bill, now in the United States Senate, out in the open. Some of the companies are running advertisements in the State newspapers giving the public their side of the case. Privately some power officials express the opinion that there is so much of the undesirable in the measure to put unprecedented control of local business in the hands of the Federal Power Commission that the public can be trusted to decide against the Rayburn bill. Be that as it may, Tar Heel members of Congress have reported that their mail has been filled with protests against the power control bill.

IN THE MAKING—It now appears that Wrightsville Beach, near Wilmington, may be given a new lease on life by the building of a bridge to the island and constructing a road on the sound side beyond the center of public attraction. New Hanover county commissioners have asked the State Highway and Public Works Commission to spend the money to be allotted for general road purposes in their county on the Wrightsville Beach project. Since resort business means so much to this county by the sea, it is not improbable that the commission may grant the request. In that event you will be able to drive your car right up to dear old Wrightsville, something no living being has ever done before.

NEUTRAL?—As things are now snapping up it appears the Ehringhaus administration will be neutral in the coming gubernatorial primary. In 1932 charges were hurled that the Gardner forces favored Ehringhaus over his opponent R. T. Fountain. This time Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham and Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, brother-in-law of former Governor Gardner, are considered the chief contenders for the red leather chair and the Mansion on Blount Street in Raleigh, but so far there has been no indication that the present Governor desires to play favorites. In fact, different key men in the Ehringhaus organization are favoring first one and then the other of the two big-shot candidates.

NO SHOCK-ABSORBER —Native living along former county dirt roads have gone along uncomplainingly paying their gasoline tax of six cents on the gallon. They were content under the promise that as soon as the primary State road system was completed the roads along which "real folks" live would be put in passable all-weather shape. But what are they going to say when they wake up and realize that the state system is finished and the money that was supposed to be spent in improving by-ways has been diverted to various and sundry purposes? Some of the politicians now advocating using your gasoline tax money far away from your roads may be embarrassed in answering that very question, not so long in the future.

DETERMINED—Thad Eure, principal clerk of several sessions of the House of Representatives, now says there is no doubt that he will oppose Stacey W. Wade for Secretary of State in the Democratic primary next spring. Mr. Eure adds that he is confident of success but Secretary Wade believes he will have something to do with the matter. Eure is back turning the State as secretary officer of the University of North Carolina and reports that he finds his campaign progressing even better than he anticipated.

NIBBLING—M. R. Dunagan, Raleigh newspaper correspondent, is reported to be nibbling at the idea of entering the lists with Eure and Wade for the post of Secretary of State. Dunagan is one of the veteran capital newsmen and as a State correspondent has become known over the State. He has "covered" several sessions of the General Assembly and can call by first names most of the boys who do things in North Carolina politics. With all that in his favor, however, it is

Golf Enthusiasts To Hold Meeting On Monday Night

Meeting To Be Held In City Hall at 8 o'Clock for the Purpose of Dis- cussing Possible Ways and Means

Interest is developing rapidly among our citizens for the early formation of a Golf Club for Farmville, and also in connection therewith the possibility of a Community Club House and Gym, all of which, we learn, may be obtained on a 25-75 per cent basis through the FERA, costing the town only 25 per cent. This being true, Farmville cannot afford to lose such a golden opportunity to obtain this entire project, and a meeting has been called of all interested citizens, both ladies and gents for Monday night at 8 o'clock, in the City Hall, for the purpose of going into the matter, perfecting an organization, electing officers, appointing committees, etc., to investigate and devise ways and means whereby such a project may be had. This is something most of the larger towns have and find well worth while, and if good for them, why not for us. Farmville, though small in area, has a citizenship with big town ideas and habits and a Golf Course here will prevent many of our folks as well as visitors leaving over the week end to find this recreation in neighboring towns.

Attend the meeting in the City Hall Monday night and lend your moral if not financial, support to this undertaking to provide healthful recreation for Farmville and community.

Hold Services In New Church

Presbyterian of Snow Hill Have Completed Structure at Cost of \$7,000

Snow Hill June 4.—The Snow Hill Presbyterian congregation held the first service in its new church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. Harold J. Dudley, pastor, delivered the sermon from Psalm 27:4. The Lord's Supper was celebrated. Other churches of Snow Hill joined in the service, with Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, assisting Mr. Dudley. Greetings were brought to the congregation from other churches.

The Presbyterian church was constructed at an approximate cost of \$7,000, and is complete with the exception of pews, pulpit furniture, and organ. These will be added in the fall. In the meantime chairs, tables, and piano will be used. Work on the church began last November.

Though there are only 24 members of the Snow Hill congregation, the church was completed without indebtedness. A stimulus was given to the building program by the gift of \$1,000 from the Hudson-Balk foundation.

The church is of Gothic architecture, with solid brick walls, slate roof, and steeple containing a bell, that was supposed to be spent in improving by-ways has been diverted to various and sundry purposes? Some of the politicians now advocating using your gasoline tax money far away from your roads may be embarrassed in answering that very question, not so long in the future.

Oscar Miller and Dr. W. B. Murphy are elders in the church. Other members are as follows: Sila Brown, Mrs. F. C. Caraway, Mrs. R. L. Chestnut, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Her-ring, Mrs. Guy Laidler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards, Mrs. R. A. Meyborn, R. A. Meyborn, Jr., Mary Jane Meyborn, Mrs. Oscar Miller, Peis Miller, Mrs. R. B. Moseley, Mrs. W. B. Murphy, Miss Irene Mizelle, Mrs. G. A. McGee, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shepard, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sugg, Lee Sugg, and Mrs. J. T. Summey, Morristown, N. C.

MANY NEW BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY

Miss Tabitha DeVisconti, in charge of the Public Library in Farmville, reports many new books recently added, 48 for adults and 34 for children. Those interested may call at regular opening hours and select choice of these new books.

Orphan County farmers report heavy yields of hay from the first cutting of the alfalfa fields.

Business Leaders Favor Action To Salvage NRA

State Health Dept. Expert Visits Co.

Dr. J. C. Knox Issues Statement on Infantile Paralysis Situation

Upon the invitation of Doctor Ennett, the local health officer was visited on June 4th by Doctor J. C. Knox, State Epidemiologist, in connection with the outbreak of Infantile Paralysis in Pitt County. There are to date 7 cases in Pitt County, ranging from 7 months to 4 years of age.

Doctor Knox had been investigating cases of Infantile Paralysis in the Vanceboro section of Craven County and was anxious to learn something at first hand of the Pitt County situation.

Doctor Ennett, the local health officer, requested Doctor Knox to make a general statement on Infantile Paralysis as a State problem, which statement is as follows:

"For the State as a whole, there has been recorded for the month of May a total of 45 cases. This, by the way, was the same number of cases reported for the entire year of 1934. Since we have been keeping records, beginning in 1918, this is the highest number of cases recorded in any single month. Previously, the highest number of cases recorded for the month of May was 6, which occurred in 1929.

The North Carolina State Board of Health and all of the local health departments are concerned about the undue prevalence of Infantile Paralysis at this particular time of the year, due to the fact that usually the highest number of cases occur in the months of July and August. We are not alarmed about the situation, however.

It is the advice of the State Health Department that children that are in the susceptible age, certainly those under the age of 10 years, should avoid such gatherings as Sunday school picnics, vacation Bible School or picture shows. In towns and cities where there are public swimming pools, parents should see that younger children not visit and use these pools.

All mild illnesses in children which might be confused with early Infantile Paralysis should be treated as a suspected case until proven to be something else. Prompt isolation of these suspected cases will be of value in helping to control the spread of the disease.

These milder cases may be overlooked until later it is found out that there is a partial loss of muscle function of either arm, leg or both. It is necessary even in these mild cases to keep the patient in bed and keep affected part immobilized, in other words, place it in a splint so that the patient cannot move the affected part. Sand bags, when placed along the side of the leg or against the sole of the foot as a brace, is often a very satisfactory substitute for a splint. In so doing, it allows the part affected to regain its fullest possible amount of function after the illness.

While this rest for the affected part in the early stages of the disease is important, it is equally important, after the acute stage has passed, that proper exercise of the muscles be carried out. This muscular training should ordinarily begin 4 to 6 weeks after the onset of the disease.

ATTEND BASEBALL GAME

The following were among the baseball fans who attended the Ayden-Greenville game in Ayden on Tuesday: R. H. Knott, Robert Lee Smith, R. A. Fields, J. M. Hobgood, Billy Morton, J. Y. Monk, G. W. Shirley, John Hill Paylor and John B. Lewis.

BRIDGE LUNCHEON

Lovely in every detail was the bridge luncheon at which Mrs. W. Leslie Smith was hostess to the Tuesday afternoon Bridge Club, Tuesday, June 4th.

Her spacious home was beautiful in its decoration, arrangement of early summer flowers. Covers were laid for forty guests.

Mrs. I. E. Satterfield won the high score prize for the Club; Miss Janie Davis received high score prize for visitors and Mrs. Marvin Horton presented the low score prize. Gifts were also presented to the following out-of-town guests: Mrs. J. B. Gray, Miss Nancy Gray, Mrs. W. L. Smith, Jr., of Wilson, and Mrs. Mattie B. G. Goldsboro.

Want 90-Day Truce In Which States and Gov- ernment Can Unite on Plans

New York, June 4.—Representatives of approximately 100 codified industries today endorsed a plan designed to salvage the best features of the NRA without resorting to a Constitutional amendment.

Under the plan, submitted by Peter Van Horn, president of the National Federation of Textiles, President Roosevelt would call for a 90-day truce during which the Federal and state governments would unite in setting up a synchronized program of interstate and intrastate business regulations.

The plan was outlined at a meeting called by the Industry and Business Committee for NRA Extension, headed by Ward Cheney, South Manchester, Conn., silk manufacturer.

Van Horn urged that President Roosevelt call a national conference of State and Federal officials to consider his proposal, which he said had been found by legal experts to be fundamentally sound.

"Voluntary codes are impractical to regulate the five or ten per cent of the fringe of industry and business which generally sets the standards for all and will only do the right thing by labor and by their competitors is compelled to do so by law," he said.

"There must be power under Federal and state laws, therefore, to impose codes similar to those which were attempted by delegation of power to the President under the old act."

Business and industrial leaders continued, meanwhile, to pledge voluntary adherence to NRA standards.

The Anthracite Institute announced that leaders of the hard coal industry were considering a plan of voluntary self-regulation and had enlisted the services of C. F. Huber of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., chairman of the Glen Alden Coal Company, as administrator or "czar" of the industry.

President Roosevelt's assertion that the Supreme Court decision took the country back to the "horse and buggy days" was challenged by James R. Bancroft, president of the American Institute of Finance. Addressing the New England Bakers' convention at Swampscott, Mass., Bancroft said:

"We can understand his reactions as he sees cherished plans lying in destruction at his feet."

Bancroft said he believed the invalidation of the NRA would have a "tremendous influence in creating a genuine basis from which marked business recovery in the United States can and will develop." The National Music Publishers' Association voted at its annual meeting to maintain provisions of the NRA code for the time being at least, and the Hotel Association of New York City resolved to continue the "prevailing" rate of hours and wages.

Walter C. Teagle, president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, promised at the annual stockholders' meeting that there would be no salary cuts or increases in hours.

Eremiah T. Mahoney, chairman of the regional labor board, announced that the Robert Gair Company, folding box manufacturers with plants in Brooklyn, Piermont, N. Y., and in New England, had given a similar assurance to union leaders.

Max Zaritsky, official of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery workers International Union, proposed to military manufacturers' associations throughout the country that they unite in a plan for self-government.

Voluntary adherence to their respective codes was pledged by the Tie Fabric Association and by the Revere Copper and Brass Company, Inc., with plants at Rome, N. Y., Taunton and New Bedford, Mass., Balfamors, Chicago and Detroit.

A number of New York housewives' organizations have informed Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, state compliance director of the NRA, that they would boycott stores that indulge in price cutting.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following has been received by friends throughout Eastern Carolina:

Mr. and Mrs. Willard James Teale announce the marriage of their daughter, Edith Gray, to Mr. Albert Bennett Newborn, on Sunday, June 3rd, 1935, at 11:00 a. m., at the residence of the bride's parents, 115-15th St., South Boston, Virginia.