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## Floods Threaten New Disaster While Death Toll Mounts In South

### More Than Four Hundred Known Dead From Sporadic Spring Tornadoes in Six Southern States; Major Streams Rise As Torrential Rains Follow Severe Storms

Storm Situation At A Glance. Floods following tornadoes threaten new disaster over wide area as death toll mounts to 400 in South. Property damage from latest twister placed at \$25,000,000 in six states.

Gainesville, Ga., April 7. — The storm-lashed South compiled a list of more than 400 known dead today from sporadic spring tornadoes as flooded rivers threatened new disaster over a widespread area.

Torrential rains sent major streams on the rise even before the task of finding and identifying the dead left by tornadoic thrusts had been completed.

The known fatalities from the latest storms which ripped through six states yesterday include Mississippi 219; Georgia 183; Tennessee 12; Alabama 11; Arkansas 1; and South Carolina 1.

Contributing the heaviest toll were the textile manufacturing center in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains were, 183 bodies have been found; and Tupelo, Miss., another cotton manufacturing center where 203 died.

Thousands Homeless. A composite estimate of property losses was placed at \$25,000,000 with uncounted thousands homeless and thousands injured. Relief officials expressed belief many more bodies of the dead would be uncovered before all the wreckage is removed.

The threatening floods coming after the South's most disastrous winter and spring in a decade brought a serious threat to numerous communities which escaped the storms.

Seventeen highways were closed by high water in North Carolina and six in South Carolina. Two railroad lines were inundated in the latter State.

Alabama's larger rivers were flooded but little damage indicated thus far. At Florence, the Tennessee was falling in the vicinity of the Tennessee Valley Authority's operations, but upstream it was rising.

Weather officials said no concern was felt for Mississippi Valley levees. Thousands of lowlanders on the Tennessee side of the river, however, were routed from their homes and thousands more were ready to evacuate.

A crest of 26 feet, highest since 1929, was predicted for West Point, Ga., on the Chattahoochee River.

More than 1,000 relief workers labored in Gainesville and a like number was busy at Tupelo against the threat of pestilence in the wake of the death-dealing twisters.

At Gainesville 2,500 were homeless, upward of 1,000 homes were in ruins and more than 1,200 were injured. Four trainloads of the injured were hospitalized in Atlanta, 70 miles away.

## Claim Italians Use Poison Gas

### British Turn Evidence Over To League of Nations Committee

London, April 7.—Evidence which convinced the British that Italy was using poison gas in her war with Ethiopia has been turned over to the League of Nations for consideration by the "Committee of 18."

This was learned tonight from a high source shortly after Anthony Eden, foreign secretary, departed for Geneva to attend the committee session.

The evidence, which Sir Sidney Barton, British minister to Ethiopia, cabled to his government last week came from various international sources whose neutral observations the British claimed to be unimpeachable.

According to these reports, the Italian planes began using gas bombs about March 1 and have continued their use since then during their aerial attacks.

It was claimed that thousands of civilians, including women and children have also suffered from these attacks.

In spite of the sharp criticism of the British policies in the Italo-Ethiopian dispute launched by the opposition in the House of Commons debate yesterday, the government has as yet not disclosed how persistent Eden will be in demanding either the cessation of hostilities or the imposition of heavier sanctions against Italy at the committee meeting.

Informed sources said they believe that any move in the latter direction would result in failure because of the conviction that France is anxious to end the present sanctions against Italy and therefore would certainly be unwilling to strengthen them and invite a further dislocation of Franco-Italian relations.

It was learned on good authority that the sessions of the committee of 13 at Geneva are expected to last until after the Easter holidays.

A statement by Sir Austin Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, showing the weakness of the position of the League of Nations in enforcing its will against Italy, received support from naval authorities.

Writing in Brassey's naval annual for 1936, published today, Capt. E. Altham of the British navy, declared: "The strength of our fleet is so reduced that when it is put to a test it is found to have no safe margin over a second class standard."

(Capt. Altham apparently referred to the concentration of British warships in the Mediterranean recently when Italy strengthened her forces in Libya.)

"That fleet has only been brought up to the standard strength which circumstances have made necessary by drawing on home, China, and West Indies stations, even on Australian, and New Zealand naval forces," he continued.

DR. F. M. DAVIS HURT IN AUTOMOBILE-TRUCK WRECK

Greenville, April 7.—Dr. F. M. Davis, surgeon at the Pitt General hospital, suffered an injured knee last night when his car struck the rear-end of a truck parked on the Farmville-Greenville Highway, near Ballards Cross Roads.

Dr. Davis was not seriously injured, but his condition will necessitate him being confined to the hospital for a few days.

Due to the heavy rains, Dr. Davis said he was unable to see a light on the truck, which had stopped to make some repairs of the machine. No one was riding with the local surgeon when the accident occurred.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE MONDAY, APRIL 13

An event being anticipated here is the illustrated lecture "English Gardens" to be presented in Perkins Hall Monday evening, April 13, at eight o'clock, by Rev. John Everington, of Rockford, Michigan, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Women's Auxiliary. Admission will be 25c for adults and 15c for children.

Business men of Brevard are co-operating in the Transylvania Farm Program of lime, legumes, livestock and poultry based on soil conservation.

Person tobacco growers report excellent results with tobacco following leafhoppers and are adopting this practice as a new method of rebuilding worn-out tobacco land.

## Says New Farm Program Is Best Ever Devised

### Program Will Give Farmers Direct Financial Aid In Form of Payments For Limiting Production

Agricultural authorities say the new soil-improvement program is the best plan ever undertaken for the all-round development of North Carolina farming.

If farmers cooperate wholeheartedly with the program, said Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, it will elevate agriculture in this State to a higher plane than ever before.

The new program embodies many of the fundamental principles advocated by the extension service for years, he said, but it is much more comprehensive and far-reaching than anything that has gone before.

The nature of the new program makes it applicable to every farm in the State, said the dean in urging all farmers to take part in it so they can share in its benefits.

The program will give the farmers direct financial aid in the form of payments for limiting their production of soil-depleting crops and for carrying out various soil-building and conserving practices.

From 15 to 20 million dollars will be available for distribution this year in soil-conservation grants to North Carolina farmers.

Indirectly, it will aid them financially by preventing the production of price-ruining surpluses, by increasing the efficiency of farming, and by stimulating the live-at-home movement.

The soil-building practices, if followed generally, will greatly increase the fertility of the soil within the next few years, the dean pointed out, and this will make possible a more economic and efficient production of crops.

By checking erosion in the mountain and Piedmont areas and by reclaiming worn-out land, he continued, the program will reverse the soil-ravaging processes that have been going on for years. This will help safeguard the future of agriculture and the Nation.

The program will encourage balanced farming so as to avoid the overproduction of certain crops to the neglect of others. It will also encourage the farmers to produce at home, as much as possible, the things needed on the farm.

By stimulating the production of forage and feed crops, the program will give an impetus to dairying and the production of beef cattle, the dean pointed out.

The State needs more dairy and beef cattle, he emphasized. An increase in timber production and land reclamation through reforestation will also follow. This year forestation of fields which have been in cultivation will probably count as a soil-building practice for which payments will be made.

The dean also announced that Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace has appointed a state committee of representative farmers to help determine certain policies of the new program.

Among the matters to come before the committee are: the rate of payment for various soil-building practices, which practices will be considered soil-building, and the rate of payment for reducing the acreage of soil-building crops other than cotton, tobacco, and peanuts.

He said too, that work sheets which farmers will need in connection with the program will soon be in the hands of every county agent for general distribution.

U. D. C. Mrs. Nonie Barrett delightfully entertained the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Rebecca Winbourne chapter, on Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. W. M. Willis presiding and Mrs. J. C. Wooten conducting the devotional period.

Events connected with the building of the Singing Tower in Florida and its wondrous beauty and charm discussed by Mrs. J. I. Morgan; Mrs. T. W. Lang reviewed Stonewall Jackson's life and Mrs. J. W. Parker talked about Southern Flagg in the course of the interesting and varied program of the afternoon.

Following adjournment, the hostess served a delightful fruit salad, iced tea and iced nuts. Spring flowers made a lovely setting for the meeting, which was attended, in addition to the Daughters, by Mrs. J. M. Ward, Mrs. J. I. Morgan, Mrs. J. G. Smith and Mrs. Claude Barrett.

The acreage to Irish potatoes in McDowell county will be decreased by 20 percent this season.

## Mrs. J. B. Spilman Quits College Post For Insurance Job

### Assistant Treasurer of College for 14 Years; To Take Over New Duties About May 1

Greenville, April 7.—Announcement of the resignation of Mrs. J. B. Spilman from the office of assistant treasurer of E. C. T. College, which position she has held for the past 14 years, was made today.

Mrs. Spilman's resignation will take effect on May 1, at which time she will take over her new duties with H. A. White and Sons, dealers in insurance and realty. Mrs. Spilman will have charge of the life insurance department.

Mrs. Spilman is the widow of the late J. B. Spilman, who died last Christmas after having served as bursar of the local college for 23 years.

She is well-known throughout the county, having taken an active part in religious, civic and political affairs.

No announcement has been made as to who will succeed Mrs. Spilman on the college administration staff.

## Farmville Churches Make Special Appeal For Storm Sufferers

The Farmville Ministerial Association is responding an offering to be taken in the several churches here on Sunday, April 15th, to be sent to the storm-stricken areas of our neighboring states.

Each church is requested to take an offering, in the name of our Lord, for these suffering little ones. This offering will be turned over to the American Red Cross for distribution.

Those who sympathize with the suffering, but who, perhaps, cannot attend church on next Sunday, are asked to send their contribution by some friend, or else hand it to any of the local ministers. Please attend to this at once as the need is great.

## GREENVILLE ARMORY TO BE BUILT AT ONCE

Greenville, April 7.—The National Armory for Greenville will be built at once, according to announcement. The site for the structure, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000, is at the corner of Evans and Second streets.

The city and county will pay for the site of the armory, plus skilled labor required for construction of the building. The WPA administration will furnish funds for the rest of the expense.

## COME TO CHURCH Easter

"Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness...."

CLUB PARTY Mrs. Wesley R. Willis graciously entertained members of the Contract Club and other friends at a lovely party on Tuesday afternoon, at her home, in which spring flowers in shades of purple and lavender, were artistically arranged, these colors being effectively carried also in the table appointments.

Compiling high score for members and guests, Mrs. Neal Howard and Miss Janie Davis received attractive flower containers. Miss Margaret Davis, bride-elect, was presented with Maderia tea napkins, and Mrs. Arthur F. Joyner, whose crystal wedding anniversary fell on that date, was remembered with a hobnail flower bowl.

Delicious refreshments were served after the games with seasonal favors on the plates. In addition to club members those making up the tables for play were; Mrs. D. R. Morgan, Mrs. R. A. Parker, Mrs. Jack Smith, Mrs. R. O. Lang, Mrs. Robert Lee Smith, Mrs. G. M. Holden, Mrs. S. A. Roebuck, Mrs. W. M. Willis, Mrs. Henrietta M. Williamson, Mrs. Judd Walker, Miss Elizabeth, Miss Janie and Miss Margaret Davis.

Tea guests were; Misses Mattie Lee Eagles, Mary Harlow Benson, Russell Ward, Alice Coggins and Frances Barnhill. The prize, colored facial tissues, cut by this group, went to Miss Eagles.

Club members and demonstration farmers of Haywood county are setting white pine, black locust and black walnut seedlings this spring.

## Demand Special Session As Tobacco Bill Passes

### Farm Broadcasts Will Feature Spring Gardens

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Also the women are deriving much information from those specialists of the botany and horticulture departments who are now discussing rock gardens, spring and summer vegetable gardens, and flowing and ornamental plants. These broadcasts are heard each Tuesday, with the two departments alternating.

## Passenger Train Bombed, Dozen Killed in Mexico

Vera Cruz, Mexico, April 7.—A desperate attempt to kill State of Vera Cruz political leaders was blamed by authorities tonight for the bombing of a railway bridge and wrecking of the Vera Cruz-Mexico City train which resulted in the death of at least 12 persons and injury to 10 others.

The politicians themselves were unharmed. Soldiers searched a wide area for the bombers.

A conclusion that political enemies of one or all of the three candidates for the gubernatorial nomination—Col. Eduardo Hernandez Chazaro, chief of the presidential staff of former President Pascual Artiz Rubio; Ochoa Zamudio and Dr. Guillermo Padilla—plotted the attack was tentatively reached by authorities.

A search for other victims was continued tonight among the mass of twisted and charred steel where Pullman cars were plunged into a 40-foot ravine last night.

Victims identified included five passengers, five members of the train crew and two other employees of the British operated railway. No foreigners were believed aboard.

Partially interrupted communications prevented announcement of a definite list of the dead.

A detachment of troops commanded by General Heriberto Jara, in charge of the Vera Cruz zone, reported it found in the wreckage definite evidence that the bombing was a carefully planned attempt to kill the politicians.

## Congressmen Call Upon Ehringhaus To Act; Compact Plan Goes To Senate

### Washington, April 8.—Following the action of the House of Representatives today in passing the Kerr tobacco compact bill by a vote of 188 to 117, three members of the North Carolina delegation, with the approval of their colleagues, issued formal statements calling for the immediate convening, without further delay, of a special session of the North Carolina General Assembly.

The authors of the statements, Representatives Doughton, Warren, and Umstead, based their statements on personal assurances which have been given them by Senate leaders of early and favorable action in that body.

Senator Bailey declined to go into the matter of a special session, taking the position assumed by House members prior to action in the House, but did confirm the judgment of House members as to early action in the Senate.

There is a possibility of Senate action tomorrow, as the Senate will meet in legislative session at 11:30 a. m., 30 minutes before beginning its session as a court for the impeachment trial of Federal Judge Halstead L. Ritter, of Florida.

## Complete Interviewing Number Of Crippled Persons In Pitt County

Mr. Horace E. Springer, Representative of the State Rehabilitation Bureau, has just completed interviewing a number of crippled and otherwise disabled persons in Pitt County that come under the State Rehabilitation Bureau. This work is done in cooperation with the Department of Public Welfare of the County.

Mr. Springer was highly pleased with the cases in Pitt County that he has in training in various places. The Rehabilitation Bureau takes people and places them in training who have been injured and who have become incapacitated through disease but are capable of being trained for other vocations. The Department has several in training in Pitt County at the present time and several hundred in the state. There has been, since the department opened, approximately one hundred cases in Pitt County who have been trained for useful employment. This service is available to any persons sixteen years of age who have become incapacitated through disease or accident.

Crippled persons who have been forced to change their vocation through loss of limb or sight by disease or accident may get application blanks at the County Welfare Office to apply for this service.

## "SANDY" GRAHAM ADDRESSES LOCAL LEGIONNAIRES

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Talks were made by the commander, A. W. Bobbitt and Atty. John H. Faylor, who introduced the speaker of the evening, R. G. Goff and Fred Thomas were welcomed as new members at this time.

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