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

More Than Four Hun- facturing plant. dred Known Dead from Sporadic Spring Torna-States; Major Streams Rise As Torrential 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 eix

Search for bodies and identification of dead continues in Tupelo, Miss., and Gainesville, Ga., as hundreds of relief and medical workers toil there.

Swollen rivers close many highways and two railroad lines in Carolinas .

No concern felt for Mississippi Valley levees but lowlanders flee homes on Tennessee side.

Known dead by states: Mississippi 219; Georgia 183; Tennessee 12; Alabama 11; Arkansas 1; South Carolina 1.

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 tornadic 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

Thousands Homeless.

A composite estimate of property losses was placed at \$25,000,000 with mining town, situated about uncounted thousands homeless and miles southwest of Pittsburgh. thousands injured. Relief officials expressed belief many more bodies before all the wreckage is removed. threatening floods coming hours over due.

after the South's most disastrous winter and spring in a decade brought a serious threat to numer- the ground. ous communities which escaped the

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 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 in-Four trainloads of the injured were hospitalized in Atlanta. 70 miles away.

While trucks moved slowly through the debris-strewn streets carting off the wreckage, pathetic scenes were enacted at improvised morgues housing the dead. Steady streams of solemn-faced relatives moved through the establishments seeking missing kinsmen.

State health officers hurried to Gainesville, 200 miles from Cordele. South Georgia community hit by a tornado which killed more than 20 there last week.

Military In Charge.

Military orders ruled Gainesville although Adjutant General Lindley W. Camp said martial law has not In addition to his parents he is been declared. Sixteen persons were survived by his - wife, an adopted

under arrest accused of looting. The two-story Cooper Man which caught fire after ng wrecked was the scene of the and Robert Joyner. est loss of life in the North

from the ruins of the pants manu-

Searchers said more victims were certainly to be found in the building where 125 reported for duty does in Six Southern yesterday morning. Only three were known to have escaped.

Hearses, ambulances, trucks and wagons headed funeral processions Rains Follow Severe at Tupelo which buried its dead and mapped rehabilitation plans CCC workers were pressed into service as grave diggers.

While funeral services were being arranged as rapidly as facilities session would permit at Gainesville, Mayor T. W. Palmour said separate services would be held for the unidentified victims there.

Surveying the wrecked Mississippi town, Adjutant General John A. O'Keefe said it "looked like one of France's worst war-tone towns." At both Tupelo and Gainesville food supplies and clothing were available in plenty. City, state and Federal agencies joined the Red Cross in manning and stocking emergency stations.

Big Airplane Hits Mountain

Mountain - Side Near Uniontown, Pa.; Hos- mittee meeting. tess of Ship One of the Survivors

in Southwest Pennsylvania,

The plane carried 10 passengers, wo pilots and a hostess.

telephoned her officials in New York she and two passengers sur-

The plane was en route from New of the dead would be uncovered had taken off from the Pittsburgh Altham of the British navy, de

A. B. Saylor of the staff of Uniontown hospital, said ambulances were en route from the scene of the crash bringing the dead and injured.

50 Million For Tornado Victims

Bill Before Senate Committee of Interest To Greensboro

Washington, April 7 .- A \$25,000,-000 increase in rehabilitation funds especial interest to Greensboro because of last week's disaster, was voted bday by the Senate committee on banking and currency.

The increase, embodied in a bill passed by the House and expected to come before the Senate this week despite the impeachment trial of Judge Halsted Ritter of Florida, brought to \$50,000,000,000 the amount authorized as an RFC loan. The committee also provided that the Federal Housing Administration may guarantee 20 per cent of modernization and repair loans to the sufferers instead of 10 per cent provided ILLUSTRATED LECTURE generally in the new FHA bill recently enacted.

DAVID JOYNER

Francial rites were held Monday for David Jayner, 33, who was killed Sunday morning near New Bern when he lost control of the car he was driving. The services were conducted at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Joyner by the Rev. J. C. Move of Snow Hill. Interment was made in the family burial grounds. *

daughter, Evelyn Joyner, one brothers, J. R., Wesley, Reuben, Lec,

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 13."

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

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

According to these reports, the Italian planes began using bombs about March 1 and have continued their use since then during their aerial attacks. Although the poison gas may be essentially meant to dispearse the Ethiopian troops it was claimed that thousands of civilians, including women and children have also suffered from these

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 governnent has as yet not disclosed how persistent Eden will be in demand-Transport Strikes ing either the cessation of hostilities or the imposition of heavier

Informed sources said they believe that any move in the latter direction would result in failure because of the conviction that France Uniontown, Pa., April 7.—Ten per- is anxious, to end the present sancsons were killed today in the crash tions against Italy and therefore of a giant transcontinental and west- would certainly be unwilling to ern tronsport plane against a moun- strengthen them and invite a furtain side near this coal mining town ther dislocation of Franco-Italian

relations. It was learned on good authority that the sessions of the committee Miss N. H. Ganger, the hostess, of 13 at Geneva are expected to last until after the Easter Holidays.

A statement by Sir Austin Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, Every available ambulance was showing the weakness of the position rushed to the scene from this coal of the League of Nations in enforc-40 ing its will against Italy, received

support from naval authorities. Writing in Brassey's naval annua York to Pittsburgh. Searching planes for 1936, published today, Capt. E. airport after it was reported four clared: "The strength of our fleet is so reduced that when it is put to State police said a WPA worker a test it is found to have no safe found the giant ship crumpled on margin over a second class stan-

dard." (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 for flood and tornado victims, of 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 in jured, 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 occur-

MONDAY, APRIL 13

An event being anticipated here is the illustrated lecture "English Gardens," to be presented in Perkins Hall Monday evening, April 18, at the auspices of the Presbyterian be 25c for adults and 15c for chil-

s men of Brevard are cooperating in the Transvivania Farm and poultry based on soil conserva-

Person tobacco growers report exlient results with tobacco follow entificing a worse-out-tobacco and

Program & Heat

mers Direct Financial Aid In Form of Payments For Limiting Production

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

If farmers cooperate whole-heartedly with the program, said Dean l O. Schaub, of State College, it will elevate agriculture in this State to 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 fairs. 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

By checking erosion in the moun tain and Piedmont areas and by reclaiming worn-out land, he continued, the program will reverse the soil- to this at once as the need is great. 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 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.

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

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 entertained members of the Contract dist and Primitive Baptist churches for useful employment. This service of payment for reducing the acreage Club and other friends at a lovely of soil-building crops other than cot- party on Tuesday afternoon, at her ton, tobacco, and peanuts.

which farmers will need in connection artistically arranged, these colors bewith the program will scon be in the ing effectively carried also in the hands of every county agent for table appointments. general distribution.

U. D. C.

the Confederacy, Rebecca Winbourne F. Joyner, whose crystal wedding an- held at 5:30 Easter morning and conchapter, on Thursday afternoon, with niversary fell on that date, was re- ducted by the Woman's Council at

of the afternoon.

Following adjournment, the hos- and Miss Margaret Davis. tess served a delighful fruit salad. Tea guests were; Misses Mattie tarts, tea and salted nuts. Spring Lee Eagles, Mary Harison Benson Program of lime, legumes, livestock flowers made a lovely setting for the Russell Ward, Alice Coggins and meeting, which was attended, in ad- Frances Baynhill. The prize, colored dision to the Daughters, by Mrs. J. facial tissues, cut by this group M. Ward, Mrs. J. L. Morgan, Mrs. J. went to Miss Eagles. G. Smith and Mrs. Claude Barret

by 20 percent this

PARMYILLE, PITT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY, APRIL 10: 1986

Program Will Give Far- Assistant Treasurer of To Take Over New Duties About May 1

Greenville, April 7. - Announcenent 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 which are holding the attention years, was made today.

Mrs. Spilman's resignation take effect on May 1, at which time she will take over her new duties man will have charge of the insurance department.

Mrs. Spilman is the widow of Christmas after having served bursar of the local college for 28 She is well-known throughout the

county, having taken an active part in religious, civic and political af-No announcement has been made as to who will succeed Mrs. Spil-

man on the college administration

Farmville Churches Make Special Appeal For Storm Sufferers

tion is sponsoring an offering to be City train which resulted in the death the RFC to make loans to victims of on Sunday, April 12th, to be sent to 10 others. the storm stricken areas of our The politicians themselves were neighboring states.

Each church is requested to take area for the bombers. an offering, in the name of our Lord, A conclusion that policical enemies some friend, or else hand it to any tatively reached by authorities. of the local ministers. Please attend A search for other victims was come when there should be an im-

C. B. Mashburn, Sec'y, Protem. GREENVILLE ARMORY

Armory for Greenville will be built of the British operated railway. No Complete Interviewing at once, according to announcement. foreigners were believed aboard. The site for the structure, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$30,-1 tions prevented announcement of a 000, is at the corner of Evans and definite list of the dead.

Second streets. the expense.

Demand Special Session As Tobacco Bill Passes

Farm Broadcasts Will

Home demonstration workers State College report that rural wom-College for 14 Years; en of North Carolina are ending much helpful information in the Carolina Farm Features radio broadcasts.

Of special interest to them, the specialists say, are the home demonstration broadcasts, which are heard each Thursday over a number stations . In preparing discussions, the specialists select timely subjects the rural women at the time will talks are to be presented.

Also the women are deriving much information from those specialists with H. A. White and Sons, dealers of the botany and horticulture dein insurance and realty. Mrs. Spil- partments who are now discussing life rock gardens, spring and summer vegetable gardens, and flowing and ornamental plants. These broadcasts late J. B. Spilman, who died last are heard each Tuesday, with the two as departments alternating.

Passenger Train Bembed, 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 The Farmville Ministerial Associa- wrecking of the Vera, Cruz-Mexico terested increasing the authority of of at least 12 persons and injury to floods and tornadoes from \$11,000,-

unharmed. Soldiers searched a wide

for these suffering little ones. This of one or all of the three candidates position would send it over until a offering will be turned over to the for the gubernatorial nomination-American Red Cross for distribution. Col. Eduardo Hernandez Chazaro, Those who sympathize with the chief of the presidential staff of forsuffering, but who, perhaps, cannot mer President Pascual Artiz Rubio; attend church on next Sunday, are Ochoa Zamudio and Dr. Guillermo asked to send their contribution by Padilla-plotted the attack was ten-

continued tonight among the mass of mediate session of the General Astwisted and charred steel where Pullman cars were plunged into a 40-foot bacco will soon be in the ground in ravine last night.

TO BE BUILT AT ONCE passengers, five members of the this year." Greenville, April 7.-The National train crew and two other employes

Partially interrupted communica-

A detachment of troops com-The city and county will pay for manded by General Heriberto Jara, sentative of the State Rehibilitation the site of the armory, plus skilled in charge of the Vera Cruz zone, Bureau, has just completed interlabor required for construction of the reported it found in the wreckage ing a number of crippled and otherbuilding. The WPA administration definite evidence that the bombing wise disabled persons in Pitt County The State needs more dairy and will furnish funds for the rest of was a carefully planned attempt to that come under the State Rehabilikill the politicians.

Special Easter messages in ser-

The regular evening services will

church. Evening services at the

A sunrise prayer meeting will be

ATTEND INTER-CITY MEET

The following members of the local

Rotary Club atended the Inter-City

mon and song will be heard in the

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

CLUB PARTY

Mrs. Wesley R. Willis graciously Baptist, Christian, Episcopal, Methohome, in which spring flowers in will be held at the Catholic church at capacitated through disease or ac-He said too, that work sheets shades of purple and lavendar, were 10.90 churches, and a pageant will be pre-

Compiling high score for members and guests, Mrs. Neal Howard and Miss Janie Davis received attractive Presbyterian church are uncertain to apply for this porvice. flower containers. Miss Margaret due to plans involving a visiting Mrs. Nonie Barrett delightfully Davis, bride-elect, was presented with minister. entertained the United Daughters of Maderia tea napkins, and Mrs. Arthur Mrs. W. M. Willis presiding and Mrs. membered with a hobnail flower bowl. the Christian church; a Christian

after the games with seasonal favors be held at 6:30, and the pastor reton, of Rockford, Michigan, under T. W. Lang reviewed Stonewall Jack- Mrs. R. O. Lang, Mrs. Robert Lee has been marked by the inspiring Auxiliary. son's life and Mrs. J. W. Parker talk- Smith, Mrs. G. M. Holden, Mrs. S. sermons of Rev. A. E. Simerly, pased about Southern Flags in the course A. Roebuck, Mrs. W. M. Willis, Mrs. tor of the First Christian church. of the interesting and varied program Henrietta M. Williamson, Mrs. Judd Rocky Mount, and by good attend- H. Paylor, who introduced the speak-Walker, Miss Elizabeth, Miss Janie ance, will close on Sunday evening.

farmers of Haywood county are set. Nach Warren, Alex Rouse, R. A. Joy- in the contest for the Dionne quin-

Congressmen Call Upon Peature Spring Gardens 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 189 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

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.

Relief Measure. The first business to be considered tomorrow will be the bill in which the city of Greensboro is gratly in-000 to \$50,000,000.

If that bill does not consume the entire 30 minutes, there will be an opportunity to take up the tobacco compact bill, but any extended oplater occasion.

Representative Lindsay C. Warren

"Now that the House has passed the tobacco compact legislation and speedy action has been assured in the Senate, I think the time has now sembly of North Carolina. As toour State, time is the essence if Victims identified included five there is to be any form of control

Number Of Crippled **Persons In Pitt County**

Mr. Horace E. Springer, Repretation 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 here on Sunday morning at the eleven is available to any persons sixteen o'clock worship hour. Easter mass years of age who have become in-

Crippled persons who have been be held at the Baptist and Christian forced to change their vocation through loss of limb or sight by disented at this time in the Methodist sease or accident may get application blanks at the County Welfare Office

"SANDY" GRAHAM ADDRESSES LOCAL . LEGIONNAIRES

Local Legionnaires enjoyed a Delicious refreshments were served Endeavor Fellowship breakfast will splendid speech by "Sandy" Graham, Events connected with the building on the plates. In addition to club ports efforts being bent towards a day evening at their regular meetof the Singing Tower in Florida members those making up the tables record attendance at Sunday School ing, which was turned into a gala and its wondrous beauty and charm for play were; Mrs. D. R. Morgan, The series of Pre-Easter meetings affair with the fine program and eight o'clock, by Rev. John Evering- discussed by Mrs. J. I. Morgan; Mrs. R. A. Parker, Mrs. Jack Smith, being held at this church, and which good supper, served by the Legion

Talks were made by the commander, A. W. Bobbitt and Atty. John er of the evening. R. Goff and Fred Thomas were welcomed as new members at this time.

LOVELY DIONNE DOLLS FREE

Each child attending the showing meet in Kinston, Thursday evening; of "The Country Doctor," on Thurspresident John B. Lewis, M. Liles, day afternoon, April 16, at the Para-Irvin Morgan, Jr., J. H. Moore, Ed mount Theatre, will be eligible to be ner. Ed Williams and Charles Ed-tuplets dolls now on display at The