

GOLDSBORO READY FOR BATTLE AGAINST FLOOD

Coast Line Resumes Service Over Lines Wilmington-Wilson

Bus Service to Wilson and New Bern—By Long Route—Is Again Started

WORK TO SAVE NUMBER 10 WEST OF GOLDSBORO

Neuse River Already Crossing Highway Number 40 Four Miles South

Under blue Italian skies and a softly smiling Indian Summer sun, Goldsboro yesterday got set for the battle against the rapidly rising Neuse river. The battle will be well under way today and the river will not reach its crest before Sunday or later. It is very probable that the floods by the time the crest is reached will approach the 1924 record.

Bus and train service out of Goldsboro was partly renewed yesterday. The Atlantic Coast Line, by working strenuously, opened its line to Wilmington and to Wilson. The ton at 6:30 last night, the first since the floods. There were more passengers first train went through to Wilmington than in weeks, because automobile travel on highway 40 south is definitely abandoned for some time.

This morning all trains will leave Goldsboro on regular schedules, excepting the Norfolk and Southern, according to announcement from the ticket offices of the union station last night.

The first bus from New Bern since the floods came through yesterday arriving at 4 o'clock in the afternoon after having come by way of Washington, Greensboro, Rocky Mount, and Wilson. It left New Bern at 7 a. m. The first bus for New Bern left at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon with three passengers. It followed the route by Wilson, Rocky Mount, Greenville and Washington.

Highway 40 to Wilson was opened for the first time yesterday morning, and the regular Wilson bus got started on its schedule again.

Traffic to Kinston was again interrupted yesterday when 900 feet of the new Snow Hill highway—around which Kinston travel had gone—were condemned. This forced motorists for Kinston to detour by way of Jason, along country roads. Bus service over this stretch however was provided on touring cars.

Highway 40 south toward Wilmington is definitely closed for some time. Efforts at repairing the wash cut at Brooks swamp were abandoned yesterday as the Highway Commission concentrated its forces in preventing a collapse of parts of highway number 10 at Little River bridge west of the city. The abutting earth had tumbled on the northern side and many employees of the Commission rushed labor yesterday and last night, piling dirt filled sacks in an effort to prevent a complete collapse of the highway. Traffic could proceed only on the southern side of the highway at this point, but was going forward without any serious consideration of a nightfall yesterday.

Washouts at the bridge were caused entirely by rising Little River. Drawing its water from local areas principally, this river was expected to reach its crest tonight, and should this be the case, the highway 10 was surely saved from a collapse at Pearson's bridge at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon Little River had fallen two inches. This is some 5 miles farther west from the bridge over the stream, but would indicate that the river is reaching crest at the bridge over highway 10.

Waters from the river, however did not quite attain the stage of 1924. The road turning to the north from the Old Tom Pierce filling station, however, was under water for a long stretch, and outhouses in this area poked only the tops of their heads from out the swiftly flowing floods. At the bridge over the Little River towards Stevens mill near the State Hospital, the highway was covered to a depth of many feet. Three miles further west on the road it (Continued on page 5)

Kinston Expected to Bear Brunt of Floods On Neuse River

HAPPERSVILLE VILLAGE DESERTED LAST EVENING

Long Time Flood Records Will Be Shattered In Rising of Waters

RALEIGH, Sept. 20—(AP)—Long time flood records for many Eastern Carolina rivers will be broken this week as a result of the torrential rain that accompanied the West Indian hurricane Tuesday, Lee A. Denson, of the U. S. weather bureau here, predicted tonight.

The Cape Fear, Neuse, Tar and Roanoke rivers were out of their banks tonight and as the waters from choked tributaries reached the rivers they will go even higher, Denson said.

The Cape Fear at Fayetteville was 29.4 feet high late today and still rising. It will reach 63 feet or more there tomorrow night or Saturday, Denson predicted. The highest record there is 68.7 feet, established in 1908. Flood stage for the Cape Fear is 35 feet.

The Neuse has crested 21.5 at Smithfield this afternoon and was flooding lowlands and damaging crops. A 24 foot stage is predicted for the river there by tomorrow morning.

The Tar river at Tarboro reached 21.4 late today and was rising rapidly. Flood stage is 18 feet. Denson predicted the river would go to 30 feet Saturday or Sunday.

A revised flood warning today for the Roanoke River at Weldon set the crest at 42 feet to be reached Saturday. The river had gone to 35 feet late today.

The Neuse at Kinston was reported to be near the 1924 highwater mark that inundated the lower sections of the city. The river was rising tonight at a rate of about 2.5 inches an hour. Residents of Happersville, village of 150 resident across the river from Kinston, have all deserted their homes. Water has reached the lower floors of many houses there.

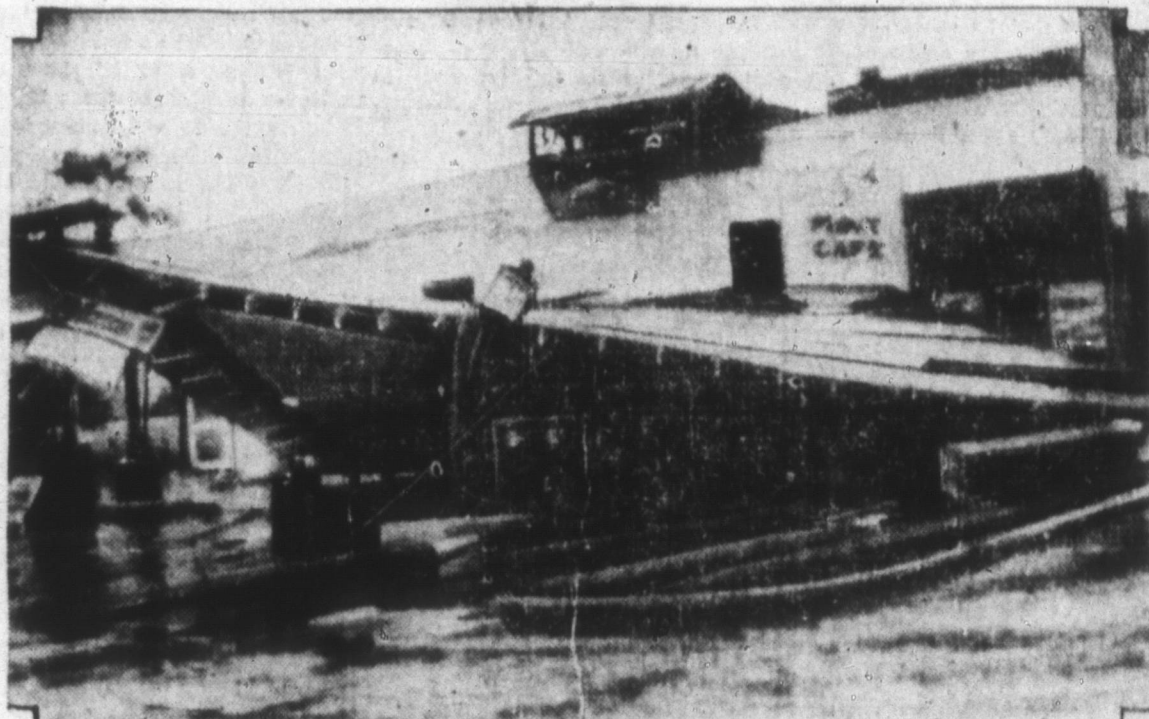
No flood records are kept by the weather bureau in Kinston but it was three days after the river reached its highest mark at Smithfield before the crest was reached at Kinston. All roads into Kinston, except that to Greenville were closed by high water tonight.

WILSON—(AP)—Flooded streams in this vicinity were receding rapidly tonight with the exception of Contentee creek and Tolson swamp. Roads which had been covered again were made passable as the streams returned to their banks.

Contentee creek however, was causing some apprehension as it became swollen from tributaries pouring in on it. The power plant at the dam operated by the city was shut down when water threatened to flood the first floor.

ROCKY MOUNT—(AP)—With sun (Continued on page 5)

First Florida Storm Picture



The above telephoto shows building in business section of Avon Park, Fla., leaning crazily into the street with its roof blown completely off by the force of hurricane, which devastated almost the entire seaboard of state. Latest advices place loss of life at more than 400 in Florida alone, while the damage wrought by twister mounts into hundreds of millions.

Forestry Association Ends Its Meeting in Goldsboro

Holmes Says North Carolina Will Be Bare of Merchantable Timber in 20 Yrs.

The alarming rate at which North Carolina is cutting away its merchantable timber was revealed by J. S. Holmes, forester with the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, in an address before the closing session of the North Carolina Forestry Association here yesterday. Today will be given over to the inspection by school children of forestry exhibits placed for the convention.

Surveys made by the Conservation department show that North Carolina is cutting its six inch and above timber at the rate of a billion feet a year, Mr. Holmes said. In 1912 there were standing in the state 45 billion feet of merchantable timber. Today there are remaining only 15 billion feet, according to Mr. Holmes addressing the convention.

He cited these figures to show the alarming necessity of taking real means for reforestation, for very little of the billion feet cut yearly is replaced. At this rate, North Carolina's forests will be cut away in something like twenty years, provided no wide spread reforestation movement is started.

At the closing session of the convention the following officers were elected: president, R. Robertson, of Canton; vice president, P. R. Camp of Wallace; vice president for Western North Carolina, W. E. Campbell of Greensboro; and for Eastern North Carolina, John L. Cobbs, Jr., of Wilmington. R. W. Graeber was continued as secretary and W. J. Dantiff of Canton as treasurer.

Lionel Well, Goldsboro man, had declined on account of other interest engaging his attention, to permit his name to be offered for the presidency.

Squires Speaks
Mark Squires "father of the Great" (Continued on Page Four)

Larry Newsome Now Has Six More Days to Live

RALEIGH, Sept. 20—(AP)—Larry Newsome, stumpy black negro of uncertain age, who will be electrocuted September 28, was the principal figure in two dramatic trials, both of which ended in his being sentenced to death for the murder last December of Beulah Tedder, 15-year-old farm girl of near Fremont.

Beulah Tedder was killed December 8, after a desperate struggle with her assailant almost wholly in the shadow of the humble home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Tedder. A short time later, her body was found with the head almost severed from the body.

Sheriff W. D. Grant and other officers began an investigation and within a few hours, they had arrested Larry Newsome, who lived a short distance from the scene of the slaying.

In order to prevent possible violence, the negro was brought to Raleigh for safe keeping.

Two days later, Newsome was placed on trial in the Wayne county courthouse at Goldsboro with Judge Henry W. Grady presiding. One day did suffice to finish the case, and it was continued on the second day which was Sunday. In the midst of the proceeding, the courtroom was thrown into turmoil when relatives of the dead girl made an attempt to seize the defendant. Judge Grady displayed a pistol from the bench, and Sheriff Grant fired into the ceiling. The disorder was quashed, the trial resumed, and Newsome was found guilty of first degree murder. Judge Grady sentenced him to die by electrocution.

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Local Market Records Good Sale and Price

Sale of 129,356 pounds of weed on the market here for \$19,189.64, brought the total for the season to 1,631,548 pounds and the money to \$210,966.36. Yesterday's actual average, made in the face of considerable \$1 per hundred stuff was \$13.77, and warehousemen said that if the scrap had been eliminated the average would have approached \$17. There was no sale here on Wednesday. Tuesday was light with the average of \$14.56 being established.

COL. BAIN WILL AID GOV. SMITH

Accepts Chairmanship of Democratic Veterans Organization in Wayne

Col. Edgar H. Bain will serve as chairman of the Democratic Veterans organization in Wayne county, having notified Col. John D. Langston, state chairman of his appointment.

Col. Bain will carry on an active campaign among veterans for the cause of the Democratic ticket, and hopes to arouse all ex-service men in the county to the realization that the Democratic party is the party that has showed appreciation for the sacrifices which the soldiers rendered.

"I will accept the appointment," Col. Bain notified Col. Langston, "I am first a veteran, then a Democrat. If I had ever been a Republican I would have long since changed on account of the G. O. P. attitude toward ex-service men."

Col. Bain is one of the most active leaders among local veterans. He served as an officer overseas and was in the thick of important battles. Since the war he has maintained a steady interest in the reserve officers training corps, and goes yearly to train for further service in the event of his country's call.

Thinks Co. Damage To Be Half Million

Damage to Wayne county farms and crops from the torrential rain this week and from the floods of Neuse and Little Rivers will reach or pass \$500,000 in the opinion of B. G. Thompson, Goldsboro planter and merchant. Mr. Thompson made the estimate yesterday after an inspection of territory which suffered, most from the floods and rain.

With 575 acres of cotton land under water, his losses will be not less than \$25,000, he believes.

GIVES FACTS AS TO BUSES

Will Resume Regular Line To Morehead and New Bern This Morning

Bus service to New Bern and Morehead over the regular route will be resumed this morning according to announcement made last night by G. Irby Holmes, manager of the bus station here. The station has since the flood acted as a clearing house for travel information, and Mr. Holmes said last night that he would be glad to supply further information today.

He issued the following statement: "We are operating buses on regular schedules out of Goldsboro to Raleigh and from Goldsboro to Wilson, connecting at Wilson for Rocky Mount. So far we have had no trouble on these two lines. The line operating from Goldsboro to Greenville and Washington, by way of Kinston has made some of their schedule and will continue to try them as far as they can.

"Our bus that left New Bern on Thursday morning at 7 a. m., arrived in Goldsboro at 3:50 p. m., after a hard trip around by Washington, Greenville, Rocky Mount and Wilson. The same bus left here at 5 p. m., headed for New Bern via the same route with several passengers, including a government man.

"This morning (Friday) at 7 o'clock we will start a bus for La Grange, Kinston, New Bern, Morehead and Beaufort via the regular route, and if successful will resume all schedules.

"Our Goldsboro-Wilmington buses are not operating and operation of these buses look very slim, there being a 29 or 40 foot washout 3 miles this side of Mount Olive. The highway forces have been transferred from this point to the Little River bridge on N. 10 between Goldsboro and Raleigh, therefore it will probably be the first of next week before business can be resumed on this (Continued on Page Four)

Now Fear Death List In Florida Hurricane May Reach Total 700

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

All traffic on Highway No. 40 between Goldsboro and Wilmington was closed to the public this morning at 1 o'clock, by the Highway Commission.

Highway No. 10 was still open at this hour and no interruption is expected on this road.

MARY TEACHEY TAKES TO TENT

Traffic Over Neuse River Bridge On Highway 40 Stopped at Midnight Last

With eight inches of water across the highway and flowing madly at the point of the Circle filling station, State Highway Commission employees at midnight last stopped further traffic from crossing the bridge over Neuse river on Route 40, and blocked highway at the Thompson plantation a few miles south of the city.

Mary Teachey, ancient negroess, who has seen other floods and freshets along the Neuse had tied two boats at her porch last night and was ready to push off for the sand hill back of Adams filling station. Here she has erected her tent and here she expects to wait out the flood which is rising about her home.

"I camped there in 1908 and the water did not get me, and I camped there in 1923 and the water did not get me, and I don't believe it will come to the top of the hill this time," the negroess was quoted as saying.

Anyway she took along a couple of boats to be ready to row to safety in case known records are shattered and the water covers the hill on which her tent is pitched.

SIXTY BURIED IN ONE LARGE GRAVE

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Sept. 20—(AP)—The St. Petersburg Times today published a dispatch from a staff correspondent at West Palm Beach that said sixty bodies were buried in one large grave there yesterday, a grave that was dug by a steam shovel. He said the bodies were brought in so rapidly from the lake region that a crew of carpenters was kept busy building rough coffins.

NEW MAJOR LEAGUE DOUBLE PLAY SURE

CHICAGO, Sept. 20—(AP)—A new major-league double play record is almost certain to be established this year.

With ten days to go the Cincinnati Reds already have set a new National league mark with 179 double killings and are only three short of the major league record of 182 made by the Washington Senators in 1923.

Governor Smith Attacks Methods of Republicans

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 20—(AP)—Carrying his fight for the presidency to the border state of Oklahoma, which is torn by political strife, Governor Smith tonight deplored the injection of the religious issue and "whispering" methods into the campaign, defended his record as chief executive of New York and urged the voters of the nation to make their choice in the November election solely on the ground of what best promotes the interest and welfare of the Republic.

In a speech prepared for delivery here in the Coliseum, which has a seating capacity of about 10,000, the Democratic nominee directed an attack at former Senator Owen of this state, who has bolted the Democratic party to support Herbert Hoover, as called Mrs. Mabel Willebrandt, an assistant attorney general as a "dishonest campaigner" in behalf of Mr. Hoover and made specific reference to the Ku Klux Klan, whose members he said, have the "affrontery to refer to themselves as 100 per cent Americans."

The New York Governor in his advance draft did not refer to the Rev. John Roach Straton of New York, one of his most outspoken critics. For whom a place on the platform had been reserved. Friends of Smith said he probably would have something to say extemporaneously about the Baptist clergyman.

In condemning some of the campaign methods used against him, Gov. Smith declared there was "abundant reason for believing that Republicans high in the councils of the party have (Continued on page 5)

Red Cross Chairman Gives Picture of Appalling Extent of Damage and Death

BURYING SOME BODIES IN QUICK LIME ONLY

Danger From Disease and Pestilence Growing Greater Hourly

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Sept. 20—(AP)—The extent of the appalling disaster visited by the tropical hurricane upon communities nesting on the east shore of Lake Okechobee stood out clearly tonight as local Red Cross reports placed the estimated dead at between 700 and 800 persons.

Virtually all of the dead are in the Everglades district around Pahokee, South Bay and Canal Point, said Howard W. Selby, chairman of the Palm Beach county Red Cross committee, who made the estimate.

Declaring that health conditions are growing worse every minute, Selby said it might be necessary to place the whole area of 100 miles square under quarantine.

"Unless bodies are recovered and buried within the next 48 hours, complete evacuation of that territory will have to be effected, including relief workers," Selby said.

Workers he asserted are resorting to burying the bodies in quick lime "as it is impossible to pick them up and bring them to the cemetery."

They also may have to spray the whole section with lime from airplanes," said Selby, adding that "any one who disputes conditions there is doing the state a great injury."

Federal aid may be required, said Selby, as the county has not the money to carry on the work. We need outside financial help badly to the extent of \$500,000.

Selby said his estimate of the property damage to the county still is \$30,000,000 but that insurance adjusters had estimated the loss might reach as much as \$75,000,000.

The chairman denied reports that any rioting had occurred in the strike area. Plenty of armed guards are on duty he said.

An airplane has been scouting over the area, spotting bodies, said Selby, declaring that many bodies had drifted away in flood waters to almost impenetrable places.

C. F. DEES IS NEW COMMANDER

American Legion Launches Its Program of Work For This Year

The American Legion got off to a good start for the season of 1928-29 with an initial roll call off nearly seventy-five members at the community building last night.

With Commander Stroender presiding, the meeting was opened with the usual new season preamble commenting on the general work of the post. This was followed by the appointment of a nominating committee for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Clarence Crone chairman of this committee reported as follows: Clinton P. Dees for Commander, Mr. Dees was vice-commander; H. Fitzhugh Lee vice-commander; Archie L. Warwick Adjutant, and on account of the manifold duties of this latter office a new office was created, namely, as assistant adjutant, T. J. Ferrest.

W. W. Rivers was nominated as Sergeant of Arms, Capt. E. H. Baird as Chaplain, and Louis Humble as Service Officer. Clarence Crone was nominated as Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. These nominations were ratified unanimously with great acclaim.

After a most enjoyable barbecue the meeting was adjourned until the third Thursday in October.