

Worst of Flood Yet To Come As Waters Reach Mississippi; More Than 1,000,000 Refugees

OUTLOOK IN OHIO VALLEY BRIGHTER AS CREST REACHED

Quiet Fight Waged to Lessen
Damage of Mississippi

DEATH TOLL OVER 130

Property Damage is Over
\$300,000,000.00; Termed
"Greatest Emergency"

LEVEES STRENGTHENED

Latest reports from flood stricken areas along the Ohio river, received Wednesday afternoon via radio, gave the number of now homeless and in need of all possible aid as over one million.

With the report also came news that the worst of the flood is yet to come as the flood waters of the Ohio move out into the Mississippi. It is expected that thousands upon thousands along the Mississippi from the point the Ohio flows into it, all the way to New Orleans, will have to be evacuated as the muddy torrent rolls relentlessly on. Thousands of square miles of ground, which never in the history of the nation have been inundated, are expected to fall prey to the spreading waters.

A great, quiet fight to strengthen the already strained levees of the Mississippi—gravelly threatened by the history-making flood on the Ohio river—was being waged today as the outlook in the hard-hit Ohio valley brightened.

Altogether the floods—reaching from the upper Ohio to the deep south—had taken more than 130 lives; made an estimated 750,000 homeless; caused property damage placed at more than \$300,000,000.

It was, said Admiral Cary T. Grayson, national chairman of the Red Cross, "the greatest emergency the nation and the Red Cross have faced since the world war."

Along the Mississippi, where a district engineer for the United States army at Memphis had predicted the worst flood of all time, men were ordered to build a solid sandbag-backed wall of planks stretching 300 miles or more from New Madrid, Mo., down to Louisiana.

At the New Orleans tip of the great river, W. F. McDonald of the United States weather bureau said the oncoming waters were expected to send the Mississippi at that city to 21 feet—four feet above flood stage—or as high as in the great flood of 1927. And this estimate he said, was based on "normal rainfalls hereafter and levee lines maintained intact."

A 55-foot stage for Memphis, some 10 feet above the 1927 high, had been predicted by engineers between Cairo, Ill., and Memphis the levees range in height from five to 10 feet above the 1927 flood stages.

Other official forecasts were for a 57-foot crest at Natchez, Miss., 11 feet above flood stage and for 45.5 at Baton Rouge, La., where flood stage is 35 feet.

Louisville, where Ohio river flood water covered 30 square miles, was without lights or transportation and faced a water shortage. Cincinnati was a vast lake, except for its seven hills, its power curtailed and its industry paralyzed.

Evansville, Ind., and Portsmouth, O., were being evacuated. Trains and buses moved northward through southern Indiana with refugees. In some sections of Paducah, Ky., water stood six feet deep.

There came reassurance, however. At Cincinnati, Meteorologist W. C. Devereaux expressed hope that the flood crest had passed and that with favorable conditions a steady fall would continue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Coke Marion leave the latter part of the week-end here the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McNeill, on Bridge Street. He had as his guest, Jimmy Hayes, of Beckley, West Va., also a student at Wake Forest.

LATENEWS from the State and Nation

ROOSEVELT CRITICIZES
MOTOR HEAD

Washington, Jan. 26.—President Roosevelt joined Secretary Perkins today in reprimanding the General Motors corporation for refusing to accept Miss Perkins' invitation to a strike peace conference.

Mr. Roosevelt said at his press conference he had told "everybody" today he "was not only disappointed in the refusal of Mr. Sloan to come down here but I regarded it as a very unfortunate decision on his part."

Previously Miss Perkins told reporters General Motors "has failed in its public duty," had made a "great mistake," and had disregarded the "moral challenge" resulting from the strike.

ENRAGED SUITOR
KILLS 3 AND SELF

Stoneville, Jan. 26. — Ed Mize, 50, shot and killed his sweetheart, Miss Frances Grogan, 27, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Grogan at the Grogan home, four miles north of here, this afternoon and then shot himself at his home on the Mayo river, near Martinsville, Va., within the next two hours.

Mize left the bodies of his victims lying in the one-room hut after a futile attempt to slay Thomas Grogan, 16, brother of the young woman with whom he quarrelled before the mass slaying.

CONGRESS VOTES
FLOOD RELIEF FUND

Washington, Jan. 26. — The plight of 700,000 flood refugees brought lightning action in congress today upon a \$790,000,000 relief fund.

Without a record vote, the house approved the huge appropriation and sent it along to the senate, where administration leaders planned similar fast action.

FAVOR SALES TAX
WITH EXEMPTIONS

Raleigh, Jan. 26. — Democratic campaign promise to remove the 3 per cent sales tax from the nine so-called essentials of the poor man's life prevailed this afternoon over the 2 per cent exceptionless sales tax as the finance subcommittee completed its work of rewriting the sales tax law and is prepared to submit its report to the full committee tomorrow afternoon.

TWO ARE INJURED IN
AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Martin Luffman, of near Ronda, an employee of Elkin Furniture Company, received a broken arm Friday when his car collided with that of a Mr. Settle near the western city limits. Mrs. Settle, who was in the car with her husband, sustained a gash on her forehead.

Mr. Luffman was brought to the local hospital for attention. He was dismissed the early part of the week.

MERCHANTS - EMPLOYEES
BANQUET DATE CHANGE

The merchants-employees banquet announced in last week's Tribune to be held on the evening of February 16, will be held February 9, it was announced Wednesday, the date having been changed since publication of the story last week.

An excellent program has been arranged.

Claude McNeill, a student at Wake Forest College, spent the week-end here the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McNeill, on Bridge Street. He had as his guest, Jimmy Hayes, of Beckley, West Va., also a student at Wake Forest.

OVER \$800 RAISED HERE MONDAY FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS

Drive is Made as Relief Needs
Become More Acute

HUNDREDS CONTRIBUTE

Employees of Local Manufacturing Plants Contribute
Goodly Sums

DRIVE STILL UNDERWAY

The Elkin chapter of the American Red Cross Monday raised a total of \$850.00 which was immediately wired in to national headquarters for the relief of flood sufferers.

The funds contributed here came from individual citizens, firms and manufacturing plants. Employees of the Chatham Manufacturing Company, the Elkin Furniture Company and the Elkin Lumber and Manufacturing Company made drives in their respective plants to secure goodly sums.

Those in charge of the drive stated that the money was raised without the slightest difficulty. On numerous occasions those soliciting were sought out by citizens who wished to contribute. Praise for everyone was forthcoming by those in charge for the generous way in which they contributed.

It was pointed out, however, that although response here has been very generous, the need for more and more money continues to grow as the surging flood waters of the Ohio continues to engulf all in its path. Over 1,000,000 are homeless and reports are that "the worst is yet to come" as the flood makes its way down the Mississippi.

Anyone who has not contributed and wishes to do so is urged to send their contributions to Mrs. Joe Bivins, local Red Cross chairman, or to The Elkin Tribune. All funds directed to this newspaper will be immediately turned over to Red Cross authorities.

JESSE F. COOK PASSES THURSDAY

Inflammatory Rheumatism
and Pneumonia Fatal to
Swan Creek Man

FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY

Jessie Franklin Cooke of Swan Creek community, died Thursday night January 21, with inflammatory rheumatism and pneumonia. He was the son of Mrs. Harrison Cooke and the late Mr. Cooke. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Vee, Mathis Cooke, one son, Bobby, his mother and the following brothers and sisters: Thomas Cooke, of Winston-Salem; Glenn Cooke, of Alta Vista, Va.; Mrs. Lonnie Martin, Mrs. Mollie Cummings, Mrs. Ohna Baily, Garfield Cooke, Ruby and Fay Cooke, of Jonesville, and Mrs. Gail Howell, of Ronda.

Funeral services were held at Bethel Baptist church Sunday at 11 o'clock and were conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. C. Pardue, Rev. N. T. Jarvis and Rev. D. G. Reece.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES
TO MEET FRIDAY P. M.

An important meeting of the board of Associated Charities is called for Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the city tax office. Officers for the year will be elected and other important business transacted. It is urged that all members attend.

YADKIN SCHOOLS
TO OPEN, MONDAY

Yadkin county schools, forced by bad weather and impassable roads to close a week ago, will not reopen under any conditions before Monday. It has been announced by Superintendent J. Thad Reece.

The re-opening next week, it is understood, depends upon sunshine and better roads.

The Yadkin Flood of 1916 Was Bad Enough, But—



Back in 1916 when the Yadkin river, swelled by steady rains and a sudden cloudburst, left its banks to inundate a part of Elkin, as well as other towns along its banks, it made the headlines throughout the entire state. Consider then, from that past experience, the plight of the over a million people who have lost their homes and belongings as the result of the present flood of the Ohio river, compared to which the Yadkin flood was little more than a spring freshet.

The scene above shows the waters of the Yadkin flowing around the depot of the Southern Railway here in 1916. Imagine scenes like this now prevailing in towns and villages along the Ohio—covering hundreds of square miles; floating away homes and reaching to the second floors of stores and office buildings in what once were busy main streets.

TO LAUNCH FIGHT AGAINST DISEASE

Prevalence of Syphilis in
County is Said to Be
Alarming

FIGURES SHOW NEED

An extensive campaign has been launched by the Surry county health department to combat, through education and dissemination of scientific information, the menace of venereal disease, particularly syphilis. It has been announced by Dr. Ralph J. Sykes, county health officer.

Figures prepared by the county health department show clearly the acute need of combating the disease, ranked as one of the most dangerous menaces to health in the United States today.

Of 881 persons examined by the Surry health department during 1936 in accordance with its routine examination of public servants as well as suspected cases, 117 persons showed a positive reaction to Wasserman tests for syphilis, about 13.3 per cent, or a little less than one out of every seven persons examined.

Whether or not these figures will hold true for the entire population of the county, the health department could not say, but the situation clearly calls for careful consideration and steps to control the disease, Dr. Sykes stated.

Of 616 persons examined in 1935, 128 showed positive reactions, about one out of every five. Treatments given by the health department for syphilis totalled 2,744 in 1936; 1,527 in 1935, and 427 in 1934.

MEMBERS ARE TO HAVE
CHARGE OF PROGRAMS

A musical program, featuring Misses Edna Billings, Ruth Buehlin, Byron Bryan and Ernest Day, was presented at the meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis club at Hotel Elkin Thursday night.

During the meeting Program Chairman J. Mark McAdams announced that the program committee had decided to draw names for each quarter and let each member whose name was drawn take charge of a program. Names were drawn for the last two months in the present quarter, February and March. Those drawn, and who will be in charge of the program on the date specified, were as follows:

February 4, Dr. C. L. Haywood; February 11, W. B. Lankford; February 18, T. H. Shugart, February 25, E. S. Spainhour.

March 4, Rev. Wm. A. Jenkins; March 11, Hugh Royall; March 18, E. C. James; March 25, H. P. Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Barbour had as their week-end guests at their home on Bridge Street, Mr. Barbour's mother, Mrs. Anne Barbour, his brother, B. H. Barbour, and Miss Alice Finley and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brown, all of Greensboro.

All Surry County Schools To Be Open By Monday

According to a statement Wednesday by John W. Comer, county superintendent of schools, all schools of the county, except the Mountain Park and Low Gap schools, will be open by today, (Thursday), and all schools will be open by Monday of next week unless weather conditions prevent. Some of the county schools opened Monday of this week, while others did not open until Wednesday and Thursday, depending on the road conditions in each school district, and the Mountain Park and Low Gap schools were delayed in opening on account of impassable roads leading out from each of them. The last named schools will open Monday.

SINK DENIES CITY REQUEST IN CASE

Proceedings Involve Building
of Dam Across Yad-
kin River

MAY BRING NEW SUIT

Greensboro, Jan. 23. — In a hearing before Judge H. Hoyle Sink here yesterday afternoon the city of High Point was denied the right to strike out certain portions of the complaint of the Duke Power Co., in proceedings regarding the building of the \$6,671,750 dam across the Yadkin river near the Yadkin-Davie line.

Prior to the hearing of arguments on High Point's motion, Judge Sink denied the petition of counsel for the county of Yadkin and Miles F. Shore, taxpayer of that county to be allowed to intervene in the proceedings against the city of High Point as parties' defendant.

Counsel for Yadkin county and Shore, including Judge G. H. Hastings, Winston-Salem, S. Carter Williams and David Lee Kelly of Yadkinville, contended that if the hydro-electric project were carried through, it would result in "irreparable damage" to Yadkin county. They charged that 15,000 to 17,000 acres of land in Yadkin, Forsyth and Davie counties would be inundated by the erection of a dam, and that property used for the hydro-electric system would be exempt from taxes and removed from the tax books of Yadkin, thereby resulting in a burden on other taxpayers if the county's bonded indebtedness is to be discharged. It was further alleged that the project would result in the destruction of a number of roads and bridges and the necessity for relocating and reconstruction of several school buildings.

Gaston A. Johnson, represent-

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MRS. M. L. TRANSOU CLAIMED BY DEATH

Passes Away Tuesday Morn-
ing at Hospital Follow-
ing Brief Illness

RITE HELD WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Ina Martin Transou, 42, died Tuesday morning about six o'clock from a brief critical illness from a complication of diseases. Mrs. Transou's condition was grave when she was admitted to the hospital for treatment.

The deceased was a native of Wilkes county. For the past several years she had been a resident of the Pleasant Hill community and was a woman greatly beloved. She was a member of the Pleasant Hill Baptist church.

She is survived by her husband, Mont L. Transou; four sons, James, Walter, Roland and Ray, and one daughter, Sallie Transou; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Martin, of Winston-Salem; three brothers, John Martin, Jonesville; Glenn and Louis Martin, Winston-Salem and three sisters, Mrs. John Shue, of Pocahontas, West Virginia; Mrs. Henry Bates, Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Jesse Buelin, Elkin.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at Pleasant Hill Baptist church. The rites were in charge of Rev. J. L. Powers.

BIG SUM NEEDED IN FARM PROGRAM

Would Take \$8,000,000 To
Eliminate Farm Tenancy
In Surry County

\$4,000.00 PER FARMER

By PAUL MAY
(Tribune Washington Bureau)
Washington, D. C., January 27. —An appropriation of about eight million dollars would be necessary to eliminate farm tenancy in Surry county, according to figures of Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, it was learned today.

Wallace estimates that a \$4,000 investment would be necessary to supply the average farm tenant with land, buildings and equipment adequate enough to make him independent. According to the 1935 farm census, there are 2,069 tenant farmers in Surry county.

The total number of farms in the county is 4,699; and farm tenancy in the county is therefore slightly larger than the national average of two tenants for every five farms. Comparison of the 1935 and 1900 farm censuses, however, indicates that there has been some change in tenancy conditions in the county in 35 years. In 1900 the number of farms was 3,525 and the number of tenants, 1,072. The size of the farms remained much the same, averaging 82 acres in 1900 and 60 in 1935.

ALL IN READINESS FOR ANNUAL BALL TO FIGHT DISEASE

Will Be Staged at Hotel Elkin
Friday Night

ENGAGE 2 ORCHESTRAS

Seventy Per Cent of Proceeds
Will Remain at Home
For Local Needs

PROGRAM IS ARRANGED

An excellent orchestra and string band have been engaged to play for the local Roosevelt ball, to be held at Hotel Elkin Friday night beginning at 9 p. m. Jesse Grubb and his orchestra, of Winston-Salem, will play for the round dance, while Byron Bryan and his band will play for the square dance.

A good program is being worked out for the dance and everything will be in readiness to make the occasion enjoyable for everyone.

H. P. Graham, chairman, has extended an invitation to everyone locally and in this section and in neighboring towns which are planning no balls, to attend the ball here. Admission has been set at \$1.00 per couple, 70 cents of each dollar to be used locally in the fight against infantile paralysis while the remaining 30 cents will go to the national fund.

The Elkin ball will be but one of more than 6,000 to be held throughout the nation. During the past three years more than \$3,000,000 has been collected through the medium of these balls, and as a result, small boys and girls, unable to walk as a result of infantile paralysis, are receiving proper treatment in every section of the United States in ever-increasing numbers. Everyone is urged to attend the ball. Tickets are now on sale.

JONESVILLE HOUSE IS RAZED BY FIRE

Home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A.
Lineberry Destroyed
Tuesday Night

CONTENTS TOTAL LOSS

Flames that had practically enveloped the house before discovered, Tuesday night totally destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lineberry, of Jonesville. All contents of the home, including both furniture and clothing, were destroyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lineberry were at the Elkin hospital when the fire was reported, and their children were at the home of neighbors. Although firemen were unable to ascertain the cause of the fire, it is thought probable that it started from a stove.

Elkin firemen, handicapped by the headway of the blaze and the distance to the nearest hydrant, were unable to check the flames until the frame structure had been reduced to charred timbers and ashes. The Jonesville water mains were pumped dry, the firemen having to cut off the pumpers several times to allow the mains to refill.

It is understood that no insurance was carried on the furnishings of the home, and that the house was but partly covered.

Pete Lea of Winston-Salem spent the latter part of the week here the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mark McAdams on Church Street.

