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Flood Dam

BEFORE, pursuant to the order of the Board of Commissioners the undersigned, on the 15th day of August, 1940, at the front door in Burns...

Damage that has resulted from the flood conditions Tuesday, August 13, 1940, is estimated to be in excess of \$500,000. An unprecedented rainfall, beginning Saturday and continuing through Tuesday made raging torrents of the rivers and streams and swept away highways, bridges, crops, buildings, etc. No section of the county escaped damage from the hard winds which accompanied the storm, and the flood waters.

Highways
Every highway in the county is greatly damaged with wash outs and slides blocking many roads. The highway to Erwin was closed by noon Tuesday, and a tremendous slide on highway 104 has blocked the road to Marion. It is impossible to reach Pensacola with the main highway and the Low Gap road blocked.

No bridges on the main highways are out, it was reported Wednesday but some are damaged. Practically every small private bridge and swinging bridge in the county are gone, and in the South Toe section both the Seven Mile and Blue Rock bridges were swept away.

Rail Road
The destruction of the Black Mtn. rail road track is the worst that older residents of the county have ever seen. During the highest flood stage practically every mile of track was under water and every bridge from Micaville to Bowditch is out. It is estimated that it would take two weeks to repair the track from Burnsville to Kona and an additional two weeks to open it to Bowditch.

Saw Mills and Lumber
Perhaps the greatest individual losses were suffered by lumber men. At Ramseytown it was reported that the saw mill and approximately one million feet of lumber belonging to Rex Lewis and W. D. Adkins was swept away with an estimated loss of around \$25,000. Roscoe Banks of Banks Bros. Co. said they lost heavily too in the Pensacola section.

Crops and Farm Lands
It would be impossible to give any estimate of the damage to the growing crops and to the crop lands of the county. Many individual farmers say their losses will reach thousands of dollars as all crops suffered, and the richest farming lands badly damaged by the flood.

Buildings
At Riverside the pole cabins and Holiness church were carried away Tuesday afternoon, and the Peltz dam and Mica Mill at Newdale were also lost.

Cause Great at County

The program began at 9:15 a. m. with Guss Peterson as moderator and Miss Ollie Styles as clerk. Dr. I. G. Greer, Superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, was guest speaker.

The following took part on the program: Mr. T. K. Riddle, Rev. B. S. Hensley, H. G. Bailey, Rev. A. Z. Jamerson, Rev. Arthur Pate, Monroe McIntosh, Ralph Young, S. E. Tilson and Miss Laura Hilliard, a state worker.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Moderator, H. G. Bailey; Sec., Ollie Styles; County Supt., Ralph Young; Adult Supt., T. K. Riddle; Young Peoples Supt., Mrs. A. Z. Jamerson; Intermediate Supt., Vergie Duncan; Junior Supt., Mrs. Monroe McIntosh; Primary Supt., Mrs. Dawson Briggs; Beginners Supt., Mozelle Carter; Bible School Supt., Rev. A. Z. Jamerson; Extension Department Supt., Evelyn Hunter; Cradle Roll Dept. Supt., Gladys Edwards.

Dr. Greer brought a very forceful message using as his subject "Human Pottery." How our lives are moulded spiritually was made very clear.

Numerous smaller buildings were either carried away or badly damaged.

Water Main Broken

The town of Burnsville has been without water since Tuesday when about 300 feet of the Main was washed up at Bolens Creek. A WPA force joined a number of workmen from town to repair the damage.

The dam and power house of the Northwest Carolina Utilities on Cane River was under three feet of water by noon Tuesday, but electric power was furnished by the auxiliary plant.

Numerous telephones in town were out of order and service to Asheville was not restored till Wednesday night.

Tourists Stranded

A number of tourists, passing through the county, were stranded here for several days till highways could be opened up. Many of these had come from the storm sections in South Carolina and Georgia.

Crews of workmen have been on the job ever since the storm began, and normal conditions are rapidly being restored in all sections.

NOTICE

McLaughlin, A. L., 8 acres, value \$170, tax penalty and cost \$3.28. W. K., 10 lots, val. \$750, tax penalty and cost \$13.28. W. A., 31 acres, value \$14.82, tax penalty and cost \$25.00. (Home Place)

Persons in Burnsville are also advised to boil drinking water secured from other sources than the municipal supply while the town supply is cut off.

Persons interested in protecting their springs and wells from future contamination by surface drainage can secure plans and assistance from the Dist. Health Department. — J. J. Croley, M. D., District Health Officer.

ADULT TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC FOR YANCEY COUNTY AUGUST 19th AND 20th, 1940

The District Health Department in cooperation with the North Carolina State Sanatorium will sponsor a clinic for the early diagnosis of adult tuberculosis in Yancey County August 19th and 20th, 1940.

As the examinations are to be made by a chest specialist free of charge including fluoroscopic examination, all adults presenting signs, symptoms or living in contact with a case of tuberculosis should take advantage of these clinics, and be examined. Due to the time limited for this county it will be necessary for each individual to make an appointment at the office of the District Health Department, in Burnsville. No examinations will be made unless appointment is made previously.

The tuberculin test will be given in the office of the District Health Department Thursday and Saturday mornings.

Be tested and examined. Tuberculosis is like a house on fire, and it can only be put out when discovered early.

J. J. Croley, M. D., District Health Officer.

WILSON FAMILY REUNION

The Wilson Family Reunion and Decoration will be held the fourth Sunday in this month, August 25, at the old John Wilson home on Wilson Branch. All friends are invited to attend.

The reunion will be held in the morning, and then a picnic lunch at 12:00 o'clock. Following this the decoration will be held. We are expecting a number of singers and speakers to be with us for the day.

FARMERS WILL ATTEND CONVENTION AT BOONE

Plans are now being completed for a large delegation of Yancey County farmers to attend the 4th annual Western North Carolina farmers' convention...

The fourth annual Western North Carolina Farmers' convention will be held at Appalachian State Teachers' College, Boone on August 20 and 21. Fred S. Sloan of Franklin, Western district farm agent of the state college extension service is in charge of arrangements.

Sloan announces that the Boone meeting will vary somewhat from other conventions in that the delegates will be divided into discussion groups the first afternoon (Tuesday) and reports and recommendations will be made by representatives of the groups at the final session Wednesday morning.

The formal program will include talks by well known agricultural leaders of the state and South. Registration will begin at 8 the morning of August 20 and the first session will begin at 1 in the afternoon.

McAmis To Speak
A welcome will be extended by Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian college. R. W. Shoffner, extension farm management economist of State college in charge of the TVA demonstration farm program, will tell of the development of that program, centered in the 15 mountain counties within the TVA watershed.

The only other address on the first afternoon's program will be by J. C. McAmis, director of the agricultural relations division of the Tennessee Valley authority. He will discuss "The Place of Phosphate in Developing a Program of Proper Land Use and Conservation of Soil and Water Resources."

Frank H. Jeter, agricultural editor of N. C. State college, Raleigh, will speak Tuesday evening on "Developments in the Demonstration Farm Program of Interest to the Public." Pictures of the accomplishments in the demonstration program will follow Mr. Jeter's address.

Dr. I. O. Schaub, dean of agriculture, director of extension and acting director of the experiment station of State college, will conclude the meeting Wednesday.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. WILLARD SMITH, 59

Funeral services for Mrs. Willard Smith, 59, were held at the Elk Shoal church at 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning, August 8. Rev. R. D. Ponder and Rev. J. N. Snow officiated. Her nieces were flower girls and her nephews were active pall bearers. Mrs. Smith passed away on August 6th following a long illness.

Surviving are her husband; two children, Grace and Ward; four sisters, Mrs. Polly McIntosh and Mrs. I. M. Randolph of Swiss, Mrs. Z. E. McIntosh of Bald Creek and Mrs. T. F. Hughes of Cane River; three brothers, Willard King of Alexander, Sam King of Cane River and R. A. King of Burnsville. A host of friends and other relatives also survive.

"DOUBLES" OF HOLLYWOOD STARS HERE SUNDAY

One of the most entertaining features ever offered here will be brought to the Yancey Theatre through the courtesy of Warner Bros.; M. G. M., Columbia and R. K. O. studios.

The talented stand-ins and doubles for such famous stars as Mae West, Edward Arnold, Greta Garbo, etc. will present a very unusual revue which has won acclaim in many cities.

The screen attraction will be James Oliver Curwood's "River's End." There will be no advance in admission prices.

OUTDOOR STUDY CLUB OF CHARLOTTE SPENDS TWO DAYS STUDYING MT. MITCHELL AREA

The Womens Outdoor Study Club of Charlotte, N. C., spent June 18 and 19 on the Mount Mitchell Game Refuge studying the animal and plant life on that area. This group of prominent women is intensely interested in nature and most of them are well versed in biological subjects.

The field trip to Mount Mitchell was sponsored by Mrs. W. Sinclair Stewart of Charlotte and headquarters were made at Mt. Mitchell Game Refuge Lodge where the entire group were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Chalk.

R. B. Armfield and E. L. Meadows, Field Biologists of the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries, showed moving pictures of various features of the game program including food and cover plantings, game farm operations and other activities of the Division. Refuge Supervisor C. N. Mease conducted field trips.

Miss Elizabeth Bradley is spending a few days in Gastonia.

Mrs. Gertrude Meyers of Charleston, S. C. is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Johnson.

Troy Blankenship On Trial For Slaying of Bud Towe

Yancey Baptist Association Will Meet With Indian Creek Church

The annual Baptist Association meeting will be held with the Indian Creek church on Friday and Saturday, August 30 and 31. Monroe McIntosh is moderator and Miss Evelyn Hunter is clerk of the association. The general theme of the meeting will be, The Church in its Ministry to Human Needs. On the Friday morning program Rev. Jeter Hensley will bring the devotional; E. F. Watson and a representative from the Orphanage will bring the report on the Orphanage. Rev. P. L. McMahan will preach the sermon, with Rev. E. J. Hall as alternate.

The trial of Troy Blankenship, charged with the slaying of Deputy Sheriff William E. (Bud) Towe began Monday morning in Superior Court here.

Assisting solicitor Clarence O. Ridings in prosecuting are Geo. L. Pritchard of Asheville and Charles Hutchins of Burnsville. The court appointed the firm of Anglin and Randolph to appear for the defendant.

Serving on the jury are Grayson Robinson, Champ Ray, U. B. Deyton, Dave Thomas, Ernest Hughes, Hiram B. Hensley, S. L. Hensley, Nelson King, Floyd King, G. C. Hunter, Dell Edwards, Geo. B. Thomas, Louis McIntosh, (13th juror).

The state is now taking evidence in the case. Through Wednesday afternoon the following witnesses had been called to the stand: Miss Eliza Angel, Sheriff Donald Banks, deputy Sheriff P. M. Banks, Arthur Proffitt, Ray Yelton, Walter Silver, A. G. Messer of Asheville, C. H. Bauphan, ballistics expert of Washington, D. C., Floyd Hudgens.

Hearing of the case was resumed when court convened Thursday morning. **Minor Cases Heard**

State vs. Glenn Metcalf Defendant plead guilty of non support of child. Six months prison sentence suspended on condition that he pay \$10 per month for support of child.

State vs. Kyle Riddle, charged with reckless driving, not guilty.

State vs. Raymond Waycaster, charged with driving while intoxicated. Not guilty.

State vs. Clate McLaughlin. Plead guilty of violation of prohibition laws. Not yet sentenced.

State vs. Newland Wilson. Plead guilty of passing a worthless check. Thirty days sentence suspended on payment of amount of check and costs.

State vs. Willard Fox. Plead guilty of driving drunk. \$50 and costs, and license revoked for twelve months.

State vs. Joe Hensley and Andy Howell. Plead guilty of violating prohibition laws. Sixty days suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. Lat Edwards. Plead guilty of violation of prohibition laws.

State vs. Merdick Ledford, driving drunk. \$50 and costs. License revoked for 12 months.

State vs. Ban Bodford. Plead guilty, driving drunk \$50 and costs and license revoked for 12 months.

State vs. Charlie Hensley. Plead guilty, violation prohibition laws. \$50 and costs.

State vs. Troy and Wayne Church. Plead guilty, violation prohibition laws. \$50 and costs.

State vs. Frank Mitchell. (Continued on page four)