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Late Reports Increase Toll Of Tornadoes to 243 Lives

Birmingham, Ala., March 22—Two hundred and seventy-five persons were killed, hundreds of others injured and undetermined damage wrought by a series of tornadoes that dipped in five southern states last night and early today.

Alabama bore the brunt of the storm, one of the south's major disasters. Here, 220 persons lost their lives when the howling winds blew down their homes in two score communities.

Thirty-four were killed in Georgia, 17 in Tennessee, two in Kentucky and two in South Carolina.

Not until broken communication lines were restored to-day was the full extent of the storm's toll learned. The death list grew from only a few to more than 100 during the night, but rescue crews aided by daylight and the restoration of communication, brought reports that sent the casualty list mounting.

The twisting winds struck first in Marion, then at Northport both in the west central portion of the state. Twenty-eight were killed at Northport and scores were injured. At Marion 18 were killed. The storm then appeared at Demopolis, Fannada and Inden, all in the same area. It struck next in the central portion, sweeping over the town of Loxley, Columbus, Thorsby and other communities.

At the same time a tornado tipped down on a half dozen communities in Tennessee. Five members of one family were killed near Pulaski when they were buried beneath the wreckage of their home. Five others lost their lives near Conasauga. Another man who was picked up and blown from sight by the wind has not been located and is believed dead. Other scattered casualties were reported and at Cleveland the storm snatched an infant from its mother's arms, dropping it into a well where it drowned.

Striking in the northeastern and northwestern sections of Georgia, a tornado took more than a score of lives near Dalton, Cartersville, Athens and Rome. Single casualties attributable to the storm were reported at Decatur, Atlanta and Milledgeville, Ga.

A path a quarter of a mile long was left in Whitefield and Murray counties in north Georgia, and churches, homes and barns were wrecked. Ambulances at Dalton, Ga., in the vicinity of which five persons were killed, chugged over storm littered roads, searching the nearby rural communities for dead and taking medical attention to the injured.

At Dalton, an unidentified white man was blown to the top of a tree, the wind blowing a piece of wood through one of his arms. He hung suspended until daylight when he was rescued and taken to a hospital believed fatally injured.

One man was killed near Spartanburg, S. C., a negro woman lost her life in the collapse of her dwelling.

Rescue workers pressed into wrecked communities and into homes throughout the tornado-ravaged areas all day and to-night still were working tirelessly in aiding the hundreds of injured, and in providing shelter for those left without homes.

The Red Cross was organizing in Alabama for quick relief of the injured, and Gov. E. M. Miller appealed for contributions for the storm sufferers in a formal proclamation to the people of his state.

Saying "there will be great suffering unless they are aided properly," Governor Miller's proclamation called on people of the state to contribute relief funds for distribution through the Red Cross.

Washington, March 22—The Red Cross spread its relief wings in six states today to succor living victims of last night's tornadoes.

Officials said this relief machine was functioning in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina and Ohio. They believe the injured might number 700 to 1,000.

Robert E. Bondy, national relief director, said press dispatches and a few stark messages from workers on the job indicate the storm should be classed as a major disaster.

Three immediate objectives were placed before the Red Cross's relief forces—to shelter the homeless; to insure medical attention to all the injured; and to supply food and clothes to the destitute.

"I feel satisfied," Bondy said, "that local Red Cross chapters and volunteer committees, along with the trained staff workers now in the field or on the way, are in touch with all emergency needs.

"Local organizations through

STONEVILLE

Rev. A. C. Hamby of Mebane will begin a series of meetings at the Baptist Church Monday night after the second Sunday in April.

Mr. Bridgers of Germantown visited friends here for the week end.

Misses Nora and Annie Smith, Katherine Stanford and Miss Evelyn Vernon in Greensboro, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Price of Leaksville spent Sunday with Mrs. R. B. Price.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews of Winston-Salem spent Friday night with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Matthews.

Charlie Nolen of State College, Raleigh, spent the week end at home.

Misses Carol and Annie May King of Ashboro visited their parents recently.

Misses Joe Seales, T. J. Glenn, Clyde Smith and Miss Sizemore were in Greensboro Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Glenn left for their home in Winston-Salem a few days ago, after spending some time here with relatives.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet Monday afternoon with Mrs. Joe Seales.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Robertson, Mrs. J. M. Thrasher and Miss Florence King spent Saturday in Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. King visited Mrs. King's mother, Mrs. Mary Seymour, at Cascade, Va., recently.

Mesdames Houston Taylor, Charlie Smith and Miss Julia Mulligan spent Saturday in Greensboro.

Mrs. Arnold Vernon of Leaksville spent the week end with Mrs. Ben Vernon.

Mr. Long filled his regular appointment at the Baptist Church Sunday morning and night.

Miss Louise Vernon spent Friday in Greensboro with relatives and friends.

There will be special Easter services and sunrise prayer meeting at the Christian Church the fourth Sunday. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Dr. T. A. Boaz is said to be some better at present.

Miss Nancy Poole left last week for East Radford.

Dr. Anderson and Miss Estelle Taylor visited Winston-Salem Saturday.

Claude Glenn of Winston-Salem was in town Monday.

Mrs. Howard Stone had the misfortune of falling in her yard and hurting her arm very badly last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrell Linberger spent the week end with the latter's mother in Lynchburg.

Miss Fan Seales, Salem Academy student, is at home for the Easter holidays.

Mesdames Frank King, C. H. Matthews and Misses Inez King and Katherine Matthews spent Saturday afternoon in Leaksville.

Prof. and Mrs. Kelly, Miss Valeda Jones and Mr. Swaim attended the State Teachers' Conference at Charlotte Saturday.

Walter Stone visited Roanoke recently.

Mrs. H. L. Glenn had several visitors for dinner Sunday.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church observed their Easter prayer services last week.

We are glad to note that Rev. Mr. Campbell is able to be out again.

Sales of limestone have been doubled and sales of fertilizer have decreased in Tyrell county this spring, according to the county agent.

Lauderdale, Mrs. Lynch Lauderdale, Miss Maggie Sampson.

Cassville (3)—Gus Cannon, Claude Carroll, Noah Dover.

Rome (1)—Edgar Summerfield.

Atlanta (1)—William F. George (hit by car in rain-storm).

Decatur (1)—W. Pickett Jones (electrocuted by damaged power line).

Milledgeville (1)—Berry Sanford, negro.

Pulaski (5)—Mrs. Will Puryear and her children, Billy, Cynthia, J. W., and Will, Jr.

Conasauga (6)—Raymond Parks, Mrs. Raymond Parks, 2 children, Charles Radcliff's daughter and infant of Mr. and Mrs. John Green.

Ladys (2)—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myers.

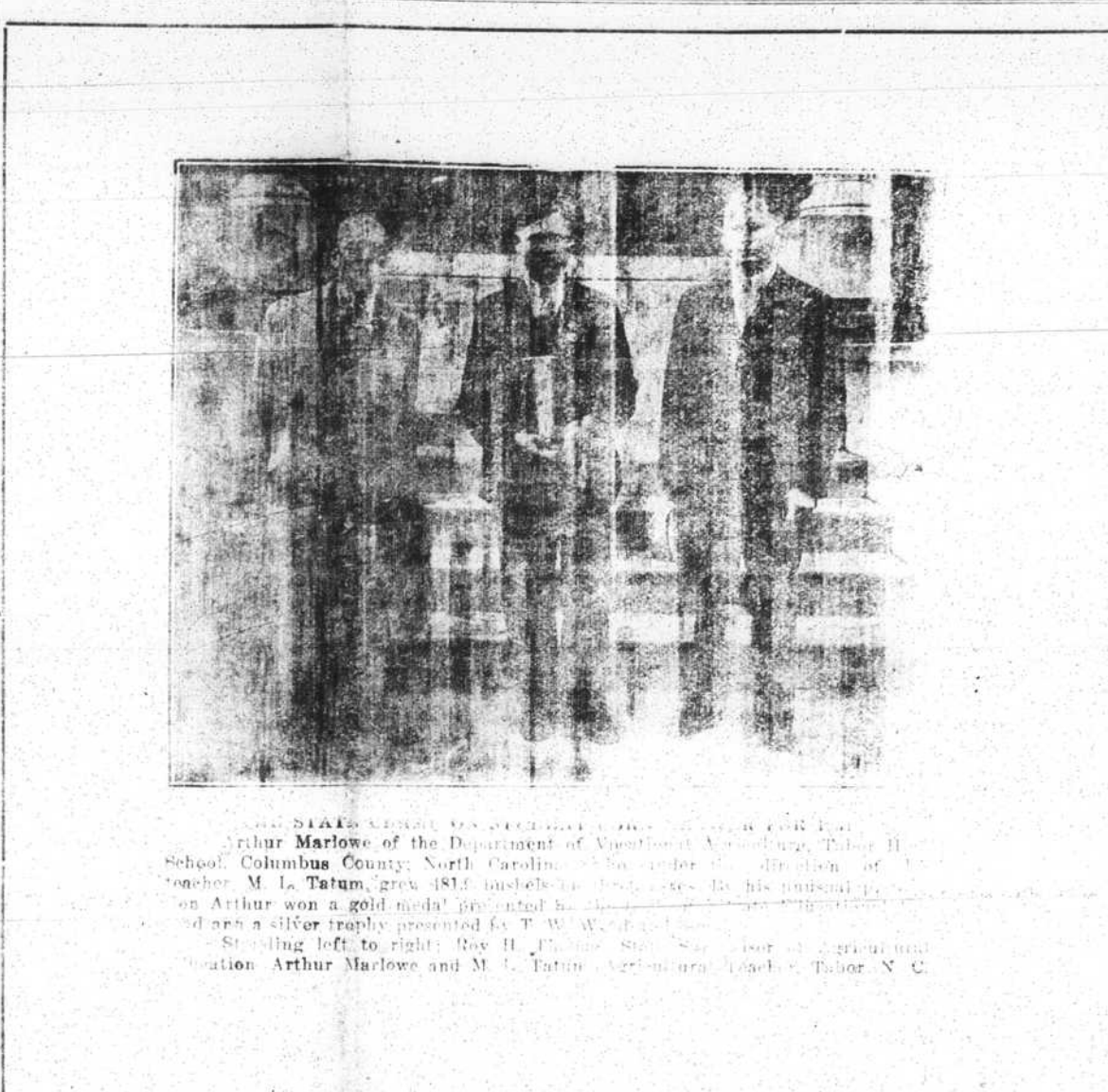
Franklin (1)—Russell Beasley, 15.

Charleston (1)—Harold Liner, 6.

Lewisburg (1)—John Pritchett.

Uniontown (2)—A. H. P.iland, 80, and John Swank, 60.

Spartanburg (1)—One negro, Gaffney (1)—Negro woman.



Arthur Marlowe of the Department of Vocational Education, Tallon High School, Columbus County, North Carolina, has a collection of medals and a silver trophy presented to him by his principal, Mr. M. L. Tatum, for his participation in a contest. Arthur won a gold medal for his participation in the contest. Standing left to right: Mr. H. P. Tatum, principal of Tallon High School, and Mr. M. L. Tatum, principal of Tallon High School, Tallon, N. C.

Looked For Liquor; Captured Thieves

Rosecoe Eldredge, Dave Mason and Jesse Mason, who gave Winston-Salem as their home, were captured in town Wednesday morning about 3 o'clock as they were going through.

It seems that Prohibition Officer Trexler was on the outlook for a truck load of whiskey, and stopped the above men as they approached in a truck. On examination the truck was found to be loaded with an assortment of goods—6 pairs of shoes, 20 pairs of overalls, 11 shirts, 12 suits of underwear, 1 jumper jacket, 27 pairs of socks, 11 pocket knives, 7 Firestone tires, 2 cold chisels, 1 hatchet, 1 shot gun, 1 pistol, 10 cartons of cigarettes, 200 five-cent pieces, 100 pennies, 60 slot machine checks, and a number of two-cent stamps. All these goods are supposed to have been taken from a combination store and postoffice at Boxwood, Va., which was robbed earlier in the night. These men were turned over to Chief George Martin, who held them pending investigation. J. D. Holland, owner of the store, arrived yesterday morning and identified everything except the gun. On being questioned, the three made a complete confession, telling just how they made the robbery. Sheriff Davis of Martinsville came down yesterday and took them back to Henry county, where they were put in jail.

Wm. P. Williams Passed Saturday

William P. Williams, 66, died in a Greensboro sanitarium late Saturday evening, after a lingering illness. For some time it had been realized that it was but a matter of a short while before the end. Mr. Williams was one of Rockingham's foremost farmers, a good citizen and many of our people deplore his departure. A few weeks ago his condition became worse and he was removed to a sanitarium, where all that was possible was done for him, but in vain.

He leaves the widow, having been married to the last wife but short while ago. In fact Mr. Williams had been married three times. There were no children by any of his wives except the first. The children surviving are Mrs. Ed Still, Mrs. David Pearman, Mrs. Odell Sherron, and Ross and Zeb Williams. He also leaves quite a number of grandchildren.

The funeral services were conducted from Sadis Church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the remains were laid to rest in the church cemetery.

'Well With The Child'

Mrs. Mary Webster McGehee has the sympathy of the entire community—her oldest daughter, Mary Webster, aged 5, died Saturday night after a very short illness from an attack of membranous croup. The funeral services were conducted from the home Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. E. E. Williams, assisted by Revs. Henry Willis and O. E. Ward, and interment followed in Riverview cemetery.

At The Colored School Auditorium

S. A. Penn, principal of the local colored schools, invited his white friends of the school to present Monday night to participate in what he termed an "inspirational religious and educational rally." Quite a large number accepted the invitation and felt well repaid for being present. Rev. Henry Willis read the scripture lesson and was followed by an earnest prayer by Rev. O. E. Ward. Superintendent Lassiter then introduced Rev. E. E. Williamson, who delivered an inspirational address, not only to the colored members of the audience, but the whites as well. W. S. Byerly responded in behalf of the school board. Mrs. Robert Labberton gave two delightful readings. A male quartette from the Dudley colored school at Greensboro was present and rendered several numbers which were greatly enjoyed.

Madison Debates Here March 30

The Madison high school will debate the Gibsonville high school in the new school auditorium on Wednesday, March 30th, at eight o'clock.

John Oscar Busick and Eleanor Oscar will represent Madison on the affirmative side.

On Thursday evening, March 31st, Gretchen Labberton and Leonard van Noppen will represent Madison at Curry high school, Greensboro.

Come out and fill the auditorium. It is easier to speak before a full house than an empty one. The program is free.

Broke Into Car

On last Monday night unknown parties broke open a freight car at the southern end of the yard here and carried away thirteen cases of cigarettes and twenty-eight cases of smoking tobacco. Four cases of the cigarettes were found near the railroad at this point and the other cartons which had been emptied near Pine Hall were also found. At this time there is no clue as to who perpetrated the robbery.

Planted Trees

Under the auspices of the various civic clubs of the town trees were planted on the school campus Friday afternoon. The exercises were most impressive and the auditorium was well filled with interested spectators, who heard the address and witnessed the ceremonies. Judge Lane was the orator of the occasion and delivered a most impressive address.

The Mock Trial

The mock trial under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher association to raise funds for the curtain of the school auditorium, was greatly enjoyed by a medium sized audience. Those participating acquitted themselves in a most creditable manner.

Informal Dance

Honoring her house guests, Misses Elizabeth and Jean Sparger of Greensboro, and Misses Emily Webster and Mary Wallace Cardwell, N. C., W. students at her home for the week end, Miss Nancy Webster gave an informal dance Saturday night, which was greatly enjoyed by a large number of the younger set.

Power Off Sunday Morning At 9:00

Local users of electricity will take notice that Sunday morning, beginning at 9 o'clock, the power will be off for fifteen or twenty minutes. It will be well to bear this in mind.

Will Close Monday

Monday being a legal holiday the Bank of Madison and the Bank of Mayodan will be closed that day. Better attend to your business Saturday, if it will not keep until Tuesday.

The postoffice will also close on noon.

A Daughter

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wade Marshall, Wednesday morning, a daughter.

Bethel, Me.—A large birch tree grows from the stump of an old pine tree here.

Mr. Ragsdale Talks About Farm Lands

Mr. Ragsdale of Rockingham visited Madison Monday afternoon to talk about farm lands. He pointed out the importance of the soil and the need for better farming methods. He also discussed the current market for farm products and the challenges facing farmers. He emphasized the need for government support and better infrastructure for rural areas.

MAYODAN

W. W. Cass, Mr. and Mrs. V. Smith and family of Boone County, visited Madison Monday afternoon. They discussed local news and the state of the economy. Mr. Cass mentioned the recent developments in the coal industry and the impact on the local population.

The Lindbergh Boy

The papers tell us this morning that there is nothing new to report about the kidnapped Lindbergh boy. This is one instance when it would really appear that both officers and underworld gangsters have been outsmarted. Probably when the statement dies down those who have possession of the boy will let it be known. They no doubt, do not want to walk into a trap, and looking at it from their viewpoint, you cannot blame them.

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