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## Heavy Rainfall Causes High Water In Several Sections

Charlotte, Oct. 17.—Rains that have fallen over North Carolina almost incessantly since Saturday night continued tonight and rivers went into flood stage, blocking highways and inundating lowlands. Precipitation ranging from two to more than five inches was reported from all parts of the state for the week end and today the totals went higher as rain continued.

Forecasts predicted a continuation of the torrents tonight and tomorrow in some sections and the Catawba and Yadkin rivers rose rapidly.

At Raleigh, Lee Denson, in charge of the United States weather bureau, held little concern for rivers in the eastern part of the state. He said the Roanoke, Cape Fear and Tar rivers had been close to record low levels and this, combined with the sinking of much of the water in the earth, would not endanger land in those sections.

The Yadkin river was overflowing today, however, and traffic near North Wilkesboro was impossible as water flowed over highway bridges and over crops in the valley.

The Catawba river, which bisects the Carolinas, was out of its banks at a fork between highways 19 and 10 and both routes were closed to traffic.

Just over the line at Rock Hill at Catawba dam the river this afternoon had risen 9.1 feet and was still rising.

Several slides in the mountains along highway 10 to Asheville were reported and traffic over the highway was hazardous. In the Asheville section the French Broad and Swannanoa rivers were rising.

At Marion today it was reported that seven inches of rain had fallen and all bottom lands were flooded. At Gastonia the precipitation was measured this morning at 7.7 inches the heaviest since 1916.

Here four trainmen were still in a hospital suffering scalds when a Seaboard Air-line freight train derailed as a full washed out Sunday. All were expected to recover.

Raleigh reported a 3.22 inch precipitation for the week end, Asheville 1.74 and Charlotte 5.22 inches from Sunday morning until 2 p. m. today.

Over the state the sun played hide and seek with clouds during the day promising clear skies one minute and additional torrents the next. Rains fell over scattered areas during the day.

Rutherfordon, Oct. 17.—Rutherford county was visited by the heaviest rain Sunday that it has had the past four years. It began raining Saturday night about 10 o'clock and never ceased until this morning. A flood gate at Lake Lure was raised Sunday afternoon. Broad river did much damage to corn as 4,000 bushels were under water this morning near the Washburn place five miles south of here. High waters are reported on all streams.

If there is more rain tonight some highways will be impassible. The Seaboard train from Charlotte did not run today on account of a washout. Highway 19 near Thermal City was damaged by the swollen waters. Water was up to highway 20, backing up from Second Broad river and Puzzle creek between Ellenboro and Forest City. Many homes and stores leaked due to the heavy rain and wind.

Forest City, Oct. 17.—With dark overhanging clouds giving promise of more rain tonight, it was expected by midnight state highway No. 20, one half mile east of Forest City, would be covered with water from Puzzle creek.

Ordinarily this creek is only a few feet wide, but the heavy rains of the past few days have caused it to go on a rampage and leaving its boundaries, it has spread over a large area. At 6 o'clock tonight several acres of land were under water. It was estimated by state highway engineers that the water was rising at the rate of one and one-half inches per

hour, and that if it continued the highway would be covered by 12 o'clock. Second Broad river between Forest City and Puzzle creek is also up to a considerable extent. A crew of highway engineers and men are at the scene ready to cope with any situation that arises.

Hickory, Oct. 17.—The heaviest rain since the flood of 1916 fell in Hickory from Saturday night through today. The total precipitation was 8.5 inches with the hardest rain falling Sunday night. High waters are reported in every direction from Hickory. Streams have overflowed and flooded bottom lands and in some sections of the county the roads are almost impassible.

North Wilkesboro, Oct. 17.—Heavy rains which fell all day yesterday and until the early morning hours of today brought the Yadkin river over its banks flooding the river valley and hauling traffic over state highways 60 and 16 and federal highway 421 which pass through the city.

Direct connection between Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro was cut off sometime between midnight and dawn, those whom business compelled to travel from one point to the other being forced to detour by way of the old bridge in the lower section of the city.

The need for the new proposed bridge spanning the Yadkin river was more apparent than ever today as traffic over the two state highways and one federal highway was absolutely impossible.

Considerable damage was done by the water, many farm products being washed away.

Trains of the Southern Railway company operated practically on schedule.

The water was receding tonight but dark clouds still hung over this mountain section.

Danville, Va., Oct. 17.—Rivers and their tributaries throughout this section today felt the impulse of a four-inch rain—one of the heaviest in this section, which started the watercourses on their way to flood stage for the first time since last spring.

Dan river rose three feet and a half in four hours today and continued with the prospect of the crest getting here tomorrow.

Martinsville reported the first water trouble. Last summer the Smith river dam was raised, backing up the water, even during the drought, to within a few feet of the Stuart road. This morning the road was waist high in water and Smith river had become a surging torrent. Tree trunks, brush and other vegetable matter created a heavy log jam at the crest of the raised dam and had the effect of backing up the water even further. At Fieldale the school session was abandoned because there was no access to the building from the point where most of the teachers and many of the pupils live.

In Danville a tree blew over against the home of W. B. Pinix last night and wrecked the porch.

Until 8 o'clock this morning the official registration here was 3.92 inches of rainfall.

Marion, Oct. 17.—Rivers in all sections of McDowell county were slowly subsiding tonight after running on a rampage last night and this morning and washing out several bridges and flooding hundreds of acres of bottom lands.

In a 36-hour period over the week end seven inches of rain fell here, according to the local weather bureau, and still more rain has been forecast for the immediate future.

The funeral of Mrs. Nancy Barnes was delayed Sunday afternoon when high waters over the roads halted the hearse, until a horse and wagon could be obtained to carry the casket to the cemetery at Hopkins, four miles north of here.

The Catawba river here had flooded all bottom lands along its course above Lake James and washed away a 60-foot span

## Large Crowd Heard Hoey At Mayodan

The Inclement Weather Failed To Dampen The Ardor of Local Democrats; County Candidates Also Heard

Regardless of swollen streams, washed out roads and down pour of rain a large number of Democrats of this section was present Monday night in Mayodan school auditorium to hear the matchless Clyde R. Hoey discuss the present political situation. He was at his best and lost no time in warming up to his subject. He ridiculed the Republican party as being a party of prosperity. He said that the world needs a baptism of Democracy and that it must be saved by the Democratic party; that benefits must be equally distributed. He compared the reduction in state government to the increased expenses of the federal government, and cited the difference between the state deficit with that of the government deficit. He said that any tax was a burden when you are not making money. Under the Garner administration, taxes had decreased 18 per cent, but under the administration of Hoover, federal taxes had increased 28 per cent. Mr. Hoey ridiculed also the present attitude of the present dry Republicans. He said that the Democrats of North Carolina were responsible for every dry law now on the books; that until four years ago no one ever heard of a dry Republican in this state. He also drew a sorry picture of Hoover's dry and wet attitude. He compared the present tariff bill under the Republican administration with that of the Wilson administration and cited the fact that more than 250 American manufacturing concerns had established plants in other countries in order to avoid being discriminated against, thus losing millions of dollars to this country. In conclusion he paid a most glowing tribute to Franklin D. Roosevelt, our next president.

The county candidates were also present, but contented themselves by merely announcing their candidacy. Allen Gwyn, for the State senate, in a most appropriate manner, introduced the speaker of the evening.

of a huge steel bridge two miles northeast of here. Lake James, covering nearly 8,000 acres, had been down about 25 feet for months and it absorbed the flood waters without overflowing at the spillway.

Outside of losing several bridges, most of which were small, the highways have suffered no serious damage, and train service has not been interrupted. Highway No. 19 to Spruce Pine, and several others in this section which have been blocked by high water since early Sunday are now open to traffic.

Atlanta, Oct. 17.—Rivers in three southern states were at flood stage today, causing isolation of homes, interruption of traffic, a train accident and a threat of further overflow.

In Alabama the Black Warrior has risen 60 feet, 14 above flood stage, and all other streams in that state were reported rising. At Northport a few houses in the lower sections of the city were isolated and numerous families in the lowlands of Walker and Tuscaloosa counties evacuated their homes.

The Tennessee river was rising slowly as it pushed through Alabama, but torrential rains have diminished in the vicinity of Birmingham. The Coosa and the Balaama rivers were expected to continue rising for the next day or so, but without danger unless the rain starts again.

In North Carolina and South Carolina flood warnings remain posted as the Catawba river overflowed under general rains of from two to more than seven inches over the week end. The Catawba practically bisects the two Carolinas. Other streams have swollen in both states, and Richard H. Sullivan, meteorologist of Columbia, issued flood warnings for sections of South Carolina.

In Georgia rain continued in-

## STONEVILLE

There will be a "Home Coming" at the Christian Church Sunday with dinner on the ground.

Mrs. J. A. Scales and son, Shelton, attended the dedication Friday in Richmond, Va., of the singing tower.

Miss Edith Britt spent the week end in Richmond, Va.

Miss Mary Brewer spent the week end with home folks at Clemmons.

Rev. G. R. Stafford spent the week end in the home of Miss Anna Lee Price.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Vernon, Miss Louise and Clarence Vernon visited Leaksville Friday.

Miss Elizabeth Poole spent the week end in Ridgeway.

Misses Pauline and Grace Grogan spent the week end with their parents.

Mrs. Ernest King made a recent visit to Madison.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Matthews, Miss Kathryn and George Matthews were recent visitors to Spencer.

Mrs. E. B. King spent Thursday at Cascade, Va.

Mrs. Benson Dunn and Mrs. W. W. Matthews visited Mrs. J. D. Carter Friday.

Miss Mary Nolen of Leaksville was a recent visitor to her parents.

Miss Bettie Dawson and Alton Poole of Bassett visited Mrs. T. P. Poole Thursday.

Mr. Marsh of Martinsville was in town Monday.

## The Reynolds Parade

Politically, Saturday is to be a big day at Leaksville. That night at 7:45 Bob Reynolds, Democratic candidate for U. S. Senate, will speak. Right after noon a parade is to be formed, which will visit Stoneville, Madison and other points, in making the streets here to Leaksville. It will arrive in Madison about 2 o'clock. Every Democrat along the line of march is invited to join in the procession and go on to the speaking that night. Reynolds is an able speaker and all should hear him, for he will have something of political interest to tell you. Make your arrangements to join the procession at any point along the line.

Elkin, Oct. 17.—A rainfall of 4.12 inches in a 24-hour period has sent the Yadkin river and Elkin creek on a rampage unequalled in years. The Yadkin river, now approximately 29 feet above normal, has seriously threatened to flood industrial plants in the low sections on the south side of town, and has flooded many acres of bottom land between Winston-Salem and North Wilkesboro. Approximately 250,000 bushels of corn in this Yadkin valley section will be included in the damage, possibly the destruction, wrought by the surging flood already, and clear skies are not yet promised.

The continuous rainstorm and high wind of last night, of near hurricane intensity, has never been equalled here. The rain fall in a 12-hour period, exceeding that of any flood, The Yadkin river has been rising slowly all day from torrents pouring in from tributary small streams.

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## SYLVANIA

The children and grandchildren of Mrs. W. E. Goolsby gathered at her home Sunday and gave her a birthday dinner in honor of her seventy-second birthday. The children are Mrs. Addie Mitchell, Mrs. Albert Friddle, J. E. Goolsby, of Stokesdale; Albert Goolsby of Summerfield; Mrs. C. W. Anthony of Liberty and Mrs. R. L. Comer of Reidsville.

Bascom Bailey spent the week end at Raleigh.

Mrs. P. M. Bailey, Misses Ruby and Nina Mae Bailey and Mrs. W. C. Friddle were visitors in Greensboro Saturday.

Misses Mildred and Pauline Shields of Winston-Salem visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Friddle Sunday.

Mrs. P. H. Gourly was a Winston-Salem shopper Tuesday.

Misses Lottie and Beadie Powers of Greensboro spent the week end with their parents.

The Sylvania club will meet with Mrs. T. B. Bailey Tuesday, October 25.

Miss Pauline Joyce of Greensboro spent the week end with Misses Lottie and Beadie Powers.

Miss Bessie Flippin entertained quite a number of her friends Saturday night.

Miss Stella Thornton continues seriously ill.

Miss Bertha Boone motored to Bassett Wednesday.

Mrs. Ada Vaughn spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rierson.

Lee Powers is on the sick list.

Miss Bertha Boone and W. H. Knight attended the State Fair Thursday.

## Big Still Captured In New Bethel Township

Last Thursday afternoon Deputies Moore, Hopkins, Barker, Coleman and McCollum made a raid down in New Bethel township and captured and destroyed a 200-gallon distilling outfit. They also captured about 1,500 gallons of beer and 31 gallons of whiskey. The operators are unknown. This is the biggest outfit to be captured in the county for a long while. Judging from appearances around the place, it had been in operation for quite a while, the officers said.

## Defendants Dismissed

Talmadge Thomas and Vernon Stephenson of Broadway, near Sanford, who were indicted for killing Wade Purdy, were given a hearing Monday afternoon before a local magistrate and at the conclusion of the evidence he discharged the defendants. It will be recalled that Thomas and Stephenson were operating a truck to which was attached a trailer. In attempting to pass Purdy near Beaver Island creek the mule, which Purdy was riding, became unmanageable and as the trailer passed it came in contact with the mule. Purdy was thrown to the hardsurface road and received injuries from which he died. The mule was so badly crippled that it had to be killed.

## Shelton-Martin

Andrew Paul Martin and Miss Gladys Leona Shelton, accompanied by Miss Pearl Purgason, hid themselves to Martinsville Friday afternoon and were happily united in marriage by Rev. Charles M. Wales. The young people are quite popular in their respective communities and their many friends join The Messenger in wishing for them a long and happy life. Mrs. Martin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shelton.

## Peculiar Accident

A fatal accident befell Jerome Steele, a farmer, at Haw River Saturday. He attempted to crank his automobile, which started off. Steele hopped on the car in a vain attempt to stop it. He and the car plunged over a ten-foot embankment and he was crushed to death.

## Rockingham Strike Ended Saturday

Eight weeks ago to a day, the textile workers at Rockingham went on strike, and up until Saturday night refused all offers of a compromise. But, after eight weeks of idleness, the strikers voted to return to their jobs at wages prevailing when they walked out. This means that the strikers were ill advised and have lost eight weeks of work, the wages of which were badly needed by the strikers and their families. The union is the loser, and about 1,200 operators resumed work yesterday morning.

## Accident Near Town

Late Sunday afternoon there was a serious accident near town on the Winston-Salem highway when two automobiles clashed. Two Davidson college students, J. H. Robbins of Chester, S. C., and T. H. McCallie of Chattanooga, Tenn., were badly hurt, as was also Buck Petree, colored, of Germantown. The condition of Robbins and Petree were pronounced to be serious, both suffering from a fractured skull. McCallie sustained a broken arm. All were rushed to a Winston-Salem hospital.

Black leg is killing cattle in Clay county. The farm agent reports the death of 12 animals in recent months.

Read The Messenger ads.

## Floods Play Havoc Throughout Section

Dan and Mayo Rivers On Rampage; Roads and Bridges Damaged; Bottom Land Corn In Bad Shape

The rains which began falling in this section Saturday kept at it continually until Monday morning. As a result all bottom lands were flooded and the damage to crops is the greatest for many years. Dan river was higher than it had been for fifteen or twenty years. Shelton's ice plant was inundated and parts of the machinery were moved out, while some of the motors were flooded. The roads were also greatly damaged. The fill on the east side of the new bridge sunk about six inches and will have to be worked over. The damage to the roads and bridges throughout the county is heavy.

Hutton Tucker is lamenting the loss of his fish pond near Ellisboro, which had but recently been completed and stocked with fish. A bridge force which had their quarters between Big and Little Beaver Island creeks were forced to move out early Monday morning.

At this writing it is hard to estimate the damage done, but it will run into thousands of dollars. The river continued to rise until about midnight Monday night and the fall was the slowest ever witnessed in this section.

## Group Asks Hoover To Cut Down Tariffs

Washington, Oct. 16.—A petition asking President Hoover to take immediate steps for "reduction of excessive tariff duties" was made public today by Prof. James C. Bonbright, of Columbia university.

The paper, presented at the White House, bore the signatures of 180 of the 1,000 economists, who in May, 1930, petitioned the chief executive to veto the Hawley-Smoot tariff act.

That earlier petition, said today's paper, "gave clear warning of the harmful consequences of the tariff act of 1930, with its sweeping upward revision of rates at the outset of a depression."

"We were convinced from our study of this question and from an analysis of the bill that it would work disaster upon the foreign trade and the domestic economy of the United States. These conclusions have been confirmed by events."

The petition said "the record is conclusive" that both the Hawley-Smoot tariff and its 1922 predecessor "caused foreign nations to enact retaliatory tariffs directly aimed at the American producer."

## Things To Be Done This Month

Set out bulbs such as narcissus, tulips, hyacinths, crocus. Gather green tomatoes just before frost and store in a cool place or pull up vines and hang in a cellar. If green tomatoes are pulled from vines, wrap each tomato in paper.

Make hill selection of sweet potatoes at digging time for seed. Thin out young turnips, kale, beets, spinach and lettuce to hasten development.

Make out order for fruit trees of varieties adapted to your section, and place with a reliable nursery.

Sow radish and mustard seed for fall and early winter crops. Clear all garden space not devoted to fall and early winter crops.

Harvest sweet potatoes before frost kills the vines. Sow parsley in open ground or frames.

## Berry Home Demonstration Club Meeting

(Miss Ruth Carroll, reporter) The Berry Club met with Mrs. J. Nathan Mobre Monday afternoon at 2:30 P. M. at "Berry More Farm."

The opening song was America. Devotional by Mrs. Cobb. Roll call was answered by the games that they liked best when a child.

Owing to the absence of the secretary the minutes were read by Mrs. Fletcher Carroll. The following interesting program was given:

Poem, "The Road Home," by Miss Sue Mobley. Poem, "A Woman Speaks," by Mrs. J. H. Carroll. Poem, "Home At Nights," by Mrs. Cobb.

Solo, "Life's Railway to Heaven," by Mrs. Sam Ellington. Humorous reading, "Potatoes," by Mrs. Nat Anderson. Poem, "The Home Beside the Road," by Mrs. Nathan Moore. Pie contest. Mrs. Sam Ellington was winner of prize, a bouquet of flowers.

Reading by Mrs. Jack Mobley. Quartet by Mesdames Ellington, Cobb, Duke and Carroll. Refreshments were served consisting of fruits.

Meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Charlie Meador in November.

Rocky Springs Club Meeting (Mrs. A. L. Knight, reporter)

## HOME DEMONSTRATION NEWS

Marjorie Holmes, Home Demonstration Agent

Program for Next Week Monday, October 24th: The County-Line Club will have their regular monthly meeting.

Tuesday, October 25th: The Sylvania club will meet with Mrs. T. B. Bailey and daughter. All the ladies of this community are invited. The meeting will be at 2 o'clock.

Wednesday, October 26th: The Double Springs Club will have their regular meeting at 2 o'clock.

Thursday, October 27th: The Rocky Springs club will meet at Mrs. Carl Angel's at 2 P. M.

Friday, October 28th: The Mt. Carmel Club will have their regular monthly meeting at 2 P. M.

Achievement Day will be held November 10th at 1:30 at Wentworth school. This is a summing up of the year's work, with small exhibits representing the monthly demonstrations. We hope all the clubs are planning to have a good representation.

Mrs. J. S. Carter, president of the Federation is offering a prize to the club having the largest representation on a percentage basis.

We are fortunate in having Mrs. Lily C. Mebane to speak to us at this meeting. She is an honorary Federation member and is intensely interested in our work. She has done much to promote demonstration work in Rockingham county, both in a legislative and monetary way.

Let every club make a definite effort to attend this county rally. Finish up the year books and have them ready for the contest. Mrs. Cornelia Morris will judge these books.

Light Sales, But Prices Are Good

The inclement weather the first of the week kept the local sales down in quantity, but the prices obtained were good. In fact, it looks like the prices continue to gradually get better and better. Of course better grades are now being brought in, but on the whole our farmer friends are well pleased with the prices they are receiving.

However, we hope that prices will continue to climb until they reach a point where they will pay the producer a reasonable dividend for the time and money he put into his crop.

## Chrysler Roadster And Sixty Gallons

On Wednesday night of last week police officers Geo. T. Martin and Jack Hawkins had an exciting chase after a rum-laden car, which covered about five miles. Finally the driver of the car, a Chrysler roadster, abandoned it and took to the woods. Neither of the officers being very good sprinters, the driver succeeded in making his escape. The car contained sixty gallons of "joy water," and it was destroyed. The car bore a Winston-Salem city number.

## Fair A Success

The second Reidsville fair was pulled off last week with ideal weather prevailing and the fair was a success in every particular. The exhibits were much better and more varied than last year, while the attractions were of a high character. Great throngs attended each day, and its finances were also a success. Much of this success is due to the untiring efforts of its president, William Oliver, and his associates.

## Register Now

The registration books for the approaching election opened last Saturday and will be open every Saturday until the election. If you are in doubt as to whether you are duly registered, it would be a good idea to see the registrar and make sure that your name is on the books. This is one time when it behooves every voter to go to the polls and cast his or her vote—do your mite toward putting a stop to the present deplorable condition of affairs.