

Flood Waters Continue Rising; Trenton Residents Routed; Rains Speed Kinston Evacuation Effort

The unprecedented rains that accompanied Hurricane Connie and Diane raised the waters of Trent River at Trenton to such levels that a vast majority of the Negro residents of the community had to leave their homes.

This week the waters slowly backed away from the homes but the paddled pools left behind bred hordes of mosquitoes that made life possibly more miserable for Trentonians than the flood itself had.

As these waters ebbed away other heavy rains on Tuesday night and Wednesday threatened to chase these residents once more to higher ground.

The Trenton colored folks just "did the best they could, moved in with friends and relatives and patiently awaited the time when they could move back into their homes and begin the cleaning

up, and rebuilding that would be necessary.

As flooding waters of Neuse River upset earlier predictions of weather observers a majority of the residents of Happersville, just west of Kinston began evacuating to higher ground. This was a move followed in close order by residents in the southern end of Kinston back of the Star and Planters Warehouses. Earlier the river had been expected to reach its flood-crests on Wednesday, but revised guesses now say it will not quit rising until as late as Saturday or Sunday, August 27 or 28. Added to this were heavy rain-falls Tuesday and Wednesday over a major part of the Neuse River watershed, which may further upset these predictions.

Lenoir Countians In Group Chartered For Segregation Support

Six Lenoir Countians were among the charter members of "Patriots of North Carolina", a non-stock corporation which was issued a charter by the Secretary of State on Monday of this week.

Lenoir County's Representative Thomas J. White, John G. Dawson, former Speaker of the State House of Representatives, W. A. Allen, former chairman of the Lenoir County Board of Elections, Paul LaRoque, former executive director of the Kinston Housing Authority, J. Harvey Turner, twice candidate for the General Assembly, and Attorney Lamar Jones were the Lenoir Countians who joined a distinguished group from 59 of North Carolina's 100 counties in setting up this new organization.

The charter of the organization says it is primarily designed to maintain the Anglo-Saxon culture and race in North Carolina, but more specifically the group is intending to do everything within the law to prevent implementation of the supreme court decision of May 17, 1954 which demanded an end to segregation by race in the public schools.

Representative White and his opponent Turner last spring both took very positive stands in opposition to ending segregation in the North Carolina school system. This was the first public affirmation of an attitude on this subject by the other four, and the only public expression up until this time by any Lenoir Countians except news paper editors, both of whom oppose any changes in the present system.

Divorces Granted To 22 As Court Convenes

The first business of the day as the August 22nd term of Lenoir County's Superior Court was convened by Judge Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill was the granting of divorces to 11 couples.

Those legally split asunder included Elizabeth Williams Moore from J. Harold Moore, Della Grady Heath from Ralph Heath, Norwood Creel from Katie Taylor Creel, Lillie M. H. Freeman from Travis Freeman.

Betty Sue Turner Simon from Thomas Lee Simon, Peggy Ruth Williams from Frank Williams, Betty Kelly Langston from Jesse B. Langston.

James W. Simmons from Helen H. Simmons, Poshie Strickland Price from Cecil W. Price, Mary Eliza Rouse Phillips from Lynwood Earl Phillips and Thomas Tyndall from Sue Corena Tyndall.

Lucky Jones Countian Driver of This Car



This is the battered remains of a 1955 model car driven by J. D. Heath Monday morning when he got into a tangle with a truck partially loaded with lumber that was driven by W. W. Alford. According to reports, both were driving east near Phillips Crossroads on the Trenton-Kinston highway. Alford was preparing to turn left to a home where the lumber was to

be used. Heath was beginning to pass Alford's truck. Alford decided to stop and let Heath go around on the left, but Heath, presuming that Alford was going to continue with his left turn had elected to go around on the right rear of the truck. The combined miscalculations of both led to this total loss of Heath's car and a severe scalp wound on Heath's head. Alford was not injured.

Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Gerald Martin Fox and their sons, seven year old Gerald Jr. and 20-month old Lance Kevin, returned to their Kinston home for a brief visit before moving to their new station at Fort Knox, Ky.

The Fox Family was returning to Kinston — Lance for his first visit — after a three year tour of duty at the 1966th Army Unit stationed at Orleans, France, some 60-odd miles south of Paris. Mrs. Fox is the former Dottie Sparrow, daughter of F. B. Sparrow of 315 East Peyton Avenue.

The Fox family brought back some pleasant and many amusing memories of their three years in "La Belle France." They enjoyed their stay a great deal and look forward to more European Duty as soon as Sgt. Fox has pulled his 18-month state-side tour.

For most of their duty at Orleans the Fox Family lived the rural life on an estate at Sully-sur-Loire, owned by a most hospitable and wealthy Frenchman.

Sgt. and Mrs. Fox confirm the fact that traffic in France is truly a hazard and their most hilarious memories of France revolve around auto accidents in which they took no part, but in which their car was an unfortunate principal.

Once, when they were a half block from their parked car, one French driver slammed his car into a third which in turn bounced into the Fox Family flier. The "continental" cars were not nearly so stoutly put together as the American brands, and these two sporty, small jobs all but disintegrated while the Fox car was not damaged at all.

But it took several hours of paper filling out and reviewing before the Fox family could go on its amused way. In fact, they recall that the cars had been moved but the gendarmes insisted on bringing them back and re-enacting the accident for American Military Police who had arrived to watch over the Fox interests.

Sgt. Fox recalls with amusement another incident in which he was stopped walking for traffic to pull out and a French woman saw him and swerved to avoid hitting his car, and bounced into another. Fox says the woman jumped out of her car and gave him plu-perfect hell, but fortunately in French and he could only understand that she was plenty hot.

French food was excellent — except Mrs. Fox never learned to like steaks quite so rare as the French served them. No thanks, thank you, was agreed by all the Fox brood. But Papa Fox did manage to coax himself around some green oysters, after it was explained to him that they came from greenish waters which accounted for their unappetizing pallor.

On two occasions the Fox family packed up and went to

Father of Seven Is Burned To Death In Blaze Early Monday

Pete Grady, tenant farmer father of seven, was burned to death in his home on the Guy White Farm northwest of Kinston early Monday morning.

The fire had spread over a considerable portion of the Grady home by the time members of the family discovered it and Grady had apparently been overcome by the smoke.

His wife and children attempted to drag him from the burning home but only managed to get him part way out before they had to flee for their lives.

Graveside rites for Grady were held at three Tuesday in the Sutton family cemetery near the late home.

Croom Clan Holds Annual Reunion Sunday



This is a bird's eye view of the long and well covered picnic table spread last Sunday as the Sandy Bottom Croom family held its 25th annual reunion at

the Sandy Bottom Primitive Baptist Church. Marlon Parrott, Kinston lawyer, and a descendant of the Croom family was named president of the clan for the coming year.

Two Sentenced

Wednesday morning a jury found Lilly May Frizzelle guilty of manslaughter in the June 29, 1955 knife killing of her former husband, Henry Frizzelle Jr. and Judge Paul Frizzelle sentenced her to a term of 3 to 10 years in the woman's prison. Marine Alexander Faircloth pled guilty Tuesday to manslaughter in the October 20, 1954 auto death of 13-year old Morris Wells of the Sharon Church section and Judge Frizzelle sentenced the Wilmington, Delaware Marine to pay \$1,000 into the court for the mother of the dead child, and to also pay the court costs.

Ninth Fatality

At 2:30 Wednesday afternoon 48-year old Elijah Umzell of Goldsboro route three became Lenoir County's ninth highway fatality of 1955. Umzell was riding on a load of tobacco in a picking truck being driven east on US 70 by Henry Jordan Newsome, his landlord, 100 yards inside the Lenoir County line as he drove toward Kinston. Umzell's hat blew off, he grabbed for it, lost his balance and plunged to the highway. He was pronounced

Filling Station Loses Cigarettes and Money

The Service Spot Service Station directly in front of the Frosty Morn Packing Company on the Goldsboro highway west of Kinston lost from 75 to 100 cartons of cigarettes and about \$50 in change in a Saturday night breaking and entering.

Troy Moore, owner of the store-cafe, reported the thieves had entered a side door by breaking out a window. Officers of the Sheriff's Department and Fingerprint Officer Fred Boyd of the Kinston Police Department have taken part in the investigation but very little in the way of clues was left by the thief, or thieves.

dead-on-arrival from a skull fracture at Wayne Memorial Hospital. He had just moved from inside the truck to the rear to help hold the tobacco and Newsome had begun to pull away after this transfer. Sgt. John Laws says the evidence will be turned over to Solicitor Walter Britt for his decision as whether or not there is sufficient evidence of negligence on Newsome's part to merit an indictment.