

# Neuse River Flood Inflicts Worst Damage in Its History

Shortly after 9 Monday night Neuse River set a modern-day record when its silent waters spread over thousands of acres of land and hit 22.86 feet at Kinston.

Over 600 homes had to be evacuated in and around Kinston, forcing something like 3,000 people to seek shelter with friends, relatives and in public shelter areas.

Civil Defense officials in Kinston estimated local damage at not less than a million and a half dollars.

For the entire Neuse Basin the figure has been set at 10 million dollars, and many feel this figure may fall on the con-

servative side. National Guardsmen, Firemen, Policemen, Highway Patrolmen, Citizen Band radio operators and countless other volunteers worked with the huge task of moving so many people and so much furniture out of the flood's reach.

Health authorities urged all persons using water from other than city sources to boil the water at least five minutes, to take typhoid shots and to have their water supply chlorinated as soon as the flood waters receded because of the possibility of contamination caused by the spread of raw sewage over such a wide and thickly populated

area. Three of Kinston's 11 warehouses had to seek higher ground at the height of the flooding and numerous other small business had to take an unhappy holiday because there were either surrounded by or covered with flood waters. Perhaps the most heavily damaged of these businesses was the large bowling alley on the by-pass.

Kinston police mounted a round-the-clock patrol of flooded areas in southeast Kinston and Tuesday afternoon caught three teenagers and charged them with looting. So far this was the only reported instance

of this kind of low thievery and City Manager Jim Blue said these three would be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

On Thursday Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman was to visit Kinston along with Congressman L. H. Fountain to see the flood scene.

Governor Terry Sanford has asked the president to declare the area a disaster area to make possible federal help for those who have no other resources to repair the damage done by the flood.

The 22.68 mark did not reach the all-time record flood mark of 25 feet which was set in 1919, but the damage done in the val-

ley was much greater since in 1919 there was very little building of any kind in the flood plain, but with the growth of towns and the complacency of years more and more homes and businesses had moved within reach of Old Man River.

Authorities in addition to urging extreme care with water supplies have also warned of the danger from wet electrical circuits as the waters recede and people begin returning to their homes.

Persons who have doubts about their water supply or the use of their electrical system should contact the appropriate officials for guidance.

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### Federal Survey Team Studies Numerous Sites For Trenton Federal Building

A five-man survey team from the General Services Administration and Post Office Department in Atlanta spent two days last week in Trenton studying sites under consideration for a federal building that has been authorized for Trenton.

After all of its findings have been put together this team will select the three sites from about a dozen tendered which it feels would best be suited.

Then another official from Atlanta will come to Trenton to negotiate the purchase of the one from these three that is finally chosen.

The new building will house the post office and offices for Federal District Judge John Larkins as well as offices for other federal agencies presently located in Trenton.

Several sites were offered that came within the funds allocated for site acquisition, but the survey team gave no indication to anyone in Trenton which of the sites it most favored.

There is no set rule, nor time limit for the next action toward acquiring the land but Judge Larkins said one member of the team told him that generally ac-

tion comes within 60 to 120 days after the survey team visit.

### Maysville Event

The Maysville Elementary School, sponsored by the P.T.A., will hold its annual "Fall Festival" Thursday night, Oct. 22. There will be entertainment for all ages, plenty of food and, as a special added attraction, television personality "Barker Bill," his clown and his puppets will be on hand. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

### Recorder's Docket Lightened by 28 Cases During Past Two Weeks

Trial before Recorder Nick Noble or submissions to Clerk Walter Henderson have cleared 28 cases from the local court's docket in the past two weeks.

Principal among these was a probable cause hearing in the manslaughter and reckless driving charges against Willie A. Koonce of Trenton route 2, who was indicted after the ac-

### One Divorce Suit Filed in Past Week

Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson reports one new civil action filed in his office during the past week in which a divorce is sought on grounds of two-years separation.

The suit is brought by Lois Meadows Scardino against John J. Scardino Jr., whom she says she married December 12, 1960 and from whom she was separated July 1, 1962.

The suit also asks the court to award Mrs. Scardino custody of the one child, a daughter, which was borne to the marriage and which is now in her custody.

### Maysville Firemen Feel Need for More Equipment Soon

With approximately 20 members present, the Maysville Fire Department met at the Community building Monday evening.

Brought before the meeting for discussion was the need of additional fire fighting equipment, and Merle Jones, George Mateja and Robert Mattocks, chairman, were named as a committee to appear before the town board to ask their help in securing this equipment which will be needed when the water system goes into operation in about 45 days.

Also selected as a committee were George Mateja, Al Hardison, Milan LaRoque and Nolan Jones to begin preparations for the fireman's annual Christmas party.

A general discussion concerning the condition of and repairs needed on the fire house was held. It was recommended that the body and grounds committee check into the matter and present its finding to Chief Merle Jones, who will see that the necessary work is done.

Following adjournment, a fish stew supper was served.

cident west of Comfort that caused the death of a mother and three of her children. Koonce was held on probable cause of guilt and was released under \$2,000 bond.

There were seven non-traffic cases cleared, including assault with a deadly weapon charges against Robert Simmons of Dover route 2 and assault and carrying a concealed weapon charge against Roy Lee Simmons, also of Dover route 2. Each was given a 6-month jail term, suspended on payment of a \$25 fine and that they remain on probation for two years.

Jake Cobb of Richlands had a choice between 10 days in jail of payment of court costs for simple assault. He paid.

An assault-on-female charge against Darris Lee Gooding was dismissed and Melvin Sharp and John Alen Turnage both of Pollockville were found not guilty of the same offense.

Jake Dawson of Pollockville was found not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. James Allen Turnage of Pollockville paid \$16 for public drunkenness.

For speeding the following paid the indicated amounts: Tom Bryant of Trenton \$25, Johnny Jackson of Maysville \$15, John Reiff Jr. of Camp Lejeune \$25, Robert Howard of Richlands route 2 \$15, Neil Kellog of Jacksonville \$30, Benjamin Leroy Parker of Trenton route 2 \$25, Troy Lee Ferrell of Maysville route 1 \$30, John R. Jones of Camp Lejeune \$25, Alfred Lammands of Jacksonville \$25, George Ellis Baysden of Beulaville route 2 \$25 and Lucien Paquette of Camp Lejeune \$25.

Those paying the \$12 court

### District FHA Rally at Jones Central Last Week Attended by Nearly 900

By Teresa Creagh

Jones Central High School was host to the District II Rally of the Future Homemakers of America last Saturday. The theme for this year was "Future Homemakers are Education 'Fans'."

Registration began at 9 a.m. and the morning session began at 10 with the presentation of Colors by the United States Marine Color Guard from Camp Lejeune. The group was then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the National Anthem. Afterward, the opening ceremony began, with Judy Elliott, State FHA Recreation Leader, presiding.

Following the singing of the FHA Prayer Song, the thought for the day was presented by the White Oak Chapter. The girls used a rose, the FHA flower, to symbolize the qualities which a Future Homemaker should possess.

Mr. Jeter Taylor, Jr., principal of Jones Central High School, welcomed the Future Homemakers, and greetings were given by Mr. G. W. Harriett, Superintendent of Jones County Schools. Judy Elliott then recognized the special guests, among whom were Miss Alice Swann, District II Adviser, Mrs. Mabel L. Hall, Area Supervisor, Mrs. Ernestine H. Frazier, State FHA Adviser, Mr. and Mrs. Jeter Taylor, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Harriett.

The minutes of last year's District II Rally which was held at New Bern High School were read by the secretary Ann Woodard, from the Rosewood Chapter. Jackie Potter, president of the Jones Central Chapter of FHA, introduced the speaker of the day, Mrs. Ernestine H. Frazier, State FHA Adviser of High Point.

Mrs. Frazier spoke on the value of education to the homemaker. She emphasized that education will prepare the homemaker to assume her vital responsibility in improving the world of today.

"The family is the most important unit in our society," she said.

As she went on to emphasize the importance of education, she stated that, "An educated person is one who gets the most out of life, because she is not hemmed in by a lack of skill."

In discussing the problems which a lack of education may present, she emphasized the high rate of school dropouts.

costs for other traffic violations included Charles Fluelynn of Maysville, Benny Banks of Maysville, Samuel Griffin of Trenton route 2, Leston Mattocks of Maysville route 1, Ben Westbrook of Kinston route 3, Clifford Coble of Maysville star route, James C. Parker of New Bern and Katie Pipkin of New Bern.

One of the causes for this, she said, is a careless parental attitude toward education.

Mrs. Frazier discussed the modern homemaker as a career girl. She added that many homemakers of today have a career outside the home. On the problem of family breakdown, Mrs. Frazier said, "The homemaker is one of the strongest assets we have to curb this problem."

Following Mrs. Frazier's address, Frances Scott of the Lucama Chapter presented a "relaxer" for the group. The presentation of candidates for State Historian was given by Huglene Edwards.

The following were the nominees: (1) Mary Ina Grady from the East Duplin Chapter, (2) Patsy Britt from the Grantham Chapter, and (3) Mary Lee Humphrey from the White Oak Chapter.

Each of the nominees gave a 3-minute talk on the values of citizenship and each was asked to answer the question, "What are some of the outstanding qualities of a leader?"

Following the presentation of candidates, announcements concerning lunch were made by Mrs. Alma Phillips, co-adviser of the Jones Central Chapter.

Ann Beaman of the Brogden Chapter closed the morning session with a solo, "The Ballad of Barbara Allen."

Following lunch, the afternoon program began with a fun session presented by Jo Ann Boyd, after which the election of State Historian was held. The roll call was presented by the Farm Life Chapter, with representatives present from the following counties: Brunswick, Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, and Wayne.

A report of the National FHA Convention was presented by the delegates, after which a pageant entitled "Future Homemakers Are Education 'Fans'" was presented by the Duplin County Chapters. Patricia Morris then gave the following report on registration: there were 869 in attendance, including 764 FHA'ers, 55 advisers, and 12 guests.

The Green Central Chapter presented the new State Historian. She is Patsy Britt, a sophomore from Grantham High School. The Adviser nominees were then recognized. They are Elizabeth Scott from Charles B. Aycock High School, Marion Elkin from East Duplin High School, and Virginia Catalan from Jacksonville High School.

The closing ceremony brought to an end a very successful rally. In fact the rally was so impressive that Mrs. Ernestine Frazier commented, "These are the most beautiful and enthusiastic girls I have ever seen at an FHA rally."

### Five Jones Arrests

During the past week Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports five arrests: Lester Bryant of Pollockville for public drunkenness, Lucien Paquette of Camp Lejeune for speeding and failing to report an accident, Robert Earl Simmons of Dover route 2 for assault, Harrison Fox of Dudley for drunken driving and James Garfield Grady of Trenton for drunken driving.

### Ag Secretary in Kinston Thursday

Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman is scheduled to speak at the Lenoir County Court House at 11 Thursday morning in a speech that has been labelled "non-political."

Freeman, who is making several partisan speeches in the current campaign in North Carolina, has been invited to Kinston by the tobacco board of trade to speak on the tobacco program.

Congressman L. H. Fountain will introduce Freeman.