

Washing Up After Neuse's Most Expensive Flood

Since the water began to recede back within the banks last Monday night the task of going back home has been underway by several thousand Lenoir County citizens chased out by the most damaging flood in the river's history.

Although the river did not hit the 1919 mark of 25 feet, which is the recorded all-time record this 1964 flood did far more damage since in 1919 there were extremely few homes and business built in the river's flood plain.

Civil Defense officials estimated no less than 600 homes had to be evacuated in Lenoir County and several dozen business establishments suffered the same problem.

Over the weekend and on in to this week public health workers, beefed up by help sent in from Raleigh, were busy helping with the chlorination of exposed water supplies, fumiga-

tion of flooded areas and giving of typhoid immunization shots to people from the areas flooded.

This week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday surplus foods were being issued to people who had been forced out of their homes by the flood waters. This was part of the relief made available from the area being classified as a "disaster area" by the Federal government.

Another facet of this is that long-term low-interest loans through the Farmers Home Administration were made available to farmers who suffered serious loss from the flood, and who had no other source of credit to which they could turn.

The river did not slip back into its banks until Monday night when it fell below the 14-foot level which marks flood state at Kinston.

But each inch that the waters fell made it possible for sever-

al more evacuees to return to their homes and begin the job of cleaning up and drying out, a process that was aided over the weekend by dry and sunny conditions, slowed somewhat with rain all day Tuesday and accelerated again on Wednesday as cool, dry and sunny weather prevailed.

Minor flare ups occurred during the flooding when property owners in one area tried to protect their property by stopping up culverts under highways, but by the time the flood waters had receded this was forgotten by all except the most hotheaded.

Those with longer memories and more perceptive intelligence realize that one major cause of the heavy damage in the Rivermont area was the US 70 bypass which held back waters that normally would have passed the Kinston area more quickly.

The bypass actually is a dam from the intersection of 70 and

253 all the way out to Westview Cemetery and in that long stretch it only has two major passage ways for water. The river bridge and one slough bridge just west of the river.

Prior to the construction of this bypass the short stretch of NC 11 and NC 55 from Kinston out to the New Hope Church area had not only the river bridge but three large slough bridges to permit the more rapid flow of flood waters.

Kinston officials learned the hard way several more pressing good reason for rushing along the city's sewage disposal system, because in Southeast Kinston as the river waters backed up around many fine homes the flow of raw sewage continued to erupt from man-holes and to spread a dangerous and disgusting situation in a heavily built up area.

Public health officials were much concerned with this particular aspect of the flood damage and worked to keep this health hazard at the lowest pos-

sible minimum. The completion of the lagoon system now under construction will alleviate this problem in the future.

Another official problem came when the flood waters floated a number of burial vaults out of the ground in Southview Cemetery, one of four city-owned and operated cemeteries. City workers tied the floating vaults down and they have now been returned to their disturbed resting places, but not until they had added one most macabre touch to an otherwise not-too-exciting flexing of Mother Nature's muscles.

Estimates of the damage have been placed at over ten million dollars for the entire Neuse Basin and not less than one and one half million dollars in Lenoir County.

There is no way to know if this estimate is high, low or outside but no one can deny that the damage was not the worst in the history of the old muddy Neuse.

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National School Lunch Week Observed During Past Week at Jones Central Hi

By Teresa Craigh
The week of October 11-17 was National School Lunch Week, and Jones Central High School carried out its annual observance.

As in all schools which operate under the National School Lunch Program, lunches are served at Jones Central which provides each child with 1/3 to 1/2 of his daily nutritional requirements.

In the 1963-64 school term, 79,927 paid lunches were served.

Also, last year, under the federal program, more than 16 mil-

lion children consumed more than 2.7 billion meals. Another attractive aspect of this program is the price. In North Carolina, the prices of these lunches are 20c to 25c in most elementary schools and 20c to 40c in most secondary schools.

The theme for National School Lunch Week was "School Lunch Serves Youth," and its observance was by presidential proclamation.

The National School Lunch Act was passed by Congress in 1946. Its purpose is "to safeguard the health and well-being

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Want A Job?

Applications will be accepted until further notice for examination for positions as Substitute Postal Clerk and Substitute City Letter Carrier. The positions to be filled are in the Post Offices in Jones and surrounding Counties. Interested persons should secure complete information and application forms at their local Post Office.

ONE JONES ARREST

In the past week the office of Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports only one arrest, that of Vernon D. Riggs of New Bern who was charged with drunken driving.

Jones County's Free Will Baptists Raise \$1,814 for Mt. Olive College

The three Free Will Baptist Churches of Jones County raised \$1,814 Saturday night at their benefit dinner for the development fund of Mount Olive College.

Contributions this year were \$400 above last year, Rev. Roy Cauley, county chairman reported.

Participating churches and the amount of their gifts were Friendship near Trenton, \$1,244, Mrs. Rom W. Mallard,

chairman; Pilgrim's Home near Dover, \$344, Mrs. Thomas Hood, chairman; and Whaley's Chapel near Richlands, \$262, Fountain Taylor, chairman.

Arrangements for the dinner, which was held in Kinston, were made by Miss Margaret Carol Banks of Trenton.

President W. Burkette Raper illustrated the building program on the new campus with color slides of the first buildings.

Greensboro's Novel Experiment in Fighting Juvenile Crime Outlined

by Herman G. Enochs, Jr., Senior Judge, Greensboro Municipal County Court

In April of this year, an experiment was initiated in the Municipal - County Court of Greensboro to combat teen-age crime by giving teenagers a part in court proceedings involving trial of other teen-agers. This unique effort, called

"Friends of the Court," actually began some months before when a group of far sighted people in the City decided to do something about the alarming rise in the number of teenage law violators. A group of citizens, including a representative of the Court, went to Jacksonville, Florida, to observe a similar experiment being conducted there called the "Youth Jury. On their return, the group solicited and received the wholehearted support of City Officials, News and TV media, school officials and others, for a similar Court here. The "Friends of the Court" was born.

In this Court, certain selected cases involving teen-age defendants are segregated from the regular dockets of the Traffic and Criminal Divisions and set for trial in the Youth Court on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 2:00 o'clock, P.M. These cases are tried by a regular Judge and Solicitor of the Court, with teenage panels there observing.

Panelists are 16 to 19 year olds drawn from all seventeen public and parochial schools in Greensboro and rural Guilford County within the jurisdiction of the Court. They sit in on Traffic and Criminal trials of teen-agers, hear the evidence, and make recommendations on punishment to the trial Judge where the defendant has been adjudged guilty.

Guilt or innocence is never decided by the panel; that being in the sole province of the Judge. Recommendations and suggestions of the panel are given careful consideration by the Judge before he passes judgment on a teen-age defendant. He does not always find merit in their suggestions, but in many cases they are quite helpful to him in reaching his own judgment.

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This was the gathering of "Democrats-in-good-standing" on the court house porch last Thursday morning when Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman came to Kinston to make a speech that had been labelled "non-political." Freeman disappointed some by switching the theme from tobacco to politics, urging re-election of President Johnson to prevent what he called disaster in all farm programs, tobacco included. Master of Ceremonies Felix Harvey is seen above at his microphone as he introduced one of the several who spoke during the brief visit. From left to right around the picture are Lenoir County Democratic Executive Committee Chairman Oscar Waller, ASC Director Horace Galloway, Representative J. H. Fournain, Secretary Freeman, (pointing), Past County Chairman Olin Reed, D. H. Taylor, Sheriff Clay Broadway, and Representative Harold Cooley of the 4th North Carolina District, who is chairman of the local agriculture committee.