

Views Of The News

FLOOD NOW MENACE TO EASTERN CAROLINA

Raleigh — Torrents of yellow water surged out of the flood-stricken west yesterday and today and sent Eastern streams slopping over their banks toward the highest flood stages of the century.

The roaring Roanoke river is expected to reach a record height of 52 feet at Weldon today and officials ordered dynamiting of the protective dyke to prevent the total collapse of the 100-year-old nine-mile structure protecting the Caledonia Prison Farm.

WASHOUTS ALONG LEADING HIGHWAYS

Many highways in the Carolinas are still impassable. Bridges were washed away by the hundreds and crews have been working 24 hours trying to restore transportation, communication and power facilities to normal. A power lineman was electrocuted near Hendersonville.

Damage to tobacco and other crops was extensive.

LEADERS HOPE TO HALT ACTION UNTIL JANUARY

Washington — Anti-conscription leaders in the Senate started a drive last week to postpone consideration of the Burke-Wadsworth draft bill until the 77th Congress convenes next January. Several members opposing the draft said they expected strong support for the move.

DOROTHY LAMOUR CUTS HAIR, LENGTHENS DRESS

Hollywood — Dorothy Lamour has announced that her next public appearances will be in long dresses and short tresses.

She leaves shortly for a week's personal appearance at San Francisco—but no sarong. She had her hair cut for the picture "Moon Over Burma," not yet released, and feels short hair and sarongs are not compatible.

BRITISH, SWISS AND ITALIAN PLANE RECOVERED

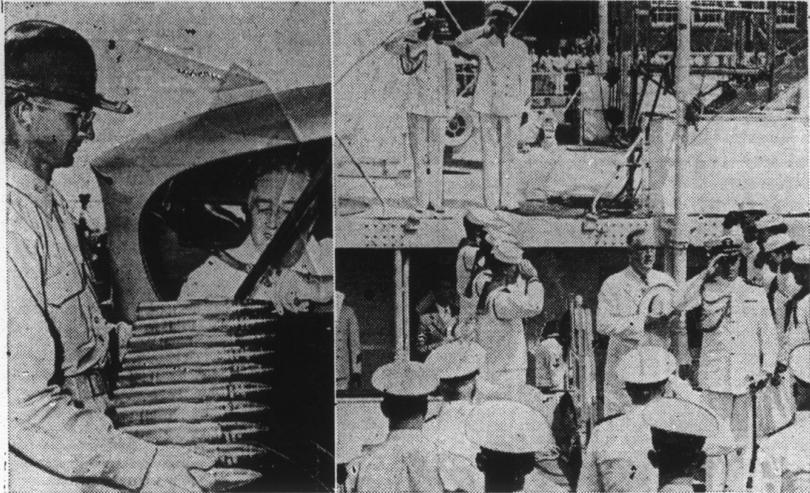
Rome — Relations between Italy and Switzerland threatened to become "acutely troubled" this week after British planes for the second time in 72 hours swept over the Swiss Alps to bomb northern Italian towns.

Well informed Italian quarters asserted that the government is taking a "very serious" view of repeated British violations of Swiss territory. They said Italy was planning to inform the Swiss government that she expected Switzerland to take stronger defense measures in the belief that mere protests to London would be ignored.

GETS THROUGH

Asheville, N. C. — Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, is there every time. To fill speaking engagements at Lake Junaluska and Asheville after his automobile stalled in flood waters, Dr. Graham took a mountain trail, hitchhiked on a freight train, and caught a passenger train. When the train came to an impassable trestle, Dr. Graham walked across and boarded another train on the other end.

Preparedness Is Speeding Ahead, Says F.D.R.



Visiting the U. S. naval stations, aerial and ship yards in the Norfolk, Va. area, and the naval and army bases in the Hampton Roads, Va., area, President Roosevelt expressed his pleasure over the advancing state of armament preparations. At left, the President is shown some 37 millimeter anti-aircraft shells by Lieut. E. H. Walter at Fort Monroe. At right, the President is shown arriving at the Norfolk navy yard with his naval aide, Capt. Daniel J. Callaghan. The presidential yacht Potomac is in background.

Interrupted Train Service Marks Flood In This Area

CHEROKEE AREA WINS HONOR IN NATIONAL GROUP

Patterson and McSwain Pleased With Recognition From Scout Headquarters.

Cherokee Boy Scout council, of which the Roxboro-Person council is a unit, has received unusual recognition from National Scout headquarters, according to announcement received from John G. Triplett, of New York, by Holland McSwain and A. P. Patterson, president and scout executive of the Cherokee council, who report that Cherokee has been selected as one of 12 out of 500 councils as a demonstration area in troop financing.

Accompanying the announcement was a bulletin from Chief Scout Executive James E. West, which included a full page of statistics gathered by the Cherokee council office showing the results of proper financing of a troop's program.

The statistics were compiled early in the spring prior to a visit by Mr. Triplett and forcefully illustrated the value of the troops having an adequate budget system whereby the dues paid by the boys were spent in a planned, efficient manner for the benefit of the boys in the troop.

These statistics proved so emphatically the value of a definite, planned finance program in the troop that James E. West saw fit to include it in his bulletin with recommendations to all Scout Executives that they make every effort to put every troop on a strong financial basis.

The Cherokee Council will be expected to attempt to get every troop on a well planned budget system and the records made by these troops will be studied over a period of years to determine the value of such planning.

Mr. Triplett and other national leaders will visit the Cherokee Council from time to time to check on the efficiency and the results obtained.

This is twice during the past year that Cherokee council has been recognized nationally. In the spring they were selected as a demonstration area in training and were visited by Harry K. Eby of the national staff who was in Cherokee for several days making a study of training methods used in this Council.

Schedules Resumed Today; City Goes Three Days Without Mail, Except Star Route.

Latest reports from the local Norfolk and Western office indicate that railway service on the Lynchburg, Va., and Durham line, only rail line passing through Roxboro, may be restored by Sunday, and thus bring to an end three days of comparatively isolation in the Roxboro area, where mail and passenger service has been disrupted since early Thursday morning because of flood conditions at Clarkton, Va., near Lynchburg, where the Staunton River rose at least 10 feet above track levels before it began to subside.

At the Dan river at South Boston, Va., and at the junction of the Dan and Staunton, at Clarksville, Va., highways leading towards Roxboro have been closed since Thursday, with waters reported as rising until late Friday night, although they are now said to be receding, after flooding lowland stores and dwellings. Numbers of Roxboro residents have been driving to South Boston to see the damages wrought and one young gentleman with a South Boston "date" is reported to have parked his car at water edge this side the bridge and "paddled" across said bridge to keep his engagement of the evening, only to return under conditions more like swimming than walking.

All travel north through Roxboro has been suspended, and hotels, cafes and service stations have reported countless travelers and truck-drivers whose machines have been turned back. To the west, the Danville highway, via Yanceyville has remained open.

Fortunately enough to be on the edge of rather than in a flood area. Person farmers to date have reported slight damages to tobacco or other crops, and it would seem that only those Person residents who have been away on vacation in the mountains or at the sea-shore have had any real "high-water" hardships. Among those reported to be stranded are Person's Democratic Senator nominee, Flem D. Long, and Mrs. Long, at Little Switzerland, and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Woody and family, who were en route to Kentucky at the time rains began and have been reported as halted at Marion, N. C. Several other persons were at various beaches but made their escape

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4-H WORK TOPIC AT ROTARY CLUB

Miss Velma Beam Tells Of 4-H Work In Person County.

Describing her work with the more than 300 4-H club members in Person county, Miss Velma Beam, Person Home Demonstration agent was guest speaker at the evening dinner session of the Roxboro Rotary club held at Lea's Chapel, near Leasburg.

Various stages of progress in Person's 4-H program during the past year were cited by Miss Beam, who was introduced by the program chairman, O. B. McBroom. Especially interesting was her account of home and farm projects entered into by the young people, and no less instructive was her report of the recent 4-H annual gathering at North Carolina State college, Raleigh, which was attended by a group of eight or ten from the Person clubs.

In conclusion, Miss Beam paid tribute to cooperation from parents and club advisors in each community, as well as to the valuable assistance rendered by County Agent H. K. Sanders and the former assistant agent, J. B. Snipes, who recently accepted the position of County Agent in Wilkes county after having served in Person for five years.

Tribute to Miss Beam, Mr. Sanders and Mr. Snipes was also expressed by the Rotary Club president, Gordon C. Hunter, who expressed regrets that the county commissioners have as yet made no provision for employment of a successor to Mr. Snipes.

Elected to membership in the Rotary club was City Manager Percy Bloxam, who came to this city from Raleigh earlier in the year and has since that time entered into all phases of social, civic and church life in Roxboro.

Music was under the direction of Wallace W. Woods and attendance was reported as 35. Next meeting of the club, at which dinner will be served by the Woman's Auxiliary of Concord church, will be held at Olive Hill Community house.

C of C Directors Announced Here By Secretary

New directors of the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce for the 1940-1940 season, as announced today by the Secretary, Wallace W. Woods, following tabulation of ballots received from members of the organization, are: Glenn Stovall, J. A. Long, Jr., City Manager Percy Bloxam, David S. Brooks, E. E. Bradsher, Sr., Prseton Satterfield, Sr., Howard K. Strang, E. G. Thompson and D. W. Ledbetter.

Of the nine new directors, chosen out of a field of fifteen nominees selected by a special committee, only four, Messrs. Bloxam, Bradsher, Satterfield and Ledbetter, have not previously served as directors. Mr. Stovall, the first director named, is also president of the organization.

Speed was the major factor in 93 accidents on North Carolina highways during January to July, 1940.

Along The Way With the Editor

By GORDON C. HUNTER

Maynard Clayton asked me to write this column one week while Sam is away on vacation. Maynard said it did not matter what I wrote about as long as he read the column anyway. I do not know anything about writing the column so that makes Sam and myself even.

OUTSTANDING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY
The three great mysteries of the year:
1. How did Sam Merritt get out of town on his vacation?
2. Why is one of the county's old bachelors building a new home, complete with new furnishings?
3. Why did another very eligible bachelor, not to be outdone, buy a new home already built?
Bets are about even on which will be the first to "middle aisle it."

Nomination For The Superman Of The Year
Notwithstanding the flood, a complete evacuation of Myrtle Beach, storm warnings, and a cyclone raging, Curtis, Oakley, getting his vacation, bravely drove into the storm and headed for Myrtle Beach.

Nomination For The County's Most Publicized Resident:
William Nickles, janitor at the post office and the bank, rated a whole page in the State Magazine, was written up in Dale Carnegie's syndicated column in 200 of the leading newspapers of the country, and received a whole column of publicity in the Daily Banker, with a circulation of over 14,000 in every state, including Hawaii, Philippines and Virgin Islands. William needs a new hat, as the one he has is not quite large enough.

Roxboro is getting air-minded. H. E. Bonds, N. C. Warren and Richard Warren own a plane that they keep in Danville. Mr. Bond took a vacation and flew with friends to El Paso, Texas, and then visited in Mexico. He stated he flew over some very high mountains and some desolate looking desert, that he would have hated to have made a forced landing in. He reported a very delightful trip, and wants to start a movement to get a small air port or landing field in Roxboro.

Toby Ledbetter's wife is marooned in Virginia, Bert Weatherly has not been able to get home in Durham, so Reade Jones took pity on them and carried them to the Rotary dinner at Lea's Chapel. Neither of them had had a square meal in so long, and they ate so much, that Earl Bradsher, Treasurer of the Club, thought it only fair, and paid for five extra meals.

Rowe Contrasts Successful Control With Other Methods

MEN AND WOMEN WISH THEY HAD STAYED AT HOME

Roxboro Residents At Beach And Mountain Resorts and Other Places Are Marooned By Floods.

Traveling over 250 miles in an effort to reach Virginia Beach, Va., where his wife and other members of his family have been spending their vacation, W. Reade Jones, Roxboro Warehouseman, returned to his home here Friday because flood waters had him checked at every turn. Mr. Jones first went to Clarksville, Va., only to find rivers there blocking all traffic.

He then went to Danville, Va., expecting to get out of the flood area by going beyond Lynchburg and around. He went to Danville, but came back home, and at last reports Mrs. Jones and party were still at the beach.

Less spectacular but hampering nevertheless has been the experience of a party of Roxboro women, composed of Mrs. C. C. Critcher, her daughter, Miss Frances Critcher, Mrs. A. W. Clayton and Mrs. F. O. Carver, Sr., who went on a trip to Williamsburg and other points in Virginia, returned via Lawrenceville, and have been marooned there since Thursday, although they are expected home today.

Also water bound are Mrs. D. W. Ledbetter and Mrs. Hattie C. Carver, city hall secretary, and her two sons, Linwood and Donald, who ended a Manteo vacation by returning to Brookneal, Va., to visit Carroll Carver, another son of Mrs. Carver's, who resides in that city, where all members of the party now remain because of a bridge washout.

More positive information has come from Mr. and Mrs. Flem D. Long, Roxboro residents, who two weeks ago left for their mountain cottage at Little Switzerland. In a card to his brother, A. M. Long, which was received last night, Mr. Long reports, "the worst time he has ever seen with roads blocked with landslides, and heavy rains since August 9, and still raining" (on Thursday, the 15.) As an after-thought Mr. Long added, "Can't do anything, but eat and sleep."

A. M. Long, in a telephone conversation with a Times reporter, said that he had received a telegram from his brother saying that they expect to be home in a few days.

Also reported cut off from Roxboro was Wallace Harris, tobaccoist, who has been in Maryland and endeavored to return home but had to go back to Richmond, Va., for the night.

Will Attend District Session

Members of the staff of the Person county unit of the tri-county, Orange-Person-Chatham, health department will attend a district meeting at Chapel Hill, Monday afternoon, at three o'clock, where chief speaker on the program will be Dr. J. J. Wright, venereal disease specialist, according to report yesterday from the local department. Among those expected to attend the session will be Dr. A. L. Allen, director of the local unit who returned last week from a vacation spent at Carolina Beach.

Discussion Will Continue Today With Address By I. G. Greer For United Drys.

Declaration that the ABC system has "succeeded so well in New Hanover county that if a pint of whiskey can be purchased at any hotel in Wilmington, the clerk is willing to pay the purchaser a reward of \$5", was one of several contrasting statements made yesterday afternoon by State Senator Roy Rowe, of Burgaw, in an address before Person citizens interested in adoption of the control system in this county.

Senator Rowe, who was introduced by Nathan Lunsford, prominent Roxboro attorney, was heard by a good sized audience.

Following the address here by Senator Rowe yesterday afternoon, who spoke at a mass meeting at the Person County Court house, discussion of the question which will be settled in the special election of August 24, will be resumed here today when I. G. Greer, superintendent of the Mills Home, Baptist orphanage at Thomasville, will speak on behalf of the Person unit of the United Dry Forces.

Mr. Greer, who will speak at the morning service at Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church, at the invitation of the Rev. W. C. Martin, pastor of the church, will be chief speaker at the afternoon session of the United Dry Forces which will be held at three o'clock in the afternoon at Roxboro high school auditorium.

Continuing his contrasts, Senator Rowe declared that his business frequently takes him to Charlotte, in dry Mecklenburg, where whiskey can be bought at any hotel in that city, at less than ABC prices.

The Senator, who represents a district composed of controlled New Hanover and uncontrolled Pender, also pointed out that under the control system there is regulation of the amount of whiskey sold to any one person, that selling is limited to certain hours of the day, that the system prohibits sale to minors and that it is unlawful to make sales to persons known to be excessive users of alcohol. He further said that since whiskey seems always to be with us, it is, in his opinion far better to have it sold under a workable control plan such as the ABC system has shown itself to be.

Miss Beam Heads Club Committee

Miss Velma Beam, of this city, Home Demonstration Agent for Person county, has received appointment as chairman of the Education committee of the North Carolina Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs, according to announcement by the Federation president, Mrs. Ruby Day Barfield. As chairman of the Education committee Miss Beam will also serve on the Federation Board of directors.

GREEKS RECEIVE APOLOGY FROM GERMANS

Athens — The Italian naval attaché was reported in reliable circles tonight to have apologized to Premier John Metaxas for the aerial bombing directed at two Greek destroyers today, declaring the Italian fliers had mistaken them for British ships.

Pedestrian fatalities in this state for the first six months of 1940 decreased 12 per cent from those for the same period last year.