

THROUNGS WITNESS SPECTACLE FROM VANTAGE POINTS

At the end of almost every road leading to the river or into the river valley were found people who had come to see the raging torrent which the Roanoke created here Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, Aug. 16-20—the highest by several feet of any flood in recorded history of the river."

Roanoke Avenue leading down to the river in Roanoke Rapids, U. S. Highway 301 leading to the bridge at Weldon, and all other roads which gave people a chance to see the flood were crowded especially Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

Patrolmen, police, and scouts had roped off areas to keep down the congestion. Cars were stopped hundreds of yards away and people trudged down to vantage points, in many cases through slush and mud. Paths appeared in fields and woods immediately after others were flooded nearer the water.

City car tags from Henderson, Warrenton, Louisburg, and other cities showed that the sights in this section drew people from far and near.

Young girls braved the mud in their high heels, old women toddled along with canes, babies were carried in arms, sportsmen made use of their boots, men and women pulled off their shoes and hose and went barefooted—all to get good views of the wide expanse of water and the wreckage it was creating.

Men with motor boats dropped their boats in at convenient places and offered to take passengers sightseeing. From the end of Roanoke Avenue proved a popular terminal here. Most people went straight across over the road bed to the bridge, but a few of the more curious took a turn among the buildings of the C. D. Williams Machine Works, the Halifax Paper Company, and the Roanoke Mills Company plant.

No charge was being made but passengers were tipping the boatmen generously.

Unbelief was written in the eyes of all the spectators. They saw the immense lake of water before them but they could not believe that there could be enough water in the country to cover the space that was being covered.

Old timers said that the flood of 1912 was bad, but the flood of 1940 was "terrible". Some men say that the water rose here in 1912 until it about covered the Veterans picnic ground near the intersection of highway 47 and the road leading to the cotton and paper mills. The flood this year came high above the picnic grounds, flooding the Avenue to within about 75 feet of the S.A.L. switch line.

Saturday Carroll Wilson, editor of the Herald, secured a plane from Rocky Mount and viewed the flood from the sky. Shearod Crumpler went up also and took photographs from the plane.

Throughout the day Saturday, Sunday, and Monday planes flew over the flooded areas. Many of them were apparently taking pictures of the scenes here and at Weldon.

Many of the officials, scouts, and patrolmen kept vigil throughout the night to watch the water creep steadily up and as steadily fall.

Jarrett Girl Hurt In Plane Landing

Miss Louise Pope of Jarrett, Va., is a patient in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital here this week, suffering from injuries received last week when the airplane in which she was riding made a bad landing at Emporia, it is reported here. The pilot and owner of the plane, W. C. P. Weaver of Emporia, was uninjured.

Miss Pope was under the care of an Emporia physician until Saturday when it was thought wise to bring her to the hospital here. There were no fractures, according to reports received here.

Former Principal Selects Name For New School

The new school on the Roanoke Rapids-Littleton road was named by a former principal, H. Arnold Peery, of the old South Rosemary school. A letter in which he suggested the name to the County Board of Education appears below: Mr. R. L. Applewhite, Chairman Halifax Co. Board of Education Halifax, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Applewhite: It has been called to my attention that the new Halifax County school building that is being built near South Rosemary is nearing completion and will soon be dedicated. As a former principal of the South Rosemary school I should like to suggest a name for the new school.

In my opinion, no better choice could be made than to name the school after one of Halifax County's most illustrious early citizens, William R. Davie. Davie was a patriot, achieving distinction as a soldier in the Revolution; a statesman, being a valuable member of the Federal Convention, an efficient governor of North Carolina, an honored envoy to France; and an educator with vision, being acclaimed throughout the State as the "Father of the University."

William R. Davie is a name that any community should be proud to give its public school, but it is especially fitting and appropriate for a Halifax County community.

I hope you will not consider me too presumptuous in making this suggestion. I am sure you and others have considered the matter, and I am prompted only by my interest in the community where I served for several years as school principal.

Very truly yours,
H. Arnold Perry,
Division of Instructional Service

TOWN TALK

(Crowded out last week)

Mrs. J. E. Grant, Mrs. Lawrence Jones, Mildred Ray Grant, and Ann Bidgood were visitors in the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bowman and Mrs. D. H. Stratton were visitors in Chase City, W. Va., Wednesday afternoon and were accompanied home by Joy Bowman.

Mrs. E. F. Smoot is visiting relatives in Charleston, W. Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hockaday and son, Wade, and Miss Dorothy Hockaday returned Saturday from Charleston, West Virginia.

Mrs. Paul Ray returned from Portsmouth Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Martin and children, who are spending the summer at Minnesott, spent the week-end here.

Miss Shafia Hatem is spending the week in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Vincent and children, Billie, Marilyn, and Barbara, Jimmie Mayfield, Mrs. Mildred Moore, and Miss Jean Gibson left Monday for Ocean View.

Miss Wilma McDaniel has returned from Fayetteville.

Mrs. Frank Rightmeyer and children are the guests of Mrs. R. J. Rightmeyer.

Messrs. Ray Whitby, Ernest Whitby, Buck Blanton and Robert Moore, all of Brodnax, Va., spent Monday in South Rosemary with Mrs. Bernice Barrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed White, Mr. and Mrs. Mayo Coburn are spending this week at Minnesotte Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Routen, Mr. and Mrs. Cary Massey, Mrs. J. C. Wells, Misses Helen Robinson, Elma Dawson, Willie Harris, Mrs. Bessie Cullom, and R. G. Floyd, Charlie Hales, Ed Jones spent Sunday at Va. Beach and Ocean View, Va., on a fishing trip.

Miss Roberta Johnson has returned from a vacation spent in Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Northington are spending two weeks in New York.

LITTLETON NEWS

(Crowded out last week)

Mrs. J. H. Alexander and Miss Annie Alexander are spending this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alexander in Richmond, Va.

Miss Ertie Boyd Warren has returned here after spending some time in New Jersey.

Miss Esther Mears of Weaver-ville, N. C., is visiting Mrs. M. W. Ransom.

Miss Ellen McRae of Raleigh is spending several weeks here with friends.

Miss Esmond Bradley returned to Raleigh Wednesday after spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Rufus Bradley.

Dandridge House returned to New York City after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry House.

Miss Mary Emma Smith returned Sunday after spending several days in Reidsville and Warrenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Foster of Raleigh are spending their vacation with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Person.

Mrs. Julian Efrid has returned to Tampa, Florida, after visiting relatives here.

Joseph Newsom has returned home after spending several weeks in Leasburg, N. C.

Mrs. Stanley Atwell and daughter have returned to Middletown, Conn., after spending some time with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Jenkins and family are spending several days in Columbia, South Carolina, with Mr. Jenkins' relatives.

Miss Sallie Boyce of Wilson is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Boyce.

Ola Mae Gardner has returned after spending a week at Carolina Beach.

Miss Mary Shearin and Miss Annie Morecock left here Saturday for Carolina Beach, where they will spend this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Alston have returned after spending a

few days in Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ball of Washington, D. C., spent a few days with Mrs. Ball's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Jones.

Miss Carrie Myrick is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Alice Browning.

Mrs. J. B. Boyce has returned from Baltimore, Maryland, after visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Johnston.

Miss Katie Niblock returned here Friday after spending her vacation at her home in Concord, N. C.

Miss Emily Phippen has returned to Raleigh after spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Phippen.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Parker and family returned Sunday after spending last week with Mrs. Parker's father, N. G. Pitt.

Mrs. N. G. Pitt spent last week with relatives and friends in Rocky Mount, Williamston and Greenville.

Mrs. Roger C. Moore of Raleigh spent the week-end with her husband and parents, Dr. and Mrs. Horace Palmer.

Miss Charlotte Dawson of Norfolk, Va., spent a few days with Mrs. J. H. Newsom.

Fred Smith of Ahoskie spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Acree.

Mrs. Raleigh G. Bradley and daughter, Annette, are spending a few days in Oxford with Mrs. L. M. Simpson, Mrs. Bradley's sister.

Divorces Granted At Superior Court

The following divorces were granted Friday, August 16, 1940, in Superior Court: Mary Mitchell Newsome vs. Bobbie Thomas Newsome; Fred W. Jones vs. Edith Jones; Mamie Ellen Gray Pierce vs. Gustavus Pierce; John A. Carras vs. Mary Carras; Eulis Wheeler vs. Nellie S. Wheeler.



SUMMERTIME IS THE TIME

- to "GO PLACES"
- "SEE PEOPLE"
- "DO THINGS"

ECONOMY "LEADED"

is the Gasoline to Use! Only -



BEST GRADE OF **KEROSENE** per gal. **9c**

(5-Gal. Lots Delivered — 50c)

Roanoke Rapids Oil Co.

For Prompt Delivery — Dial R-315
1524 Roanoke Ave. **JAKE SPIRE, Manager**



Carelessness - -

SOMEBODY else's carelessness can involve you in a serious automobile accident which may lead to your financial bankruptcy. Don't risk your present prosperity and happiness by driving without adequate Automobile Insurance. See to it today that you are fully protected.

NATIONAL

Loan & Insurance Co. Inc.

12 W. Second St.

Dial R-444-1