

STORM DEATH TOLL REACHES 12

Known Dead List

Mrs. C. W. Bain, aged 65, of 409 McAdoo avenue, died shortly after reaching hospital of internal injuries received when a beam trapped her back of stairs in basement where she had taken refuge when the tornado struck.

Mrs. J. B. Ayers and her daughter, Gloria, aged eight, of 411 McAdoo avenue, whose charred bodies were removed from the ruins of their burned home.

Mrs. Maude Viola Clendenin Johnson, 25 years old, of 406 Gorrell street, dead when workers found her crushed body after digging an hour and a half in the wreckage of her home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy, of 408 Gorrell street, who died shortly after reaching hospital.

J. L. Taylor, aged 35, 415 Asheboro street, electrician with Southern railway, electrocuted and burned when stepping on live wire at intersection of Asheboro and East Lee streets.

J. H. Powell, negro barber, of Reidsville, killed in Five Points cafe, Lewis street.

Will Ward, 20, negro dishwasher at Five Points cafe, Lewis street, where he lived, killed when cafe was wrecked.

Ned Lee, aged about 24, negro taxi driver, 1113 South Cedar street, killed in destruction of Five Points cafe, Lewis street.

Elizabeth Toran, 45-year-old negro woman, 612 Bennett street, who died at her home of a heart attack when the storm struck.

The body of Robert Mitchell, 18-year-old dishwasher, of 211 Lewis street, was removed from the wreckage of Five Points cafe shortly before 12 o'clock Friday, bringing the death toll from Thursday night's tornado to 12. Mitchell's body was badly crushed, and he is believed to have been killed instantly when the building was demolished. National guardsmen are still excavating in the ruins of the cafe for bodies of two other negroes believed to have sought refuge in the cafe when the fury of the storm struck.

LIST OF INJURED.

Eighty-five injured persons were taken to four hospitals for treatment, and 43 are today patients in these hospitals, with one not expected to live through the day, and four others in critical condition. Thirty-five received treatment for their injuries and were dismissed several hours later.

CLINIC.

Patients at clinic hospital are:

E. C. White, Jr., 11 years old, of Bessemer, still semi-conscious suffering with a fractured leg, condition critical.

Alfred White, of Bessemer, crushed compound fracture of the left leg and head injuries; condition is critical.

Mrs. Sue Shelton, 400 South Eugene street, lacerated leg.

Mary Hazel Wilson, William Wilson, Mrs. Maggie Wilson, William Wilson, Jr., Susie Bell Wilson, all of 607 1/2 South Elm street, all suffering with head injuries.

Elwood Prater, face injuries; Agatha Prater, lacerated knee, head and chest; Billy Prater, injury to both arms, face and leg; all of 408 Gorrell street.

Mrs. W. A. Adams, 300 Gorrell street.

(Continued on Page Eleven)

Bruno's Counsel Makes Last Desperate Move to Save Him

Fisher Demands Hunterdon Grand Jury Be Convened to Hear Wendel Evidence; Mercer Jury Will Not Ask Stay.

(Copyright, 1936, by The Associated Press)

TRENTON, N. J., April 3.—Bruno Richard Hauptmann's counsel lashed out shortly before noon today in a last desperate effort to save him from the electric chair, after the Mercer county grand jury had given notice it would not again seek to interfere with the Lindbergh baby killer's execution.

WEATHER

Minimum temperature of 25 degrees is forecast for Greensboro and vicinity tonight by the government weather station at Friendship.

North Carolina: Fair, except cloudy in mountains; slightly colder in east portion; frost with freezing in 10 to 20 degrees; Saturday fair and not so cold in west portion.

Temperature	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Asheville	64	34	.01
Atlanta	68	30	.00
Augusta	74	36	.00
Birmingham	56	30	.00
Charlotte	72	44	.36
Chickasaw	68	33	.23
Chicago	30	24	.02
Columbia	72	38	.48
Denver	38	20	.00
Des Moines	42	20	.02
Evansville	36	24	.00
Galveston	62	46	.00
GREENSBORO	65	32	.58
Hattiesburg	42	30	.00
Jacksonville	82	48	1.18
Key West	86	76	.00
Little Rock	44	30	.00
Los Angeles	68	50	.00
Memphis	72	40	.00
Meridian	58	34	.00
Miami	84	72	.88
Mobile	74	40	.00
New Orleans	74	40	.00
New York	48	36	.28
Raleigh	68	38	1.08
San Antonio	64	40	.00
San Francisco	62	48	.30
Spokane	70	32	.06
Tampa	82	58	.86
Washington	52	36	.36
Wilmington	72	46	.00

Maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall for the 24-hour period ending at 8 o'clock this morning follow:

RALEIGH, April 3.—(AP)—The motor vehicle bureau reported today a decline of 20 per cent in registration of new cars this year despite a steady gain in the sale of automobile license plates.

The bureau reported sale of 8,584 new cars and 2,993 new trucks this year compared to 12,148 cars and 3,119 in the same period last year.

March sales of new automobiles dropped 14 per cent under last year, but a 20 per cent gain was registered during the month in truck sales.

Sale of license plates, however, show an increase of nearly 35,000 over the same period last year.

Decline Is Seen In Registration Of Automobiles

(Continued on Page Six)

SEEK \$100,000 FOR RELIEF OF STORM VICTIMS

Red Cross Organization Goes to Work to Raise Sufficient Immediate Funds

RELIEF PLANS DRAFTED

The finance committee of the Greensboro chapter, American Red Cross, met in session with a representative group of Greensboro business men this afternoon and set the tentative relief plan at \$100,000. Immediately following, the initial gifts committee met and announced pledges of \$25,000 for immediate use, the amount being pledged by the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance company group of officers and employees, the Cone mills, the Pilot Life Insurance company officers and employees and the Mock-Judson-Voehringer company.

The consensus was that far more than \$100,000 would be necessary to provide immediate relief for the 500 or more people made homeless and to provide for rehabilitation, some indicating the cost would be far greater. It was voted to let the fact be known that contributions would be welcomed from other places in the state.

Conservative Figure.

J. D. Wilkins and E. M. Oettinger, local Red Cross officials, explained the general situation, at the request of Chairman N. S. Calhoun, of the finance committee, and while they stated they were unwilling to state what would be necessary to carry forward the relief activities and rehabilitation, they thought the figure set was conservative.

Mr. Calhoun presided over the meeting, held in the chamber of commerce quarters, which lasted for more than an hour. The several phases of the work were discussed and Chairman Calhoun presented an organization set-up that was adopted.

Set-Up Made.

This set-up provided for a public call to citizens of the city and county to respond to the call for relief, subscriptions to be left at the several banks, and the following committees to organize and be prepared for instant service in solicitation, if the public response was not adequate:

Initial gifts—Julian Price, C. G. Hudson, Herman Cone, Frank Curran and Ben Cone.

Manufacturers—John E. Voehringer.

Offices and stores—J. T. Martin.

Churches—Dr. Charles F. Myers.

Fraternity organizations—John W. Caffey.

Civic clubs—Montgomery S. Hill.

Schools—Guy B. Phillips.

Publicity—C. M. Ketchum.

Radio—Joe S. Bryan.

Each chairman was empowered to select his own committee to serve in the campaign.

On motion, W. A. Kelly, the chairman was authorized to appoint a committee, of which Mayor Roger W. Harrison would be the chairman, to consider the advisability of calling upon the WPA director in an effort to secure funds for reconstruction activities in the storm-torn area. It was the belief that no better use could be made of these funds than in relieving the economic distress wrought by the storm.

Chairman J. D. Wilkins of the disaster committee of the Red Cross, in presenting a summary of the situation, called attention to the fact that the destruction was nothing like as severe as it might have been. He called upon those present to visualize what would have happened had the storm moved down Market street at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and had it did on the three story structure at Elm and Lee streets last night.

Chairman Calhoun stated, one woman at the Security National bank had been busy all day receiving contributions to the relief fund and he expected funds had been received at the other banks. The general belief was that when the full magnitude of the disaster became known contributions would begin rolling in from many other sections of the state.

Mr. Oettinger expressed the belief that Greensboro would rally to the call for help. Only a couple of weeks (Continued on Page Eighteen)

Britain Will Move To Punish Italians For Poison Gas Use

LONDON, April 3.—(AP)—Shocked and angered by the receipt of what it considers irrefutable proof that the Italians are using poison gas in Ethiopia, the British government indicated tonight that it is preparing to strike at Premier Mussolini with pressure for an oil embargo against Italy unless he agrees to a quick cessation of hostilities.

An authoritative source declared that the British will immediately ask Salvador de Madariaga, of Spain, president of the league of nations' sanctions committee—the "committee of 13"—to call that body into session immediately to determine the prospects for peace in order to clear the way for further sanctions against Italy if Mussolini is not ready to call an armistice.

Pictures Show Immensity of Tornado Damage



The top photograph shows the demolished houses in the hard hit section of Gorrell street which largely bore the brunt of last night's tornado. The lower picture is of Mrs. E. M. Baper, of 408 Gorrell street, whose sister, Mrs. W. E. Johnson, was killed, and house where Mrs. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Murphy were also killed. Workers shown digging for another body believed to be trapped in basement. (Other pictures on page 9.)

Business and Industrial Properties Suffer Heavy Damage In Storm's Path

Business, industrial and residential properties suffered damages running into untold thousands last night as the tornado unleashed its fury and bounded like a rubber ball through sections of South Greensboro, spreading death and destruction in its crooked, freakish path.

A hasty survey completed this morning by the Red Cross tells the following story:

Fifteen stores demolished, 86 others partly destroyed; 52 residences demolished, 126 others partly demolished; nine industrial plants demolished, 17 others partly demolished; at least four churches either wholly or partly destroyed.

Break Place First.

Following a course that seemed almost due east, the twister apparently struck first at the George C.

DEATH STALKS IN DESOLATION OF LEE STREET

Impossible Happens In Greensboro and Leaves Dead and Injured in Wake

PEOPLE FLEE LIKE MICE

By LEONARD WILSON.

The black twister of destruction left in its wake last night a picture of almost utter desolation in the 400 block of Gorrell street, probably the hardest hit portion of the city—with 13 homes reduced to almost one solid mass of debris.

Immediately after the tornado struck the city fire and ambulance units were rushed to the scenes of destruction. Among the first to reach Gorrell street were Police Officers D. P. Jarvis and C. S. Current, who were cruising in their patrol car at Asheboro and Gorrell streets just one block from the scene of the disaster. Their motor running, they did not hear the tornado strike.

"Station W4XV calling Officers Jarvis and Current" came in their radio. "Report to a fire at 413 McAdoo avenue."

They rushed to the fire, which came immediately after the tornado struck. They were awestruck at the sight.

"Men, women and children were running in the street, screaming," Officer Jarvis said.

"We never thought such a thing could happen here. Houses were crushed, automobiles overturned. Knowing that something must be done immediately, we found two negro men who worked heroically in pulling injured persons from houses and in stopping traffic in the affected area until help arrived. People were trapped like mice in frame structures. Medium ruled, with fright."

(Continued on Page Eleven)

Only Two of Storm Victims Considered Gravely Injured

Total of 85 Persons Removed to Hospitals Here After Suffering Injuries In Storm Last Evening.

With the exception of two nine-year-old boys, Garland Jones, of 204 Hendley street, unconscious from a fractured skull and suffering other severe injuries, and Alfred White, of Bessemer, in a critical condition from a crushed compound fracture of the left leg and head wounds, all of Greensboro's 85 persons whose injuries from the tornado of Thursday night were severe enough to require hospitalization, are showing improvement satisfactory to the point of warranting attending physicians and hospital authorities to believe in their ultimate recovery.

The Jones boy, desperately hurt when the car in which he and his grandfather, James G. Jones, aged 59, with whom he made his home, were going to attend prayer services, was crushed by the force of the wind, is at St. Leo's hospital. He has never regained consciousness, and is not expected to live through the night. His condition early Friday afternoon was slightly worse, and death had been considered imminent when he entered the hospital.

One More Serious.

The White lad, whose left leg is broken in several places and badly crushed, is at Clinic hospital, as is E. C. White, Jr., 11-year-old Bessemer boy, who also has a fractured leg. His condition, regarded at first as extremely grave, is improved, although it remains serious and he is still not out of danger. Alfred's condition, however, is causing attending physicians to believe in their ultimate recovery.

(Continued on Page Twenty)

DAVID LAMSON WINS FREEDOM

Wife Murder Charges Against California College Press Executive Dismissed.

SAN JOSE, Calif., April 3.—(AP)—Wife murder charges against David A. Lamson were dismissed today and he was ordered liberated immediately.

District Attorney Fred Moore personally asked Superior Judge J. J. Trabucco to dismiss the charge against Lamson, who had faced three trials.

Moore said it was impossible to obtain a jury to convict the defendant. Lamson, former Stanford University press executive, was convicted at his first trial for slaying his young wife, Allene Thorpe Lamson, and sentenced to hang.

More Than 100 Suffer Injuries In Catastrophe

Greatest Disaster Toll In Life and Property In History of City Is Being Counted This Morning; Task of Searching Ruins For Other Victims Under Way.

Greensboro today in the aftermath of its first tornado, which struck with sudden and devastating fury at 7:15 o'clock last night, is bending its every effort in the gigantic task of relief and rehabilitation.

As the work of clearing away the debris and restoring necessary services in the stricken and wrecked zones goes forward, the city mourns the death of those who perished in last night's horror, continues ministrations to the injured and homeless and reckons the greatest loss of life, limb and property Greensboro has ever suffered in a single catastrophe.

The closest possible check up to 1 o'clock today showed 12 known dead, more than 100 injured, and property damages estimated at millions of dollars.

The immediate and pressing needs of the situation are being promptly met. Scores of workers are on the job searching in the wreckage for the bodies of additional victims, clearing streets in the storm-wrecked zones, policing the area and speeding the work of restoring light, water and communication facilities.

City and county officers have been on duty continuously since the disaster struck and they are being assisted by local national guardsmen, Boy scouts, firemen and by numerous other persons, including many volunteers. The Red Cross, and the Salvation Army were early at the work of relief. CCC and WPA workers are here assisting. Relief and rehabilitation efforts are rapidly being co-ordinated.

Salvage and wrecking crews are busy at factories, stores and residences, many leveled, others badly damaged and some appearing ready to topple over. The damage is confined to the southern part of the city largely—that portion lying south of the Southern railway.

The twister leaped out of the storm-blackened southwestern skies with a horrifying roar and terrifying suddenness. Funnel-shaped, with tip glowing like fire in light reflected, it came swirling and rushing, dipping to earth here and there as it swept on in an east, northeast course, leaving a trail of wreckage, fire, injury and death in its wake. It was gone in the span of a few minutes—almost before anyone realized what was happening.

A moment after its passage flames spurted upward from burning factories and homes, flaring vividly against storm clouds that hung low over the southside. Walls and shrieks of victims pierced the air, the crack of splintering timbers and the crash of falling walls of masonry added terror. The scream of sirens from fire trucks, ambulances and police cars, and the bellow of locomotive whistles resounded. Spurts of blue-white flame leaped from breaking electric wires. And then, adding to the general alarm and confusion, the city was plunged into inky blackness. The power company found it necessary to cut off current to prevent the outbreak of additional fires.

The few streets that remained clear for traffic in the southside were soon cluttered with honking automobiles. Ropes were hastily stretched across debris-filled streets, but soon even these thoroughfares were thronged by thousands, some frenziedly seeking relatives and friends known to be dead, dying or injured. Flashlights flared like fireflies in the blackened streets. Here and there a kerosene light or a candle gleamed. Numerous stores, garages, factories and homes in the trouble zone were left unguarded for a time, before it was possible to station guards. But the police report there was but little looting.

Not for long, however, was the city left in total darkness. The skies cleared quickly. Moon and stars came out. And, a little later, the power company had lights burning in most sections which had not been touched by the twister.

By way of scientific explanation as to the origin of the tornado, J. P. Molen, head of the local weather bureau, says it was created when a deep current of warm, moist air came in sudden contact with a cold "front" or a volume of cold atmosphere. The condition described, he says, is "ideal" for creating twisters. The tornado, he further explains, sprang from the junction point of the two air currents, the one hot the other cold. The cold "block" said he, was a front of polar continental air, crowding in on a prevailing warm wave. The mercury dropped with startling rapidity after the tornado had passed, the night was cold, and today the cold "snap" continues.

While last night's tornado was the first of record for Greensboro and vicinity, it is a fact doubtless remembered by some older residents in this part of the state that a tornado swept over a rather restricted area in parts of Forsyth, Rockingham and Stokes counties—all of which join Guilford—some 50 years ago. That twister struck no towns, but it leveled several farm dwellings and out-houses and cut a pathway through the forests at several points. Its range was some 30 miles in length and less than a quarter of a mile wide.

World war veterans viewing the ruins in the storm-wrecked business and residential sections of Greensboro today must be reminded of the bomb and shell-torn and littered cities and villages of northern France and Belgium as they appeared 18 years ago.

(Continued on Page 18)