

Woman Dashes Into Closet To Escape Wrath of Storm

Always a thing of sweeping horror, he could and in a few seconds that seemed like hours the door to a closet in the room opened and the fear bleached face of Mrs. Walker looked out. In a voice that croaked its first words after a temporary paralysis she called to her husband. "Come in here," she said.

With no reason in mind, but acting in a desperate impulse Mrs. Walker came out of the closet and went to her husband. They stood in the center of the room, clasped tightly in one another's arms until the blow which did little more damage to their quarters was over. Neither sustained any injury.

FHA Will Offer All Assistance

J. L. Suiter, state director of the federal housing administration, stated Friday that state headquarters of the FHA here would be glad to assist any of the persons or firms that lost their property in the tornado which struck here Thursday night to rebuild through insured loans.

When Mr. Walker, stunned by the tornado's intrusion looked about for his wife she had suddenly vanished from the room. He called and there was no answer. He called again, terrified, and there was still no answer. He raised his voice as much above the screaming wind as

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GEORGIA DEATH TOLL 25 TODAY

Cordele Counts 18 Dead; Tornado Takes Lives of 39 In All Southeast

CORDELE, Ga., April 3.—(AP)—Cordele today began to clear wreckage left by vicious spring winds which killed at least 39 persons yesterday in a haphazard tour of destruction across the southeast.

Of the 10 or so communities scourged by tornado winds, this town of nearly 7,000 population suffered the most. Eighteen were killed, about 500 injured and property damage roughly set at \$1,250,000 was done as a twister smashed 300 buildings in its two-mile drive through two residential sections.

After centering its fury here at dawn, the storm pursued an erratic course north and east, inflicting widespread damage but failing to take many lives until it descended in full force at Greensboro, N. C., early last night.

Count 25 Dead.

Georgia counted 25 dead today. North Carolina stood next with a death list of 11 while along the fringes of the storm areas Florida, Alabama and South Carolina reported one fatality each.

Yesterday's tragedies brought the southeast's 1936 storm deaths to 55. Seventeen persons perished in disturbances centering in northwest Florida some weeks ago.

Other areas reporting deaths from wind included Florida in northeast Georgia, three; Seaboard, Ga., one; Gordo, Ala., one; Danbury-Flora-Hill community, Georgia, one; Hampton, S. C., one and Leesburg, Ga., one. Lightning attendant on severe rainstorms which drenched the entire southeast claimed a life at Apalachicola, Fla., and another at Bald Springs, Ga.

Others Damaged.

Communities reporting extensive property damage with injuries, but no fatalities included Vidalia, Ga., Concord, N. C., Washington, Ga., Lincolnton, Ga., and Concord, loss of electric power forced temporary shutdowns in several large textile mills.

This central Georgia town set itself to the gargantuan task today of rehabilitating one-sixth of its area.

Twin threats of disease and water pollution added to the problems facing combined relief agencies of the federal government, city and county. More than 1,000 persons, both white and negro, were homeless.

Relief workers and convicts slowly dug away the wreckage in the stricken area, three blocks wide and two miles long.

Hospitals were crowded. Hotels were pressed into service by medical officers. Not a room was available in town.

Typhoid and tetanus vaccine in wholesale quantities was rushed into the city. All injured persons were treated with the anti toxin. Everyone who had not received typhoid vaccine, whether injured or unharmed, was urged by Dr. C. C. Bowdon of the state health department to be inoculated at once.

Had the storm struck two hours later, the death toll might have been appalling. Two substantial brick schools were demolished. City officials said 2,000 children would have been endangered.

Half of the destruction was in the most select residential section. The rest was in the negro areas where ramshackle houses were smashed like so much cardboard.

HOLC Will Help Its Mortgagors

All persons having loans through the Home Owners Loan corporation whose property was damaged by the tornado in Greensboro last night are asked to communicate immediately with the HOLC offices in the new portofolio building.

Tornado insurance is carried on all HOLC mortgaged property and the office here wishes to assist property owners in making temporary as well as permanent repair work.

FARMER ARRIVES HERE.

Capt. Charles D. Farmer, head of the state highway patrol, was an early morning visitor in Greensboro to direct the work of the highway patrolmen and to assist in the work being done by relief and emergency workers. He inspected the areas that were struck by the tornado.

Hospital Patients Tell Of Tornado Experiences

The idea of being ready to be discharged from a hospital would be welcomed by practically any patient, but not in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, of 607 1-2 South Elm street, and their family of three children.

And the reason is that they have no home to which they can return. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, patients at the Clinic hospital, were in an apartment building over the Coble and Starr Motor company on South Elm street when the tornado hit Greensboro last night, and almost like a flash of lightning the brick structure collapsed, leaving only the lower remnants of the construction.

Mr. Wilson, a carpenter by trade, told a Record reporter today that he was getting ready to retire for the night when a sudden bolt struck the building. With the first sound of the shattering glass he leaped for his one-year-old daughter, Susie Bell, and as he grasped her in his arms the building collapsed.

Mrs. Wilson stated that the tornado struck with such lightning force that she, almost unconscious of what she was doing, grabbed for the other two children, William, Jr., age three, and Lucy Hazel, age five—and then came a "black streak."

The Wilsons were all stationed at the Clinic hospital today, homeless, and not seriously injured. Only the one-year-old child, Susie Bell, was seriously injured. Mr. Wilson sustained a gash across the head that required several stitches and body lacerations, but hospital officials stated that he would be ready to be discharged during the afternoon. The two other children escaped with only bruises and injuries of minor nature, and Mrs. Wilson sustained only a leg injury.

The Wilsons were pinned under the mass of brick for 30 minutes before firemen, who were immediately called to the stricken area, dug them out from the debris.

"I'm thankful that we are all living," Mrs. Wilson stated. Mrs. Wilson asserted that last night she had no hopes for any of the group to survive. Varied were the experiences of the other tornado victims, several of whom were seriously injured.

Alfred White, age nine, of the Bessie community, who is suffering from compound fractures and

tributary service rendered by the staffs of Greensboro mortuary establishments was paid by many who had opportunity to observe the effective manner in which seemingly innumerable ambulance calls, many of them involving emergencies of highly serious nature, were answered.

State Fire Marshal Sherwood Brockwell, of Raleigh, is here conferring with Fire Chief Shaw and other officials and giving assurance of the desire of the state to assist in every possible way in the stricken area.

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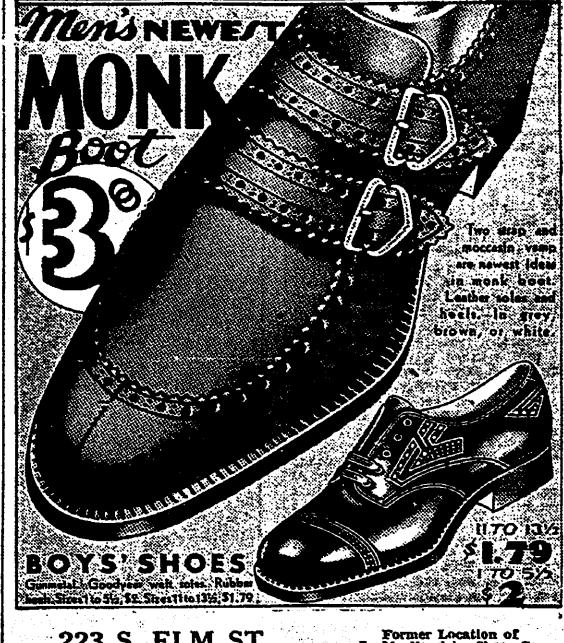
Many local citizens commented admiringly on the splendid part played by the members of the Greensboro fire department under the active leadership of Chief Frank D. Shaw not only in fighting the fires which developed in the wake of the tornado but also in rescue work.

General Jones broke his leg in a

Funeral Service Held Today For Gen. Wilie Jones

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 3.—(AP)—Funeral service will be held late today for Gen. Wilie Jones, said to have been the oldest Democratic party official in the United States, who died here yesterday.

PICARD LEADS FIELD.
AUGUSTA, Ga., April 3.—(AP)—Tall Henry Picard, Hershey, Pa., professional and an outstanding favorite in the field, shot the first nine holes today in 33, one under par, to take the lead in the \$5,000 Augusta national invitation golf tournament, featuring the annual comeback of Bobby Jones.



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Great Smoky Park Will Be Dedicated

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(AP)—The national park service was told today that North Carolina is ready to dedicate the Great Smoky mountains national park in that state and Tennessee.

Meeting with Arno B. Cammerer, national park chief, the North Carolina park commissioner reported the state had cleared up all details in the way of formal opening of the park.

W. E. Neal, of Marion, chairman of the North Carolina commission, said it was hoped arrangements could be made to dedicate the park this summer but that eventually depended upon Tennessee which had not acquired all the land for the portion of the park in that state.