

Tornado Dead in Virginia Stands at Twenty-Two; 7 More Seriously Injured

Senate Votes \$2,500,000 For Loans To Storm Area Of South

WASHINGTON, May 3—(P)—A resolution making \$2,500,000 available as loans for farmers in the storm-swept areas of the South was adopted today by the Senate.

The measures which also will benefit farmers who suffered in the tornadoes of last night, now goes back to the House for agreement to changes made by the Senate, before it can be sent to the White House.

Of this sum made available, \$1,500,000 was an unexpended sum appropriated last session for storm loans in Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida. Another \$1,000,000 was added and the measure's provisions were made to include also Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas.

Senator Black, Democrat, Alabama, attempted to write a provision into the bill authorizing loans to farmers

for the purchase of work stock, but the proposal was turned down, 55 to 23.

At the suggestion of Senator, Trammell, Democrat, Florida, fruit growers of his State were exempted from the provision which confines the total of a loan to any single farmer to \$3 per acre.

The loans would be made by the Secretary of Agriculture to farmers for the purpose of purchasing feed, seed and fertilizer.

The proposal to make the unexpended amount available was made by Senator George, Democrat, Georgia. Later other Southern Senators indorsed his resolution and asked for an additional \$1,000,000. The resolution already adopted by the House did not provide for the additional figure, but Senate leaders hope to secure the consent of the other branch of Congress.

Rye Cove School Disaster Claims 13 Children and One Teacher; Northern Virginia Fatalities Nine

Second Child Dies In Rappahannock

New Disturbances Yesterday Do Serious Damage in Alleghany County; Several Persons Hurt

Virginia's storm dead:

At Rye Cove—Ave Carter, 34, teacher; Callie Bishop, 12; Monnie Bishop, 9; Bruce Cox, 16; Polly Carter, 14; Emma Lane, 13; Bertha Mae Darnell, 16; Monnie Fletcher, 13; Bernice Fletcher, 8; James Carter, 13; Lilly Lee Carter, 12; Millie Stone, 13; Garrett Davidson, 18.

At Weaversville, near Catlett—Charles I. Allen, 50; Myra and Emma Allen, his daughters; H. B. Laws.

At Woodville—Marshall Hawkins, 14.

At Lagrange—David Campbell, Negro, and his wife.

At Flint Hill—An unidentified Negro woman and her child.

The series of tornadoes in Virginia Thursday afternoon and night took a toll of twenty-four lives, carefully revised checks showed last night. Eight persons were in a critical condition, several others had serious injuries and approximately 100 had been given treatment.

Rye Cove in far Southwest Virginia, where a consolidated school was demolished, suffered the greatest loss, a teacher and twelve pupils perishing in the destruction of the building. Four were killed by a tornado that demolished the Weaversville community near Catlett, two were victims at Woodville, two at Lagrange and two at Flint Hill. All of the storms with the exception of that at Rye Cove were in Northern Virginia, west of Washington city.

Three Found Alive.

A definite check of the dead at Rye Cove was impossible until last night, because of the widely scattered hospitals to which the victims were taken, their whereabouts being undetermined by parents until yesterday. Three children reported dead were found alive. Sheriff Harvey S. Culbertson, of Scott County, and the Associated Press checked the various hospitals and with the families in the stricken area.

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Fifty-two teachers and pupils remained under treatment in hospitals and private homes from injuries suffered in the Rye Cove disaster. Three were not expected to live and five others had serious injuries. Maurice Clendennen, Evelyn Runyon and Margaret Mitchell were in a serious condition in a Bristol hospital, while James Franklin and Avare Franklin were in a home at Rye Cove, too seriously injured to be moved.

Nine Dead in Northern Virginia.

Four of the ten persons killed in Northern Virginia were Negroes, a Negro and his wife perishing in the wreck of their home at Lagrange, and a Negro woman and a small child dying near Flint Hill.

Charles I. Allen, 50, his daughters, Myra and Emma, and H. B. Laws, a farmer, were killed by the tornado at Weaversville, which destroyed every building in the community. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Laws were both seriously injured and were in a critical condition last night at a Warrenton hospital.

Marshall Hawkins, a school boy, was killed by falling timber at Woodville. Searchers combed the ruins at Rye Cove until late yesterday, but found no additional bodies in the ruins of the demolished school house.

Tornadoes were also reported from other sections of Virginia, two persons being injured in the destruction of a home in the mountains of Bath County. A repetition of the Rye Cove tragedy was narrowly averted there, a tornado wrecking two schools, one for whites and another for Negroes, about an hour after school had been dismissed. Mrs. J. H. Simmons and her little daughter, injured in the collapse of their home, were taken to a Clifton Forge hospital.

Several homes and a church at Nimrod Hall were destroyed and several horses killed. The weather was very cold following the storm and snow fell at Warm Springs.

Rye Cove Turns Attention to Burying Tornado Victims

RYE COVE, VA., May 3—(P)—After counting 13 dead and 55 injured seriously enough to warrant physicians' attention from yesterday's tornado, grief stricken residents of this little southwest Virginia settlement tonight turned their thoughts to funeral plans.

Services for the victims, 11 school children and one teacher, will be held tomorrow and Sunday. Plans for a joint service were abandoned today because the children lived in scattered communities.

All day reports of deaths varied, but late this afternoon a check by Sheriff Harvey C. Culbertson, of Scott County, established the list at 12. His check tallied with a revised list prepared by the Associated Press after a survey of hospitals near the distressed community.

Culbertson said all children who were in the consolidated school here when the tornado demolished it had been accounted for by their families. The fact that children were hurried to hospitals in Bristol and Kingsport, Tenn., without parents' knowledge, led to the conflicting death reports.

All day heavy-eyed fathers and mothers filed through hospital wards

searching for their children. Many were found more seriously injured than at first reported. Several times during the day frantic parents shouted they had found alive some child who had been reported dead.

Seven pupils and one teacher comprised the seriously injured list.

They are:

Miss Janie Taylor, 25, fractured skull.

Maurice Clendennen, fractured skull. J. E. Fugate, Jr., probable concussion.

Margaret Mitchell, 18, fractured skull.

Rufus Rollins, 15, dangerous lacerations.

Avis Runyan, fractured skull.

James Franklin, 15, fractured skull.

Avare Franklin, 12, fractured skull.

Too Badly Hurt to Move.

The two Franklin children were at their home in Rye Cove, injured too seriously to be removed to a hospital. The other seriously injured victims were in a hospital at Bristol.

Forty-five of the injured were at Bristol, while five remained in a Kingsport hospital.

Many other children who were slightly injured when the building collapsed were at their homes.

Most of the bodies had been taken to Gate City to be prepared for interment.

Red Cross workers were at the scene before searchers completed their task. Miss Elizabeth G. Fox, of Washington, and Asbury Cecil, of Cincinnati, connected with the national organization, reached here today and began a survey immediately. Chapters in neighboring cities were aiding with relief operations. Relief funds had been started in many towns. The Red Cross workers will announce their program of reconstruction as soon as the survey is completed.

Only Five Houses Wrecked.

Only five homes in the community were wrecked by the freakish twister which struck the school, while more than 150 pupils were either within the building or preparing to march in for the afternoon's work. A flour mill also was demolished at a loss of approximately \$25,000.

Rescuers poked among the ruins of the frame building until late afternoon in search of bodies. They gave up the task when it was reported all the children had been located.

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Recheck of Virginia Tornado Victims Shows 23 Are Dead

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38 Fatalities Recorded in 7 Southern States

ATLANTA, May 3—(P)—With thirty-eight fatalities recorded in seven States, the South today counted a rising death toll from its second disastrous visitation by tornadoes in a week.

More than 100 persons were injured in the storms, which struck Wednesday and Thursday over a wide area, extending from Arkansas to Maryland.

While relief work went forward in all the affected regions, under direction of the Red Cross, Virginia, which suffered greatest, saw its list of casualties increase to twenty-six, as some of the injured succumbed and communication was restored to isolated communities.

Searchers still combed the ruins of the consolidated school house at Rye Cove, Va., in quest of possible additional bodies of children crushed to death when the building was demolished by the high winds. They believed, however, that all had been accounted for there.

Two of the injured at Rye Cove died today, bringing the death toll to twelve. Others of the twoscore injured were reported in a serious condition.

The ten other Virginia deaths were distributed over four small towns, two of which had not previously been heard from.

Near-by communities in Maryland reported six fatalities. The remainder were recorded by States as follows: Arkansas, five; Tennessee, two; Florida, Alabama and Kentucky, one each.

South Georgia, just recovering from tornadoes, which took forty-seven lives, last Thursday, again experienced violent gales that damaged crops, uprooted trees and blew fences down, but left no casualties.

Weaversville Tornado Kills Four and Injures Number

WARRENTON, VA., May 3—(P)—The four persons killed by a tornado striking near Catlett, Va., last night were residents of the community of Weaversville, where all of the homes were leveled. The injured were brought to Warrenton and physicians said three could not be expected to recover.

Charles I. Allen, 50, and his two daughters, Myra Allen and Emma Allen, were killed when the Allen home was demolished. Mrs. Allen was so seriously injured that hospital authorities said there was practically no hope for her recovery. The body of one of the girls was found in a field a hundred yards from where the Allen home had stood.

H. B. Laws, an aged farmer, was crushed in the debris of his home, and his wife is not expected to recover from her injuries. Evelyn Ennis and Wingfield Turner, who were in the Laws home, were blown more than 100 feet into a field, but received only cuts and bruises.

The Weaversville community was composed of eight families, all made homeless. Every barn and outbuilding was destroyed, together with five horses and ten to fifteen cows and hogs. One horse and one cow were blown into a well.

W. H. Gaines, of Warrenton, who visited the scene this morning, declared that it was a scene of utter desolation.

"It looked like the pictures of 'No Man's Land' to me," Gaines said. "Every building was demolished, trees were uprooted and broken and the leaves had been completely stripped off. Several chickens I saw looked as if they had been picked.

"The entire area, about a half mile wide and a mile long, was utterly barren. I saw a six-ton bridge that was thrown a half mile."

The third person critically injured in the hospital here and not expected to recover is an unidentified Negro, discovered in a stream, the lower part of his body submerged.

Others injured and brought to Warrenton included Mr. and Mrs. Luther Allen, Edward Allen and Polly Allen.

Unable to Get Doctor, Dies While Storm Rages

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WARRENTON, VA., May 3 — Miss James William Jeffries died sudden last night at her home from a heart attack. Mrs. Jeffries was Miss Kincheloe and had spent the greater part of her life in Washington. Before her marriage some years ago, she lived with her uncle and guardian, the late Albert Fletcher. She is survived by her husband and one brother, E. J. Kincheloe, of Warrenton. Funeral arrangements have not as yet been made.

Mrs. Jeffries' death occurred while the town was in complete darkness due to the tornado that struck Weaversville, demolishing wires and poles and putting all electric light service in Fauquier County out of commission. Storm conditions made it impossible for her husband to summon medical help over the telephone.

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Tornado Hits Cow Pasture River Section

Three Injured, Houses Demolished and Trees Are Uprooted in Storm Area

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

COVINGTON, VA., May 3—Sweeping through the Cow Pasture River valley, in the Sitlington neighborhood of Bath County, about twelve miles from Clifton Forge, last night, a tornado destroyed or damaged a score or more of homes and injured a number of people. No one was killed.

Mrs. J. W. Simmons and her sister-in-law, Miss Cora Simmons, were taken to the Chesapeake and Ohio Hospital, at Clifton Forge, suffering from injuries received when the tornado hit their home. Their injuries are not very serious. Both will recover.

The effects of the young twister centered largely in neighborhood of the steel bridge over Cow Pasture River, near Peters Hill, and extended all the way from there to Windy oCye Church.

Not only were homes badly damaged, and, in some few instances, practically demolished, but barns and other out-buildings were torn off their foundations and carried some distance away.

Among the homes damaged along the Cow Pasture River are those of George Simmons, the Slough camp, the Douglas place and the old Peters home.

On the old Peters place, Miss Peters was milking a cow in the barn when the twister swung under the structure, lifted it high in the air, carrying it off and demolishing it, while Miss Peters and her cow were left unharmed on the ground.

On the Simmons place, where Mrs. Simmons and her sister-in-law were injured so badly as to require their being taken to a hospital, the home was practically demolished. Mr. Simmons was hurled by the wind upon the side of the hill and suffered slight cuts and severe bruises.

He said his brother was upstairs, when he felt the house going, and he leaped out of a window. The window caught his brother, said Mr. Simmons, carried him through the air and dropped him on the ground a hundred yards or more away. He sustained a severe cut in the head, but is not dangerously injured.

Along the path of the tornado, trees were uprooted, and, in many places, carried over into the highway, while a few yards out of the path of the twisting, knife-like wind, no damage at all would be done to the foliage.

A force of fifty men was sent to the highway through the neighborhood today and were busy cutting out trees which were impeding traffic.

Over in West Virginia, high winds did much damage last night. Nothing in the nature of a tornado visited that area, unless it was at Frankford, W. Va., where a roof was taken off the high school building.

Lewisburg reported many shade trees blown down around there, and that light flurries of snow, also noticeable in Covington this morning, were also in evidence in Greenbrier.

Up in Falling Spring valley and around Hot and Warm Springs, there was sufficient snow in spots to stick and give a white mantle to some of the ridges.

It quickly disappeared as the sun came out from behind a bank of gray clouds, behind which it was masked, off and on, throughout the day.

Wind Wrecks 2 Schools After Pupils Leave

Bath County Barely Escapes Tragedy; Woman, Child Hurt as Home Is Crushed

WARM SPRINGS, VA., May 3—(AP)

—A repetition of the Scott County disaster was missed by minutes in the Nimrod Hall section of Bath County Thursday afternoon when a severe windstorm wrecked a school for whites and another for Negroes an hour after school closed. While the two schools had given up their human charges, the buildings were destroyed and the storm did not fail to claim human toll in injury. Mrs. J. H. Simmons and little daughter, whose home was in the path of the storm, were injured and taken to Clifton Forge Hospital.

Dwellings of George Simmons, R. Tucker Lowen, and George S. Lockett were destroyed, as was the Baptist Church at Nimrod Hall. A barn owned by J. H. Estes was wrecked and two horses killed. Reports that eighteen were injured are unconfirmed here. Telephone lines were blown down and State road forces worked all last night clearing the highways of fallen timber. The top and sides were blown off a wooden bridge over the Cowpasture River near Millboro Springs. A heavy landslide almost blocked the State road along Jackson River, near Ed Gillette's home.

It was cold and snowing here today.

Village Wiped Out When Dam Breaks

Residents Watch Waters Sweep Their Homes Away

COLEBROOK, N. H., May 3—(AP)—

The village of Kidderville was virtually wiped out and houses and barns were carried away by a flood which swept through the Mohawk Valley tonight after Balsams Dam, thirteen miles above here, had broken. Pressed by water from the heavy rains of last night, the dam broke at 6:30 o'clock. No loss of life was reported.

The fifty residents of Kidderville took to the highlands and watched their homes swept away. Fifteen houses and barns in the lower part of this town were carried away, while several other structures were torn from their foundations.

The flood followed the line of the Mohawk River and spent itself in the larger Connecticut River, a stream already swollen by the rains.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PURCELLVILLE, VA., May 3—A tornado of vast proportions struck the northern part of Loudoun County late last evening and demolished everything in its path. It started about a mile from Hamilton, and, going in a northerly direction, devastated everything in an area one-half-mile wide and two miles long.

The house and barn of Presley Ashe and wife, colored, were wrecked. Ashe was pinned beneath a kitchen stove and his wife extracted herself from the wreckage and went for aid. Ashe's leg was broken.

The Ketocin Union Church, about 125 years old, was demolished. Also barns and all outbuildings on the farm of Mrs. Arthur Phillips, R. E. McCarthy and Alfred Dulin. Buildings on Will James' farm were destroyed and a garage and automobile belonging to Robert Compher were de-

molished. A horse belonging to M. Phillips was badly injured.

Water was higher than it had been since the Johnstown flood.

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**Dwelling Swept Away;
No Trace of It Is Found**

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CLIFTON FORGE, VA., May 3—The upper end of Allegheny County and the lower end of Bath, along the Cowpasture River, were visited late yesterday afternoon by a whirlwind, the violence of which has never been seen in this part of the State. Huge trees were uprooted, snapped in half or twisted on their trunks. Houses were demolished, barns blown away, orchards destroyed and, in one case, a dwelling swept so completely away that no trace of it can be seen. A barn, in which a woman was milking, was lifted up and carried away and neither the woman nor the cow injured.

About a dozen persons were hurt, most of the injuries being slight. Two women were badly cut and bruised, but neither is dangerously wounded. The fact that there were not more injuries is due to the fact that people were up and moving about and escaped from the buildings which were damaged. One church was almost completely destroyed, and Windy Cove Church, the oldest in Bath County, was damaged, but not seriously.

The path of the whirlwind was about 200 yards wide, and, so far as is known here, continued for fifteen, or eighteen miles. Ten dwellings and about the same number of barns were in the path of the storm and met destruction.

The property loss was about \$75,000.

All telephone communication was destroyed.

**Fate Kind to More Than
100 Students at Rye Cove**

RYE COVE, VA., May 3—(P)—Despite its seeming cruelty, fate was kind to more than 100 students of the Rye Cove school, wrecked by a tornado yesterday. The pupils were lining up preparatory to re-entering the building from the noon recess, when the storm struck.

More than 100 pupils had already re-entered the building to begin the afternoon work. The remainder of the enrollment had been called and were hurrying to the entrances. The tornado struck a few minutes before 1 P. M., the hour the noon recess closes.

The wind ripped up the valley and struck the building full in the face. Witnesses said it was literally lifted off the ground and then fell in a heap of wreckage. Children behind the school were buried in the wreckage.

Residents of this community ran to the scene and began tearing away timbers. Many children were able to extract themselves. In a remarkably short time rescuers were digging into the ruins. An occasional shout gave news of a body or a seriously injured child.

There was no panic among the pupils, who appeared far less excited than their parents, who grouped around the wreckage, wringing their hands and screaming.

A messenger was dispatched to Clinchport, the nearest town, to secure help.