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WEATHER FORECAST: Rain and colder to night. Saturday mostly cloudy and colder.

PRICE TWO CENTS

READY TO PROCEED WITH LAKE ROAD PROJECT

ALABAMA TOWNS STRUCK BY SERIOUS FLOODS

CLAIM THEY DID NOT AUTHORIZE DAMAGE SUITS

Three Persons Appear at Court House and State They Did Not Authorize Suits Brought in Their Names.

The ultimate in "ambulance chasing" methods alleged used by some attorneys was revealed here yesterday when three Lorain county residents, in whose names a Cleveland attorney filed a total of \$80,000 in suits Dec. 13, appeared at the court house yesterday to protest that they never had brought any suit nor authorized anyone else to bring suits in their names.

"DADDY" ALLEN ADDRESSES KIWANIS

F. F. "Daddy" Allen, president of the International Society for Crippled Children, was the speaker at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Elyria Kiwanis club yesterday.

When I Was 21

Judge A. R. Webber during his twenty-first year was a student in Baldwin university at Berea. He was in his senior year and was laying a foundation for the study of the law.

SPEAKERS EXTOL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AT BANQUET HERE

AMHERST BANK WILL OPEN APRIL 1

The Democratic party was extolled as the party of service, the party of the masses, and the real "grand old party of history and tradition" by speakers at the Jefferson Day banquet of Lorain county Democrats at St. Paul's Evangelical church Thursday night.

The Amherst Savings and Banking Company, closed since December 19, will reopen its doors for business on Monday, April 1, it was announced today by J. J. Smythe, legal counsel for the bank, on behalf of the bank officials.

MEX. FEDERALS TO STRIKE ON REB. CITY

MEXICO CITY, March 15.—Four regiments of federal artillery were concentrating on the Rebel city of Torreón today to support the government's offensive from three directions.

REQUEST PAROLE FOR FARMER

The new policy of the Board of County Commissioners, announced yesterday, declaring that no liquor law violators will henceforth be paroled by them except in extreme cases of need, was put to its first test today, and remained intact.

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CALVIN COOLIDGE EXPRESSES HIS APPRECIATION

The Chronicle-Telegram is in receipt of a letter today from Calvin Coolidge in which he expressed his gratefulness for an editorial which recently appeared in the paper.

COMMISSIONERS TAGITURN ON TOLL BRIDGE

If the proposition of a toll bridge for Lorain turns out to be the most satisfactory substitute for the Memorial Bridge, which was blocked by an injunction suit last spring, and can be brought about to the good of the county as a whole, the Board of County Commissioners will be behind such a movement, it was learned at the county commissioners' office today.

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GOOD WEATHER NOW BEING AWAITED

Commissioners Announce Everything Ready After Conference with the State Highway Department.

After a conference with state highway officials at Columbus yesterday, the Board of County Commissioners announced that all plans and appropriations for the widening and reconstruction of the Lake road are ready, and that as soon as the weather permits, actual construction of the east portion of the road, in Avon Lake village, will start.

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LATE NEWS BULLETINS

HABITUAL CRIMINAL BILL GOES TO THE GOVERNOR

COLUMBUS, O., March 15.—The House today completed passage of the Crammer-Gillen habitual criminal bill when it approved amendments made last week by the senate.

The measure now goes to the governor for signature. The amendments were intended to eliminate "sleepers" one of which abolished capital punishment for murderers.

The bill now provides that a person three times convicted on felonies shall serve the maximum penalty for that offense and upon fourth conviction shall be sentenced to life.

If the charge is first degree murder, the prisoner will be subject to execution.

BANDIT LEADER ESCAPES

BALTIMORE, Md., March 15.—Jack Hart, leader of the Norris gang bandits, escaped from the penitentiary here today.

He made his way mysteriously through three locks and two doors some time during the night, and this morning his cell was found empty.

Penitentiary authorities contend he is still somewhere inside the prison, but police officials are convinced he is outside the penitentiary walls. Every underworld haunt where he probably would go is being watched.

CAR JUMPS TRACK, MANY HURT

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Two persons were injured, approximately 50 were bruised and more than 100 escaped injury when the last coach of a six-car passenger local from Frederick, Md., jumped the track and turned over in the Union Station here today.

Most of the passengers were commuting government workers. The injured are: Mrs. Katherine Collins, 59, of Garrett Park, Md., and Mrs. Mattie Harmon, of Rockville, Md.

TERRORIZED BY EXPLOSION

BROCKTON, Mass., March 15.—More than 100 panic-stricken men and women fled from the factory of the M. A. Packard Shoe Company and three other employees were slightly injured today when a cylinder head exploded in the engine room, rocking the building and spraying a shower of steel fragments.

Between 300 and 400 workers were in the factory at the time of the blast, which spread terror over a large area.

MINNESOTA MAN NAMED SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Representative Newton, of Minnesota, who was appointed secretary to President Hoover today, will start his new duties this afternoon and submit his resignation as a member of congress before the special session convenes April 15.

"I am going up to the White House this afternoon to learn what my duties are and start right in," Newton said. "I will not resign from congress for several weeks because there are some matters pending which must be cleaned up."

May Expand Fox State Briefs

COLUMBUS, O., March 15.—Lawrence Bricker of Mt. Vernon must serve 60 days in the Knox county jail for sending obscene letters through the mail. This sentence was imposed by Federal Judge Nevin when Bricker was arraigned.

COLUMBUS, O., March 15.—Governor Myers Y. Cooper has announced the appointment of three men to the state real estate board. They are J. W. Jacoby, Marion, chairman, who also was a Donabey appointee; Allen F. Becker, Montgomery county and Max Randolph, Cleveland.

County Board Receives Bids

The Board of County Commissioners today is receiving bids on practically all materials for road construction needed in the county for the coming road building and repair season. The deadline for reception of the bids was set for one o'clock this afternoon.

Frank Ellenberger, clerk of the commissioner's office, is being kept busy tabulating the scores of bids on such materials as cement, slag, gasoline, and the like.

4,000 PERSONS AWAITING RESCUE

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 15.—A flood of record-breaking proportions was sweeping into Flomaton, Ala., early today, when communication lines went down, telephone company offices reported here today.

Tracks of the Louisville & Nashville railroad were reported under a foot of water and streets of the town under 10 feet. Residents were seeking safety in tall buildings.

TROY, Ala., March 15.—Marooned and facing possible death from rapidly rising waters of the Pea river and White Water Creek, 4,000 persons, the entire population of Elba, 32 miles south of here, awaited rescuers today.

Many of the residents of the flood town clung to house tops, the upper branches of tall trees floated about on chunks of wreckage, while waiting for aid which was being hastened to the rescue by boat and airplane.

Five planes of the 106th Observation Squadron, air unit of the Alabama National Guard, left Roberts Field at Birmingham today to fly over Elba and return to Maxwell Field, Montgomery, to report to Governor Bibb Graves the condition at Elba and in the adjacent flooded territory.

Motorboats from Montgomery reached here early today and plans were made to send them southward 18 miles to where the highway to Elba goes under water. National Guardsmen waited there to man the attempt of the boats to reach the isolated village.

More than 800 men, including National Guards straggle to row across the swift torrents that cut Elba off from the world on three sides, only to have their boats capsized or forced back.

News that the town had been hit by a quick rise in the Pea river was broadcast last night by Governor Graves and rescue parties immediately set out.

Attempts to reach the stricken Elbans resulted in disaster this morning when a boat carrying four National Guardsmen capsized in the torrent and the crew was swept from sight. It was feared they were drowned. Another boat was forced to return to shore.

Tales of heroism came out of the town almost simultaneously with news that it was stricken. A brave telephone operator remained at his switchboard and sent out pleas for aid through short-circuited lines.

Cut off from telephone communications since Thursday night, the town was unable to tell the outside world of its plight, but stragglers from the flooded area said Elba's residents were undergoing what cannot escape their fate.

A survivor who rowed for miles past hurricanes and treetops told of hearing cries for help while six miles away from Elba.

Another who escaped from the town itself reached Dothan, his ears ringing with the memory of the shouted pleas of 250 children, marooned in a school building.

Most of the residents in Elba are congregated in the larger buildings. The smaller houses have been carried away by the waters. At least 1200 persons were reported on the upper floors of the federal building, the lower floor of which was covered with three feet of water.

Grave fear was felt for those who ascended to attics and roofs of the lighter structures. Conditions in other portions of southern Alabama, though not as acute as at Elba, have been reported rapidly growing more serious.

At Brewton, the waters of Bara Corn river and Murder Creek are reported out of their banks and an extremely serious situation is being anticipated.

At Geneta, on the Chostawhattee river, a like situation exists according to reports. Many in the city were reported leaving because of the threatening appearance of the river.

GRANTS PLAINTIFF \$500 DAMAGES

A jury was waived yesterday in a suit brought by Jeannia Hood against The Elliott Addressing Machine Company, the case was submitted to the court, and Judge A. R. Webber granted the plaintiff \$500 for injuries received in automobile accident on the Oberlin road, Dec. 9, 1926. The plaintiff had asked \$5,000.

CLEVELAND, O., March 15.—Perjury and evasion of income tax in 1925 and 1926 is charged against John Ruffalo, Cleveland and Youngstown attorney, in indictments returned by the federal grand jury.

He is charged with defrauding the government out of \$7,000 in income taxes in the two years.

While moving a machine at the Western Automatic Company this morning at 8:45 Martin Schroeder, 137 Spruce street, was injured.

The machine fell on Schroeder's left foot. Examination at Memorial hospital disclosed a fractured foot. After receiving treatment for the injury Schroeder was permitted to go to his home.

WORKMAN INJURED