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700 Families To Get Assistance From Red Cross

Ed Felty Home Is Destroyed By Fire

Fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Felty in West Morehead Saturday afternoon about 5 p.m. No one was hurt. The house, which was owned by H. C. Black, was partially covered by insurance.

The Morehead Fire Department responded to the call but was unable to reach the house because a bridge was out on the road leading to the home. The fire is believed to have started in the upstairs. The house was under five feet of water in the flood.

OFFICE OF DISASTER LOAN CORPORATION IS OPENED HERE

Distressed May Get Cash Assistance

The Disaster Loan Corporation, a Federal agency, authorized by an act of Congress in January, 1937, to make loans necessary and appropriate on account of floods, tornadoes or other disasters, has opened offices in Room 1 of the Morehead Consolidated School building, to accept applications for loans to assist in the rebuilding and replacing property damaged in the recent flood.

Loans will be made for repairs.

Drive For Funds

In Rowan County

Gets Under Way

Seven hundred Rowan County families, whose possessions were damaged by the flood, will receive aid from the American National Red Cross, said Miss Helen J. Moses, assistant state director in charge of this area, here today.

Preparations are being made for permanent rehabilitation for distressed families as the emergency period is coming to a close, Miss Moses said.

20,000 To Receive Aid

Twenty thousand persons in Eastern Kentucky receive assistance from the Red Cross; 900 families in Breathitt, 350 in Fleming; 225 in Morgan and 200 in Elliott, besides 1400 in other counties.

Funds for the relief work have been coming in very nicely from the outside, Miss Moses said. Louisville reached its goal of $13,000 by noon Wednesday. Lexington passed its goal of $5,000 and Ashland is nearing its goal of $2,500.

A complete list of donations will be published in a later issue.

Breathitt Over The Top

Breathitt county overshoots their goal of $300 by $200 in one day.

The drive for Rowan county's goal of $1,000, Dave Caudill, chairman of the local chapter, said yesterday, is now on.

Miss Moses asked that all those...
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COMMENTS . . .

By WOODY HINTON

No one can say the people of Morehead and Rowan County can't take it on the chin. After a brief survey today and after talking to several of the folks, I find them a much happier breed than I expected. They are all working like "towheads" and are talking a bigger and better Morehead. And the fact is we can't stop, we have to go about our business.

In some ways the flood might have helped us. Of course in a lot of ways it didn't, but when you go to some of our neighboring towns we will appreciate them much more.

It's truly remarkable how the folks are helping us, and don't think for a minute it is not appreciated. I'd like to thank all you persons and I am sure we all would. If at any time here in Morehead can come to your aid do set in the least possible way as "chucks," you won't have to. We will hear of it and come anyhow.

In any disaster there always is a bit of humor. I think the best one I have heard here is the drunk trying to borrow money to get him a quart of milk. He said that he was either going to get a quart or leave town because that big snake at the Carnival was one the local folks and was not taking any chances.

Clude Clayton ran the high-knob in these parts and got the top of the highest tree he could find. I asked the tall man if he liked his wife, and he said, "Yes, and I do!!"

One local boy and his drunk sister were caught while the porch was away and water was up to his shoe-tops. I found the "Hairless Dog" from the carnival playing on a hill in a half mile from where the carnival closed. (Cont. on Page 3)

OPENING OF RURAL SCHOOLS DELAYED

Three Schoolhouses Lost In Flood

The opening of the rural schools has been postponed until Monday, July 24, because of the effects of the flood. Supt. Roy Cornette said today. There will be a pre-school teachers' meeting for all rural teachers on Friday, July 21.

Three school buildings were totally destroyed by the flood waters. They were Bradley, Blue-stone and Pond Lick. Many others are flooded and it is necessary for the school houses to be cleaned up and operated when they will be sanitary. The NYA boys are busy at this work. It is hoped that all flooded school houses will be in a sanitary condition in time for the opening of the schools.

Supt. Cornette gave out the calendar for rural school year as follows:

RURAL SCHOOL CALENDAR
1939-1940
July 21 - Pre-School Teachers' Conference.
July 24 - Rural School Open. August 18 - First Month Ends. (Teachers' Conference)
August 21 - Second Month Begins. September 15 - Second Month Ends. Teachers' Conference.
September 18 - Third Month Begins. October 13 - Third Month Ends. (Teachers' Conference)

RURAL COUNTY STILL IN DISEASE DANGER ZONE, SAYS EVANS

Citizens Warned To Watch Eating And Drinking Habits

"We are still in the danger zone of disease for at least until July 24," was County Health Doctor T. A. Evans' statement today concerning health conditions in the county.

The possibilities of a typhoid epidemic are decreasing rapidly but there is still danger of dysentery unless everyone is careful of their eating and drinking habits, Doctor Evans said.

He reported that 1500 persons have been given typhoid vaccinations. He recommended that all persons in the county who had been innoculations a year ago or longer should take them again.

Morehead was quarantined Sunday afternoon, the doctor said, because of the large influx of sightseers. The quarantine is designed to keep out curiosity seekers and loafer.

Samples of the city water are being tested every day. Evans said that it is possible to tell ahead of time if the water is contaminated.

Flood Sufferers Asked To Buy Established Firms

An appeal to the flood sufferers of Rowan County is being made in an advertisement on page three of this issue by the Morehead Merchants Association asking the victims of the flood to buy from their local merchants.

Consumers are advised not to trade with fly-by-night merchants who have only established temporarily in order to take advantage of the flood victims' misfortunes.

The Association asserts that merchandise in their stores is reasonably priced and of good quality.

ANNOUNCING CANDIDACY

B. W. Cornette of Ashland formally announced his candidacy for the office of Railroad Commissioner for this district. Mr. Cornette is a native resident of Morehead and Clearfield, and is the son of James and B. C. Cornette, are local residents.