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Main street of Williamson, W. Va., lies under water.

Emergency Aid Sent To Flood-Hurt Areas

11 Dead, Damage n Millions

By ASSOCIATED PRESS Emergency aid was rushed into the Appalachian Mountain coal mining region today where thousands of persons in four states are homeless and whole towns are stricken from a devastating winter flood.

High waters that left at least 11 dead in two states and damages running into untold millions of dollars raced downstream today, threatening havoc on still more communities.

The flood that swept suddenly out of the mountains in southeastern Kentucky, West Virginia, southern Virginia and eastern Tennessee was recorded as the region's worst in this century if not in history.

Gov. Cecil Underwood of West Virginia last night joined Kentucky's Gov. A. B. Chandler in pleas against Eisenhower for immediate help. Eight of the dead were counted in Kentucky and three in West Virginia.

At a bridge three miles from town three homes were crushed against the bridge piling. On one of the broken buildings someone had pinned a note: "Please don't bother, it belongs to Earle Begley, next door."

Many stories of heroic aid were told. One elderly couple refused to leave their home until they were rescued. A woman clung to debris and was picked up by another boat.



Umbrellas could have provided an accurate population count today.

Rainy Weather Goes Into 13th Day

Leadens skies poured it on again today, the rainy drizzle forming piddling puddles for the 13th straight day.

The rains began here Sunday Jan. 20. Freezing rains they were for a time, but quickly turned warmer when balmy air mixed with the cold air rushing down from the north.

The warm moist air then gained a "lock" on the atmosphere, forming a barrier against cold fronts moving in from the north and northwest. Result has been wet warm weather in the Carolinas while much of the East was experiencing freezing cold.

The rain drizzle fell in practically all of North Carolina and much of South Carolina. Some cities on and near the South Carolina coast escaped today's dreary rain, though skies were cloudy there too.

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School Issue Appears Settled

Under present state law, the State Board of Education must approve, then the perimeter area residents must approve, Mr. Douglas said.

It was a proposal by Mr. Sneed to combine city limits and school district line extension that brought criticism yesterday from School Supt. Wilson.

That would bypass both school boards and bypass the people affected," Mr. Wilson said, "I don't think that's right."

Mr. Wilson made it clear he favors extension of both city limits and the city school district.

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Water Turns Mining Town Into Grim City Of Death

HAZARD Ky. — This coal mining center today is a city of slime, death and grimness. Receding waters revealed five deaths and a city left a shambles by the worst flood here since 1927.

The city's 90-bed United Mine Workers Memorial Hospital was without power. Much of its laboratory equipment was feared destroyed. Hospital attendants in the ward were keeping premature babies alive with hot water bottles.

Many residents were caught unprepared. The 1927 flood, 24 feet above normal, didn't touch their homes. This one topped that by four feet.

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By ANN SAWYER Charlotte News Staff Writer. Mecklenburg County's current budget was miscalculated by \$118,755, and Commission Chairman Sid V. McAden today said the tax rate should have 2 cents higher.

The miscalculation in revenue, he said, can be overruled because of extra revenue expected from increased 1956 property valuations.

Evening Prayer

O God, we pray for wisdom to choose the way of Christ—for righteousness that we may continue to walk in His way; for sanctification that we may be guided into greater holiness of life for full redemption that we may confidently press toward the high calling of God in Christ.

Nobody Wants Vote On School Lines

Nobody on the municipal front has made any proposal for combined vote on the extension of the city school district lines.

This was emphasized in statements today by Mayor Van Every and John M. Dueslap, business manager of the city schools.

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