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## Devastation Described as "Incredible" in Flood-Stricken Areas

HOWEVER..."IF THERE'S ANYTHING THEY DON'T NEED" IN THE AREA...IT'S SPECTATORS AND CURIOSITY SEEKERS WITHOUT SPECIFIC TASKS; SUCH ACTIVITY INTERFERES WITH RESCUE AND REHABILITATION WORK

In an effort to determine how Lynchburg GE and its employees might make a further contribution toward relieving the distress in the flood-ravaged areas of Amherst and Nelson Counties, a tour has been made by a team from Employee and Community Relations to contact officials and volunteer workers at work in the area. The team heard much praise and gratitude for the efforts of so many people who have helped out already, and also a plea for spectators and curiosity seekers without specific tasks to stay out of the area. Today, and possibly tomorrow, as space permits, the *News* will publish photos and word pictures brought back by the E&CR team...as follows:

Approaching the Buffalo River, past the Amherst Circle, "Check Point Charlie," manned by State Police (permitting only authorized persons through), you get your first picture of the incredible force and depth of the water that came through the area, uprooting everything in its path, and creating huge mudslides.

Massie's Mill, Tyro, Roseland, Lovingsston, and the Davis Creek--Woods' Mill area north of Lovingsston all suffered heavy losses, yet emergency relief had been provided from the beginning by a corps of volunteer workers and helicopter and communication services. By early this week the areas were open to automobile traffic and telephone lines were working in parallel with emergency radio communication.

Virtually everywhere the request



RUBBLE AT THE BRIDGE AT MASSIE'S MILL provides mute testimony of the destruction wrought by the flood waters in the early morning hours of August 20. Countless similar scenes exist.

lack of cataloging and storage." However, it is clear that accumulating and cataloging of clothing for needs later this year is a worthwhile project. Men's, women's and children's underclothing is cited as one growing need.

The magnificent job by the State Highway Department crews, supplemented by private contractors, made possible a direct trip from Massie's



Mill to the Lovingsston Command Post.

Meeting three funeral processions en route provided a grim reminder that the priority job at headquarters is still "search-and-rescue" of flood victims, yet a discussion with the Federal agencies, state Civil Defense and county authorities showed that progress is being made toward coordinating the housing, feeding, transportation and the many details of reclamation work.

The Salvation Army, Lynchburg and area Rescue Squads, and the Red Cross were all at various locations carrying out their assignments.

Everywhere praises were high for portable radio equipment. The headquarters people at Lovingsston were most grateful for this equipment and people from Lynchburg GE as well as

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Club, since this was the only means of communicating until telephone service could be restored.

While they discouraged bringing more clothing into the area until storage facilities and individual needs can be determined, the long-range needs will be great.

Employees are encouraged to work through the church, civic club or UGF agency of their choice. These agencies will in time integrate their efforts with county and state authorities to get the right aid to the right place as needed.

Meanwhile, unless you're connected with a group that has a specific assignment or lost relatives in the area...you can help most by staying away from the area until the rescue operations are complete and all the roads are open for traffic.

FREE CHILDREN'S TICKETS TO "SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT" AT CITY STADIUM AVAILABLE

A limited number of children's tickets are available for the Lyn-Sox game Friday night at City Stadium at 7:45 p.m. Free prizes will be given, including a pony and scholarship.

Stop by the Employee Store today for your tickets.

DON'T FORGET...IMPORTANT BLOODMOBILE TODAY AT LYNCHBURG GENERAL HOSPITAL

Area blood supplies are low, and there's an important Bloodmobile visit today at the LGH Nurses' Residence, 12 noon to 6 p.m. Maybe you can make a donation after work? Another Bloodmobile visit is planned for Sept. 4 at the Presidential Motor Inn.

TUESDAY YELLOW LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

	Points
Blackburn (9)/Pickeral (13)	38
Fanning (11)/Lehmann (8)	35
Thyberg (14)/Ragan (8)	33
Jakobowski (12)/Lightner (17)	31
McCanna (17)/Gates (9)	30.5
Garnsey (17)/Taylor (18)	12.5

Low Net (70) Blackburn/Pickeral

MONDAY RED LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

	Points
Joe Reid/Ed Mitchell, Sr.	33.5
Bob Harper/Bill Stone	33
Ralph Staton/Leon Wiley	31
Dale Rayle/Gordon Bowyer	29
Dean Shelton/Joe Phillippe	25
Charles McKeag/Ray Ugron	22.5
Lew Gallion/Paul Scheib	22



LOVINGSTON Command Post. The Lynchburg Life Saving and First Aid Crew is on the job.

MASSIE'S MILL Amid the rubble, the Salvation Army ministers to stricken families.



AMERICAN RED CROSS disaster relief headquarters in Nelson County High School.

THE GE TENNIS TEAM defeated Babcock & Wilcox 10 matches to 4 on Tuesday, August 26. This was the second win of the year over B&W. Singles winners for GE were: Fred McWane, Steve Lehmann, Larry Marcy, Bill Rogers, Bill Hall, Bill Figel, Bill Snedden and Gary Gill. GE doubles winners were: Rogers/Figel and Snedden/Gill.

GENERAL ELECTRIC STOCK closed yesterday at 83-1/2, up 1/8.

TUESDAY GOLD LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

	Points
*Everett (6)/Beatrice (9)	33
*Cumby (9)/Poston (10)	33
Morley (6)/Minkler (8)	31.5
Goolsby (7)/Martin (8)	30
Bryant (6)/Eubank (12)	27
Layne (6)/Simpson (7)	26
Hutchison (11)/Ackley (11)	23
Lukanich (8)/Williams (11)	20.5

MEETING OF GEEWC TO BE HELD SEPT. 2

The first fall meeting of the General Electric Engineers Wives Club will take place at 8:00 p.m. September 2 in Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church.

The program will be "Find Your Thing". It is to feature discussions by representatives of Fish, Red Cross, 5th Regional Juvenile Detention Home, Virginia League of Planned Parenthood and the Volunteer Coordinator for the Lynchburg Public School System as to ways the GEEWC can contribute to their programs.

Mrs. John Denny, Chairman of Community Services for the club, is in charge of the program.

**Safety First to Last**