

In civil defense the mechanics are there to deal with these things. Civil defense must warn, help protect, and direct the proper facilities for meeting these emergencies.

With respect to David, when the hurricane watch was issued for our area, the CD director contacted members of the organization, and knew who were present and who were not and urged all concerned to keep in touch and be alert for further instructions. None was necessary. Positive forecasts and tracking by the Miami center, plus our own tracking, showed the hurricane would make landfall near Savannah. It did and went from a Hurricane to a storm in a matter of a couple of hours. It then tracked inland, and the watch was lifted and replaced by gale warnings. Our island did not have gales. We did experience 35 to 40 M.P.H. winds, and the condition of the sea as viewed from a couple of beach vantage points was how it should have looked and acted at these speeds.

The condition of the sea with the wind force doubled would defy the imagination unless you had experienced a full hurricane. At 50 to 60 MPH structural damage begins, 65 to 80 structural damage increases, and over 100 MPH damage to buildings, except those heavily protected by dunes and stands of "forest" would be major. Tornados occur in hurricanes or in the fringes.

When CD says "evacuate" do so, unless you are prepared and have good reason to stay. Be sure you're in a protected place, out of full wind force, have food for about two weeks, and have minor first aid equipment. Do not leave your house during the high winds and in passage of the eye. Be sure you're over eight feet above sea level (mean high water). Any structure on the coast or the sound would be unpredictable. And, remember the island could have two to three inlets cut through. And you might be without power and supplies for a couple of weeks. Don't stay "for the fun of it"... only for a purpose...and BE PREPARED. Alan Mitchell

ODDS 'N ENDS

A set of house and car keys has been found on Cedar Road, and two pairs of glasses on the beach. They can be picked up at the Town Hall....Halloween this year will be Wednesday, October 31. Police Chief Overman urges all residents and motorists to be on the look out for the little "trick or treaters"... Members of the Town's Board of Commissioners were guests of the commandant at Cherry Point on October 3 at an aircraft demonstration...Beginning October 15 Jack Smith will conduct a fire fighting training course at Town Hall in order to certify members of the town squad...Squad members from other towns also are invited to attend...Chief Foster took the town's small truck to Newport last week-end to participate in Fireman's Day...Chief Doremus of the Rescue Squad reported that Carteret County General Hospital has been highly complimentary of the condition of patients delivered to the hospital by the PKS Rescue Squad. In fact, he stated, at a recent training school at Wilmington photos of seriously injured persons handled by the PKS Rescue Squad were used as examples of good work.

