

"September Storm" Is Recalled

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UNC Sea Grant
Will Barnett lifted the anchor of his boat and began to make his way across Pamlico Sound. The morning sky was a clear and rich blue streaked by feather-like cirrus clouds. But Barnett, his wife and parents would never reach their destination of Buxton that day. Within a few hours they would come face-to-face with a hurricane and disappear within the storm-tossed, brackish waters of Pamlico Sound.

The cirrus clouds, which are actually tiny ice crystals that reflect sunlight, can be a warning signal betraying the approach of a hurricane. Few in eastern North Carolina recognized the sign provided in the early morning hours of September 2, 1913. Most were completely unprepared for the approaching storm.

The first to feel the effects of the hurricane were ships passing along the Carolina coast. High winds tore away the sails of the six-masted schooner "George W. Wells" and storm-driven waves washed over its decks. The 319-foot schooner pitched violently from side to side as foam and spray filled the air. One hundred mile per hour winds pushed the waters of the Atlantic into waves 50 feet tall. The ocean pounded the vessel for hours before driving it into the dunes on Ocracoke Island. Only after the storm subsided would the 24 people on board the "Wells" be found -- lashed to the splintered masts yet, miraculously, still alive.

On Ocracoke and Portsmouth Islands people huddled in their homes as the tide rose, flooding the islands under several feet of water. Some houses were swept out to sea while others were merely displaced several hundred feet from their foundations. A large tramp steamer was washed from the sea into Ocracoke village.

Easterly winds caused the tides to rise along the mainland side of Pamlico Sound. Oriental was submerged by water estimated to be as deep as 15 feet in some locations. Goose Creek Island was devastated by the hurricane-induced flooding. Crops in Pamlico County were almost totally ruined.

The storm-driven tide lifted the county bridge that connected Bridgeton to New Bern and slammed it against the Norfolk and Southern railroad bridge. Bridges at Belhaven, Pungo Creek, Smith's Creek, Bath Creek, Back Creek and Front Creek vanished during the storm.

Near Belhaven all houses along the Pungo River were washed away, and the tide increased until more than

five feet of water stood in the shops in the business district. A local reporter wrote that, "Men in bathing suits leaped from the buildings and saved women and children from drowning."

At Washington the tide rose ten and one-half feet above normal. The county bridge crossing the Pamlico River, which was constructed of hollow steel pilings filled with concrete, was washed away. The mile-long bridge of the Norfolk and Southern railroad was demolished. In Chocowinity Swamp a trestle several miles long, owned by the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, was reduced to kindling wood.

As the storm continued moving to the west, three people perished in Hertford and Perquimans, two died in Edgemont, and two in Farmville were killed as buildings collapsed. As far west as Durham County creeks and streams overflowed, causing serious water damage to corn planted in the lowlands.

When the hurricane weakened, the North Carolina naval militia used the vessel "El Freida" to survey damages along the coast. They found Pamlico Sound "strewn with wreckage of small craft, trees, and dead animals."

Within hours after the winds and tides abated, legends began to spring up. Simon O'Neal, whose house

on Ocracoke Island had been washed away, claimed to have found porpoise stuck in the crotch of a tree 40 feet above the ground. People in Belhaven stated that the tide along the Pamlico River had risen nearly 20 feet during the storm. A newspaper editor in Washington mistakenly called the storm a tornado.

Despite the legends and the inaccurate accounts, those who experienced the hurricane in 1913 knew that they had been witness to one of the greatest storms on earth. Their memory of the flooding and the high winds, the crop and livestock losses, and the property damage to buildings, boats, and bridges would never fade. For the remainder of their lives, they would remember September 2-3, 1913 as the time of The September Storm.

Father Uses CPR To Save Child's Life

When Donald Haislip of Plymouth was attending company sponsored cardio pulmonary resuscitation classes, he had no idea that the newly acquired skills would mean so much to him and his family.

On the morning of July 28 this year, Haislip and his wife were awakened by noises coming from their twenty-one month old daughter, Amy's bed. They discovered she was having convulsions. Acting quickly, Haislip and his wife put the child on her stomach on the bed when she stopped breathing.

It was then that Haislip began to use his new CPR skills.

First, noticing that his child's jaws were clamped shut, he started resuscitation through her nose. Within 30 seconds she had resumed sporadic breathing. Mrs. Haislip was on the phone to the local rescue squad. Haislip kept Amy breathing until the ambulance arrived.

Upon reaching the hospital,

her case was diagnosed as bacterial spinal meningitis, and the doctor told the couple that, had Haislip not known what to do and had he not acted quickly, Amy would have died.

This story has a happy ending. Amy has recovered with no apparent ill effect.

All this, came to light recently, when Haislip, known to his friends as "Doc" wrote a letter to the company thanking them for providing CPR training and saying "I attribute my training at the Weyerhaeuser company as a factor in the prevention of a tragedy in my family".

Haislip is a timber cruiser for the company in the Plymouth area.

Harvesting of genetically superior seed cones is underway at the Weyerhaeuser Seed Orchard in Washington according to tree improvement production manager, Gary Oppenheimer.

The harvesting operation is expected to continue for the next seven weeks, during which time two twenty-four member teams will work six days per week and a separate 24 member crew will work ten hours each Sunday.

The harvest is expected to yield about ten to twelve thousand bushels which according to Oppenheimer, is about the same as a year ago.

The cones are field cured, the seed extracted by machine, cleaned and stored at 10 degrees F.

One hundred and sixty one acres of pine orchard trees are involved in the harvest only at Washington, North

Carolina. The seeds from the harvest will be used to produce genetically superior seedlings in company nurseries across the South, including Mississippi, Alabama and Arkansas in addition to North Carolina.

Weyerhaeuser also operates orchards at Belgrade and Comfort.

The annual United Way campaigns are underway at several Weyerhaeuser Company locations. According to safety director, Bob Dorchester, New Bern's campaign is already in progress as a pace-setter (an early campaign that brings money to the coffers giving others a target to shoot for).

The Plymouth campaign, currently being organized by administrative personnel manager, Sarah Gaylord, will be conducted beginning in early October.

According to company nurse, Maggie Evans, the United Way campaign at the Jacksonville location held its kick-off breakfast on September 15. The campaign will continue to completion under the direction of Evans.

The Medium Density Fiberboard plant at Moncure will conduct its campaign later this year.

The Chowan Herald "Top Thirty"
Week No. 5
October 2, 1982

- Pittsburgh 3-0
- Nebraska 2-1
- Washington 3-0
- Alabama 3-0
- North Carolina 2-1
- Penn State 4-0
- So. Cal. 2-1
- Georgia 3-0
- So. Methodist 3-0
- Florida 3-0
- Arizona St. 4-0
- UCLA 3-0
- Miami (Fla.) 3-1
- Texas 2-0
- Ohio St. 2-1
- Arkansas 3-0
- Notre Dame 2-0
- Michigan 1-2
- Oklahoma 1-2
- Miss. St. 3-1
- Stanford 2-1
- Minnesota 2-0
- Boston Coll. 2-0-1
- Auburn 3-0
- West Va. 3-0
- Clemson 1-1-1
- Maryland 1-2
- BYU 1-2
- Illinois 3-1
- Duke 3-0

Predictions: Week of October 2, 1982

Ark. St. (-47) at Ala. Citadel (+3) at Appl. St.	Ga. Tech. (-30) at UNC Ill. (-6) at Minn. Ind. (-21) at Mich. Md. (+1) at Syracuse
Kan. St. (-22) at Ariz. St. TCU (-17) at Ark. Neb. (+14) at Auburn Temple (-13) at Boston Coll. Cinn. (-13) at S.C. Ky. (-20) at Clemson UCLA (+21) at Colo. Navy (-16) at Duke ECU (-12) at Mo. W. Caro. (+13) at E. Tenn. St. Fla. St. (-8) at Ohio St. VMI (+1) at Furman Ga. (+5) at Miss. St.	Notre Dame (+8) at Mich. St. N.C. State (+13) at Va. N. Texas St. (-34) at SMU Ore. (-34) at So. Cal. Ore. St. (-37) at Stanford W. Va. (-20) at Pittsburgh Wm. & Mary (-18) at Rutgers San Diego St. (-34) at Wash. Wash. St. (-7) at Tenn. Wake Forest (-19) at Va. Tech. Texas (+20) at Rice
Record: Last Week 23 Right 7 Wrong	Season Record 74 Right 17 Wrong 1 Tie

Advisory Service Provided

RALEIGH—Farmers and homeowners in North Carolina are provided with a nematode advisory service by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. The Agronomics Division, which also performs basic soil samples for North Carolinians, performs the nematode assays for a fee of one dollar per sample.

"Nematodes are found in all soils in our state, but the type of nematode and the type of crop planted on that particular piece of ground determines the level of damage incurred by the pests," says Dr. Jack Imbriani, nematologist with the NCDA. "The only way to accurately forecast the

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