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Describes Hurricane Which Swept Florida

To The Editor Cherokee Scout.
Am sending you details of the hurricane which swept the southern portion of Florida recently.

Late Friday afternoon, September 17, storm signals were displayed atop of the Miami postoffice warning the people that a hurricane of unknown violence was progressing toward the southern coast of Florida and it would reach from Miami to the Florida Keys south and north as far as Jupiter. Florida people are a happy go lucky sort and were not impressed very much at the warning.

Saturday morning, September 18, about three o'clock the hurricane struck with all its violence and continued unabated until six o'clock in the morning when there was a lull of about forty minutes in which people witnessed a terrible sight to look upon, homes were torn down every where, unroofed or damaged in some way. Then the storm came on worse than ever and lasted several hours longer. It was in the latter period that the greatest damage was suffered, also most of the casualties occurred then.

Reports as to the people killed and injured was greatly exaggerated by the frightened refugees as later official accounts show, according to the reports from Funeral Homes, Hospitals and the various Welfare Workers. The government took the situation in hand and established martial law which was enforced for several days, if any place of business was found charging exorbitant prices for their goods they were immediately closed up by the soldiers. People were allowed to sleep in Churches, Jails, buses, or any other place that had a roof on it, my home was not damaged and forty-two refugees were sheltered there. There was many pathetic reunions of families who thought their children, fathers or mothers were lost. Many bodies were taken out of Biscayne Bay and some are still being recovered, also an occasional one is found in the wreckage of houses. The beaches were covered with dead fish and other animal life of the ocean. In many instances men have got sick from looking at dead bodies passing by where they worked in hearses, etc.

There was a tidal wave accompanying the hurricane which did thousands of dollars damage and drowned many people. Along Bay Shore Drive several small yachts, tug boats, and scows were washed ashore. The largest one was a four master sail boat which was about 200 feet long. A small steam yacht which belonged to Kaiser Wilhelm when he was Emperor of Germany was sunk at its mooring. The Government rum chaser was thrown out on the land by the waves. The boot-jeggors ought to do a flourishing business while it is high and dry. About one-half of the automobiles are without tops. . . . All the kids can see out now without sticking their heads out.

So far as it is known there was no fatalities among the people from North Carolina, although many of them had their homes destroyed. In no instance has there been any one suffered from hunger unless they were on a diet. Welfare workers had food out for the people as soon as the storm was over and while it lasted no one had an appetite to eat or at least I don't think they did. Several merchants opened their stores to the public telling them to take what they wished to eat. There has been a shortage of roofing until lately.

The ocean covered Miami Beach approximately eight feet in depth, all the first floors of the buildings were flooded, many buildings were demolished or unroofed by the wind. Carl G. Esther, Realtor and Developer of

Miami Beach, owns a pet elephant, which the city forces have been using to set up Palm Trees. She sets them up with her head. She has been putting in eight hours each day with the laborers. Many fine automobiles were found covered under sand after the storm subsided, also a few dandruff jumpers; better known as Fords. The causeway connecting Miami Beach in some parts was cut thru by the waves, making it necessary to bring the dead and injured over to Miami Hospitals on barges, where the injured were given first aid and the corpses packed in saw dust until they could be properly fixed for burial by the undertaking establishments. Have heard the undertakers did the best business they have done in years. Some are planning to retire when they get their accounts receivable all paid up.

The Mayer-Kover Bank Building, a fifteen story structure, located in the heart of Miami business district, was so badly damaged that the city officials deemed it necessary to condemn and raze it to the ground. This building was left erect about 24 inches in the center. There is a closer bond of friendship among the people of Miami and surrounding districts, even to the dumb animals. In one instance a bird dog and goat took up together and when night came they were found sleeping together, the bird dog lying stretched out, and the goat using him for a pillow. Perhaps the dog's sense of smell was impaired.

Out at Hialeah, a suburb of Miami, the waters from the everglades came in and flooded portions of the town several days previous to the hurricane forcing many people to abandon their homes and move out on the high ground. When the hurricane struck the town they were cut off from outside communication. A lady taken to the Jackson Memorial Hospital, an institution which is maintained by the city for those that aren't financially able to pay hospital bills relates the following: "It was pitiful to hear members of families grieving for their lost ones, and hearing others relate about leaving their failing homes only to be washed away by the flood waters and in many cases losing younger members of their family."

Every precaution has been made by the health authorities to prevent an epidemic of sickness. Also many noted doctors from other cities in the United States and Cuba have come to Miami to aid in the prevention of disease. Most of the homes use electric pumps and as the electricity has been off for several days the have no available way to dispose of sewerage, also the water supply has been very scarce. It was rumored just after the storm that there would be a scarcity of food but that was only idle talk. Those who were able to purchase their supplies were forced to do so and those unable to pay were supplied by the Welfare Workers. No looting was allowed until the debris was cleaned off the streets. The police conscripted all the idle ones and put them to work—of course they were remunerated for their services by their respective employers. . . . Have heard it was particularly hard on the "Lounge lizards" and "Drug Store cow-boys" to be forced to earn their dollars earnestly.

At the present "The Land of Flowers" isn't very appropriate for southern Florida but the people are doing landscape work and rebuilding their homes with all haste possible, don't think it will be long before all traces of the storm will be obliterated, but there will be an unpleasant remembrance of it linger in their minds for many years.

Before the storm the scarcity of employment was alarming—but now there is work for men of all trades and there is a shortage of labor. I think this will continue for many months. It will take more than a hurricane to keep people away from where summer spends the winter. Industrial, Commercial and sporting activities at the present show that to be a fact.

I am a native of N. C., was born in Murphy and will be a booster of my home town as long as I live. I have been in several towns in different states, but would advise anyone owning his home in Murphy to be contented as he won't find many places where he could better himself by changing locations. In my opinion there is a great future for Western N. C., and Murphy will be benefited by all enterprises in the western end of the state. Things that happen in Murphy are not the "fly by night" kind, and when you invest in what the town and surrounding localities offer you can feel secure and know you have done wisely. I am a resident of Miami at the present and know that what I have told of the storm is true. When I think of Murphy it makes me think of what an old negro named, or we called her Aunt Jane, used to tell me when I was a kid "Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home".
Would appreciate it very much if

Social and Personal

(Edited By Mrs. A. S. Clark)

A TOUCH OF GOLD
We get the sweetest comfort
When we wear the oldest shoe.

We love the old friends better
Than we'll ever love the new.

The old songs are more appealing
To the wearied heart—and so

We find the sweetest music
In the tunes of long ago.

For—there's a kind of mellow sweetness
In a good thing growing old—

Each year that rolls around it
Leaves an added touch of gold.
—Selected.

Mr. H. E. Hampton, formerly of this place, but now with the L. & N. Railroad in Etowah was a visitor in town Wednesday.

Mrs. S. J. Riley and son Ivan, of Asheville, W. Va., are guests of Mrs. S. H. Bowles.

Mrs. Harve Elkins and Mrs. W. M. Fain spent last week in Knoxville.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Burgin and little daughter, of Waynesville, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. T. N. Bates and son went to Atlanta last week to see Mr. Leslie Bates, who is a patient at Wesley Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Mike Hyatt, of Tomotla was in town Monday.

Miss Annie Sword and Mr. Bill Brandon motored to Porterdale, Ga., Sunday, and were guests of Miss Emily Sword.

Mr. J. R. McClelland is spending some time at Marble on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher, of Athens, Tenn., have recently been guests of Mrs. W. A. Bryson. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are prominent in the social and civic life of Athens and Chattanooga.

Mr. E. E. Davis was in Atlanta last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kinzel spent the week-end with Mrs. Kenzel's mother, Mrs. Mary E. Deweese. Mr. Kinzel is a city ticket agent for the L. & N. Railroad in Atlanta.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson has been christened, Eugene Evans Johnson.

Mr. T. N. Bates and Mr. Harve Elkins attended a banquet at Asheville Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mauney motored to Asheville Friday.

Mrs. Callie Hall has returned from a trip, which included all the large cities of the east. Mrs. Hall was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Williams of Asheville. Mr. Williams was the representative of the Business Men's Club at their convention in Washington City, where all the delegates and their ladies were guests of that famous hostelry, The Mayflower.

Mr. A. Rice of near Culberson was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McMillian have recently entertained, Mr. John Watkins and daughter of South Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Watkins and family of Chattanooga

Mrs. G. H. Cope is the guest of relatives in Webster.

Mr. Alley Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson of Hothouse has entered the Copper Hill high school as a senior. Mr. Johnson is prominent in all school activities and is an all around athlete.

The members of the Woman's Club met Monday afternoon in the library and elected the following officers: Mrs. E. B. Norvell, President; Mrs. W. M. Axley, Vice-President; Mrs. Edward Adams, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs Harve Elkins, Recording

you would publish what I have written heretofore as I think it would be beneficial to people who have relatives here.
Written by Oakly T. Witt,
44 N. E. 61st Street,
Miami, Florida.

Secretary; Mrs. J. B. Storey, Treasurer. A music club was organized and Mrs. C. W. Savage was elected President. It is predicted that the club will accomplish much with this staff of officers.

Mrs. C. A. Brown, Mrs. J. N. Elliott and Mr. Jack Elliott, of Andrews motored to town Tuesday and were guests of Mrs. R. H. Hyatt.

LOST—One ear screw set with ruby in center surrounded by small diamonds. Liberal reward. Return to Mrs. Nettie Dickey, city. (It-d)

The marriage book in the Register of Deeds office shows the following marriages recorded during the past few days: Sept. 30th, Frank Palmer and Gonorah Howell by T. N. Bates; Oct. 1, Robert G. Pfefferson and Winnifred Burrows by A. A. Fain; Oct. 3rd, Ezra Hughes and Oma Jane Seabolt by T. L. Noble; Oct. 4, R. A. Garland and Delphine Popham by T. N. Bates

Mrs. Rollin Dockery and little daughter returned from Florida this week to spend sometime with relatives and friends. It was reported here last week that Mr. and Mrs. Dockery and children were killed in the Florida hurricane, but Mrs. Dockery said they were all safe but homeless. Mr. Dockery remains in Florida where he is rebuilding their residence.

Last week in the report of the Democratic convention, the name of Joseph Hall was given when it should have been J. E. Hall, candidate for county commissioner.

Little Miss Beatrice Davidson has returned from Wrightsville Beach and Atlanta where she visited relatives and friends for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Belle Davidson, of Ranger, was in town the first of the week.

TO MERCHANTS—I will be in Atlanta, Ga., from the 1st to 15th of October, where I will have on display a complete line of stationery, school supplies, toys, dolls, toilet articles, fireworks, etc., and would be glad to show you the line. Write or wire me when to expect you. W. B. Pass, Princeton Hotel, Atlanta, Ga.

OWL CREEK

Mrs. C. J. Mares, of Florida, has returned to her old home in this place to spend a while.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Abernathy, of Marble were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Fred Davis, of this place Saturday.

Miss Mary Jones of this place is spending a while with her aunt, Mrs. Newt Kiphart, at Eastlaport, N. C.

Mr. John Marcus is building an addition to his house at present.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Abernathy and

little son and daughter, of Marble, Tenn., are visiting relatives of this place at present.

Miss Delthia Kephart and her nest Kephart made a business trip to Murphy one day last week.

Mr. C. C. Haas has a very hand at this writing.

Bride: "I don't think you love as you did, George."
Husband: "What makes you so, honey?"

"For three days now you have been arrested for speeding on way home"

"Wot you doin', chile?"
"Nothin', mammy."
"My, but you is gettin' like father."—Boston Transcript.

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BARGAINS IN USED CARS!

- 1—1926 Model Chevrolet \$425.00
- 1—New Model Ford Touring, driven 125 miles since delivery from Evans \$425
- 1—1926 Model Ford Touring, 3 months old \$275.00
- 1—1924 Model, Ford Touring \$100.00
- 1 Chevrolet Coupe, 1925 Model \$300.00
- 1—3 1/2 mos. old Chevrolet Touring \$510.00
- 1—Ford 1 ton Truck \$150.00
- 1 Ford Surry \$125.00
- 1 Ford Touring, 1925 Model (County Welfare car) \$200.00

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Chevrolet Sales and Service
Murphy, N. C.

STOP! LOOK!

FOR
CHRISTOPHER'S STORE
While Attending The
CHEROKEE COUNTY FAIR

Make Christopher's Store your headquarters during the fair October 13-14-15-16. We will have special bargains for these days. We want you to enjoy good merchandise at a special price. Look these prices over. We are only mentioning a small part of the real values we offer.

L. L. Sheeting per yd.	12 1-2c
Cotton Plaid, worth 60c pr. yd	39c
All the latest goods in Silk and Wool for winter wear. Don't fail to see what we have.	
Ladies—Look over our Dresses, Coats, Shoes and Hats. A wonderful assortment of stylish merchandise at reasonable prices.	
Asst. Silk Dresses	\$5.95
Asst. \$4.00 Wool Sweaters	
Misses or Ladies'	\$3.19
Men's Sweaters	98c
Childrens' Sweaters	48c up
Many other special prices on sweaters not mentioned.	
Assortment of Ladies' All	
Wool Dresses	\$4.95
All colors in Ladies' Silk Hose at reasonable prices.	
Ladies' Silk Hose	39c
Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Hose	25c
Don't fail to visit our Job Lot Store over Murphy Hardware—Ladies', Men's, and Childrens' Coats	
VISIT OUR STORE, TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT US. A FAIR PRICE FOR FAIR WEEK.	

- Bed Blankets per pair \$1.65
- Men's Overalls, elastic suspenders, pair 95c
- Men's \$3.50 work Shoes pair \$2.65
- Men's Broad Cloth Shirts \$1.15
- Men's solid leather broad belts 45c
- Ladies' Winter Union Suits \$1.00
- Misses' Winter Union Suits 45c
- Boy's Winter Union Suits 45c
- Men's Winter Union Suits \$1.00
- Men's and boy's Suits, Overcoats, Hats, Caps and Shoes
- We will offer special reductions on suits and overcoats during these four days.
- New Styles, New Patterns
- Men's Heavy part wool Shirts \$1.75
- Men's \$2.00 Caps, Each 95c
- Men's Socks, pair 10c
- Boy's and Girl's hose pair 15c