

Blinding Rains And Wind Hit Durham

By Elson Armstrong, Jr.
Blinding rains, gusty winds, and even marble-sized hail swept through Durham and much of Central North Carolina on Tuesday afternoon.

The storm was part of a line of severe thunderstorms which were caused by what weather people call an "upper level low pressure system" which was moving across the state.

An upper level low is a pocket of cold air which forms at high latitudes (over 18,000 ft.). While temperatures at ground level in Durham on Tuesday were approaching 90 degrees, the reading in this pocket of air was below 12 degrees! Thus, instability was created because of the clash between the warm air on the ground and the cold air aloft. When such an event occurs, it is the perfect breeding condition for thunderstorms.

The storm line approached the Triangle area about 2 p.m., when it passed over Roxboro half-inch size hail was reported.

A short time later, the storm swept southeastward into Durham. Some sections reported marble-size hail. The northern areas of town seemed to be the hardest hit.

The parking lot at Eno Valley Shopping Center on North Roxboro Road

was flooded. High winds and heavy rains were reported at the Eno River State Park.

One resident reported seeing what he thought may have been a funnel cloud (the beginning stage of a tornado) over the southern section of Durham just before the main storm hit that area.

The storm's major fury, which lasted for about 30 minutes, ripped tree limbs and blew them into streets all over Durham. In some cases, entire small trees were blown over.

The heavy rains, which at times resembled a hurricane, caused branches and creeks to rise rapidly and flood low lying areas such as Forest Hills Park.

Sharp, vivid lightning was also visible during the height of the squall.

The Sheriff's Department in Warren County reported a small tornado which caused some damage there.

The storm disrupted a picnic for Northern High's football team at Eno River State Park.

Several large tree limbs were downed in Burton Park near McDougald Terrace.

Winds during the storm in Durham were estimated to be as high as 50 mph during the height of the storm.

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FARMER SELLS DURING SUMMER—Curnel Glenn, a school teacher, who farms during his time off spends the summer selling his produce, closes a sale at his location in the 2500 block of Fayetteville Street. Photo by Silas Mayfield

Young Farmer Thinks Blacks Should Stick To Land

By Joseph E. Green
One young Durham farmer thinks that young blacks who are leaving family farms are making a tremendous mistake.

"Farming is the very backbone of this nation," said Curnel Glenn, 25, a farmer who teaches during the winter months and sells his crop during the summer.

"They (young black youths) do not understand the value of staying on the land," said Glenn, a North Carolina A&T graduate who has been working on his family's farm since he was a young boy.

Glenn said that each year black farmers are losing acreage. "We do not get the same type of opportunities that the white farmers do. We do not get the same type of treatment from the federal agencies that deal with farmers that they do."

Monday through

Wednesdays, Glenn is on his family's 500 acre farm in Rougemont, where he and his brother and his father pick the crops that they planted in March.

From Thursday through Saturday evening, the young farmer is on the corner of Fayetteville and Burlington with bushel baskets full of tomatoes, squash, cabbage, peaches, watermelons and apples.

"I sell my produce cheaper than the supermarkets do," said Glenn as he stood in the blistering afternoon sun.

"Most of my business comes during the late afternoon when people are getting off from work. The food they get here is fresher than what they can get if they go to the grocery store. I think it is better for them also."

Glenn graduated from college in 1979 with a degree in agriculture.

Last year he taught agriculture in the Henderson public school system.

"The young people seemed to be afraid and ashamed of farming," he said, "they wanted to stay away from it. They did not understand that if it were not for the farmers, they would not be able to eat."

At the beginning of the summer, Glenn hauled his crop in a small blue car. Now he has a large green truck that acts as his stall.

"I have four sisters and five brothers," Glenn said, "we all worked on the farm. It gives me an extra income and it's a very important part of my life. I don't go to the banks for money, I take some of my own money and invest it into what I am doing, it is just that important to me."

More Citizens Complaining About Missed Garbage

By Donald Alderman
A southeast Durham homeowner, Nathaniel Williams, 65, of Ridgeway Avenue, noticed his garbage got picked up only once one week instead of the usual twice. He later found out that the Durham Sanitation Department was running a little short of help that week.

Another north central Durham homeowner along Oakwood Street wondered why the garbage collection crew was skipping her house. She later learned that the crew only empties containers up to 32 gallons in size.

These are but two of the things that can clog the sanitation collection system, causing your garbage and trash to stay around three or four days longer.

The large system with more than 31,000 residential and 1,500 commercial pick-up points breaks down occasionally, especially during the summer vacation months, according to sanitation officials, who have noticed a recent rise in citizens' complaints. About 45 complaints are filed daily but sanitation officials say that's about right for this time of the year.

"I wouldn't say it (the system) works entirely right every time," says sanitation director Bob Mitchell who has directed the department since 1976, "but they try."

The "they" is the collection division's nearly 90 employees that break down into 22 crews of two to three persons, three supervisors and other administrative personnel, operating on an annual budget of about \$2 million.

Working four 10-hour days each week, they collect nearly six tons of garbage per day, about 80,000 tons annually.

On Monday and Thursday, they collect garbage from the city's southern half, roughly south of Main Street, while on Tuesday and Friday, they pick up trash north of Main Street.

Each zone has 22 residential collection routes worked by seven different crews. Thus there are three crew groups with three supervisors. This format allows errors to be traced back to the responsible supervisor and crew.

But, as efficient as it may sound, the system does break down.

According to Mitchell, who has been with the city 32 years, garbage collection here doesn't get off track until eleven employees are absent at the same time. That's enough to cause one or more of the 22 residential routes to be missed.

When an area is missed, say on a Tuesday, then the crew responsible is supposed to work that area first the next day before moving to another side of town, Mitchell said. But an informal survey shows that in most cases, the crew collects the garbage on the next scheduled trip, rather than on the next day.

Absenteeism hasn't reached alarming proportions, according to Mitchell, who says he still wants to see attendance improved.

Absenteeism, averaging about five daily, can be attributed to injuries, vacation, sickness or other leave benefits.

A sanitation worker who asked not to be

identified, said more workers are needed to curb the frequency of missed neighborhoods.

Mitchell, not ruling out the necessity of more employees, pointed more to the personnel who relieve the collection crews when they are running short of help. They are about eleven workers who usually wash trucks and cut grass at sanitation's headquarters on Camden Road.

Mitchell says the crews attempt to rotate areas to skip so "we won't be picking on one neighborhood."

That calls for good communication between the crews. Since the crews, except drivers, work different routes from time to time, drivers must tell new crew members what areas have been skipped.

In the case of making up a missed area, the driver must tell the supervisor about the missed area and the supervisor must tell the crew to work that area first the next day. Simply forgetting could mess up the whole process.

Residents who don't know the sanitation department's rules applying to collection can also cause the system to break down.

For example, if you leave more than three containers of garbage in your backyard, workers will pick up only two unless you put the third one beside the curb. Or, if you have containers that hold more than 32 gallons of garbage, workers will skip your house, leaving your trash behind.

Vicious dogs and garbage scattered on the ground will also cause

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Valentine Wants Black Support In Congressional Race

By Joseph E. Green
Tim Valentine cannot win the fall election for the 2nd district congressional seat without the solid support of the district's blacks and he is working hard to get it.

Valentine's first hurdle is to win the support of Durham attorney and businessman H.M. "Mickey" Michaux whom he defeated in a July 29 run-off by 8,000 votes.

That contest between the two Democrats was laced with charges of race baiting, with Michaux supporters and campaign workers saying that Valentine, a Rocky Mount lawyer, made the color of Michaux's skin the major issue in the election. Michaux is black. Valentine is white.

Valentine insisted during an interview that he did not make race an issue. He said that he

had black support in his home district and that, if elected, he intended to hire blacks for his congressional staff in Washington and his district offices.

When asked if he had said that the support of Michaux's following was "essential" to his effort, Valentine said "yes". He added that he thought that it was crucial if the Democrats were to maintain the 2nd district seat.

"I have offered to meet with 'Mickey' several times and I have not heard anything from him," Valentine said. "I have no idea why he is avoiding a meeting. If he had won the run-off I would have met with him and offered him my support."

Sources close to Michaux have said that they do not expect him to conduct a write-in. It would be too costly and

the campaign is already more than \$100,000 in debt.

Michaux workers in counties such as Warren and Wilson have kept their headquarters open and are seriously thinking of mounting their own write-in effort on behalf of "our candidate" as he is known there. But it is unlikely, according to astute political observers, that Michaux will endorse such an effort. It is also unlikely that Michaux will endorse Valentine. At least not in the near future.

Valentine said that there are prominent blacks involved in his

Scramble Is On For ABC Chief's Job

By Donald Alderman
On the first Monday in December, Roland Leary becomes Durham County's new sheriff, and already the scramble for his ABC Chief's job is heating up behind the scenes.

Though none of the principals are willing to comment publicly about their designs on the position, sources say there are two interesting possibilities being discussed. Both would give Durham a "first" in law enforcement.

One possibility is that Ronald Allen, the city's only black ABC enforcement officer, will follow Leary to the Sheriff's office as chief deputy.

Allen has said privately that he would be interested in either the chief deputy's slot or the ABC Chief's post, though he would not say if he is actively campaigning for either job.

Allen as ABC Chief is the second possibility

under discussion, according to sources.

Though the position has not been advertised yet, according to ABC Board Manager, William Leathers, filling the chief's post is a relatively simple matter. It will be done by the three-member ABC board.

Leathers said the board will soon announce an application period, and will accept applications from anyone with the required law enforcement experience and/or educational background outlined for the job.

Leary, who has been with the ABC office for 21 years, the last eight of them as chief, will take part in the selection process and will make a recommendation to the board.

The board, whose members are appointed by the Durham County Commissioners, the County Board of Health, and the County Board of Education, will then make a decision and set the new chief's salary.

It is not yet clear which qualification — education or experience — will have the most weight in selecting the

new ABC Chief. This decision could largely determine if the new chief will be hired among the three current officers, or from outside of the office.

Allen, for example, has been with the ABC office since February 1977, and had worked with the sheriff's department before then.

Leathers says he believes that ABC Assistant Chief James A. Rivers would have "an inside chance for the job."

If Rivers, who has been with the office since March 1973, gets the

chief's job, then the scramble will shift to the assistant chief's position. History is on his side. Leary was assistant chief before being named Chief in 1974.

But sources also say that the ABC office could undergo a complete personnel change, particularly if Allen and the other ABC officer, S.P. O'Brien, follow Leary to the sheriff's office as some sources suggest.

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campaign efforts, but said that he could not release their names because he did not want to cause any friction in the black political community.

He said that he has not contacted the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, but that he intended to contact the Durham-based organization and to solicit its support. The Durham Committee is one of the most powerful political organizations in the state.

Valentine said that he has been a supporter of voting rights legislation and that his opponent, Republican Jack Marin, was opposed to such measures.

I knew blacks in my district who supported Michaux and they were my friends. "I understood that," he said, "but now I hope that they will support me and I think that they will. I think that people will be pleased with me as a congressman," he added, "all people."

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