

HURRICANE WINDS DO DAMAGE

STRIKE COAST AT WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

Thousands Flee to Wilmington to Escape Blow, Many Injured; Winds Reach 60-Mile Velocity; Local Damage in Franklin

Quite a big damage to crops by the hurricane winds from Wilmington passed through on its way to Tennessee were reported from many sections. Only a few trees were reported blown down and no immediate damage to buildings, but quite a large percentage of the cotton, tobacco and corn crops were blown down. The damage varied a good deal in each section but taking the situation as a whole, there was a considerable loss sustained by the farming interests.

Wilmington, Aug. 1.—A tropical storm which brought 60-mile-an-hour winds lashed this war-booming port tonight and virtually inundated the nearby beach resorts from which thousands of persons were evacuated hastily.

With the center of the storm believed to be still some miles off the coast at 6:30 p. m., high-winds leading to the beach resorts were covered by several feet of water and beach residents were being evacuated by the thousands.

The barometer here was falling rapidly at the hour and a deluge of rain accompanied the high winds. Radio stations went out of commission and telephone and telegraph wires began falling fast.

Fears Life Loss
Sgt. Edmund Monk, of nearby Camp Davis, formerly an Associated Press reporter, who was one of the last persons to leave stricken Wrightsville Beach, expressed the belief that "there certainly will be some lives lost tonight."

Monk went to the beach late in the day to try to find his wife and 11-year-old daughter. He found the cottage deserted and he returned to Wilmington hoping to find them among the thousands of refugees. His experience was similar to that of scores of other Camp Davis military personnel.

The storm hit with sudden fury; and though word had been received that a storm was headed this way, many of the coastal residents seemed caught unawares. The Coast Guard began evacuating the beach cottages in the middle of the afternoon at Wrightsville Beach.

At Carolina Beach, another resort near here, the State Highway Patrol, sheriff's deputies and volunteers warned the seaside residents and helped to bring the storm-trapped vacationists into Wilmington.

High Winds
At 6:30 p. m., a reporter for the Wilmington Star-News said that it was not known how many people still were on the beaches and that the wind was blowing so hard at the moment it was well-nigh impossible to go out on the streets.

The reporter was talking over the last remaining telephone line into the city.

The hotel lobbies here were crowded with storm refugees who had no prospect of a place to spend the night. Likewise, the Western Union office was besieged by hundreds of persons anxious to send word to relatives.

But they found that all communication systems were paralyzed.

The housing of the storm refugees appeared to present a difficult problem, Wilmington, a ship-building center, has more than doubled its normal size since the war began, and housing facilities here have been taxed beyond capacity.

Traffic Snarled
As the storm continued, traffic in the city of Wilmington became almost impossible. A reporter for the Wilmington Star-News said that nearly every block had fallen trees, many of them ancient oaks, sprawled across them.

Evacuation of the beach resorts continued as the winds rose to a velocity exceeding 5 miles an hour and as the streets filled with water. At 7 p. m., water flowed over the bridges on the only two roads leading out of Wrightsville Beach, and the wind had reached about 60 miles velocity.

Wrightsville and the other nearby resorts were populated heavily with the wives and children of military personnel at Camp Davis, antiaircraft training center, 30 miles away.

The later cotton is picked the lower the price. Pick it dry and clean for better prices.

MAKING BIG ADVANCE

AMERICAN FORCES IN FRANCE GOING AHEAD

Threaten Nazis Both in Brittany and Central France; Prisoner Total Grows; Doughboys Reach Open Country Where Time Can Be Made

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, Wednesday, Aug. 2.—Surging columns of American armor pointed at the heart of France broke into Brittany at four points Tuesday, smashing 10 miles from captured Avranches in two directions; and infantry forces, taking over the brunt of the thunderous offensive along a wide front, bagged a one-day total of 7,812 prisoners from the broken ranks of the retreating Germans.

While the armor drove down the coast beyond Avranches, American infantry came into its own with a powerful inland smash into the streets of Villedieu-les-Poels and Tassy-Sur-Vire, and along the whole inland side of the Yank break-through German lines were crumbling.

As the great offensive rolled into its ninth day, a Supreme Headquarters communique said armored spearheads captured two dams in an area 10 miles southeast of Avranches across the Seine river, boundary of and last natural barrier before Brittany. A front dispatch said the advance was so swift that the Germans had no chance to blow up the installations.

Across River
The Americans also smashed across the river four and one-half and six miles southeast of Avranches, taking Pontaubault and Ducy.

Ten miles east of Avranches the Doughboys strengthened their hold along the See river, capturing Brecey, a road junction.

Associated Press Correspondent Wes Gallagher, in a dispatch from the front, said the American drive before the American surged completely out of the Cotentin Peninsula and into the interior of France, where Field Marshal Guenther Von Kluge would be unable to establish a line.

Even if he did establish a line temporarily by throwing in new divisions rushed from other parts of France, he never again would be able to stalemate the Allies as the Germans did in the first 50 days of the invasion, Gallagher wrote.

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley has caught up with his timetable and is swinging along now far better than was expected 10 days ago, having accomplished the three primary objectives assigned him—securing of the beachhead, capture of Cherbourg and the break-through out of the Normandy hedgerows and into open country for swift, mobile warfare.

Ration Board Offices
Will Close Each Wednesday Afternoon Through August

The Franklin County War Price and Ration Board will close at 12 o'clock each Wednesday through August, and the public is requested to bear this change in mind in making its visits to the Board for gasoline, tires, sugar or other matters, announced Chairman A. F. Johnson, Wednesday.

This action is made necessary because of the large amount of filing of papers, and the amount of time required for checking among the merchants and automobile dealers, he said. It is hoped this situation can be relieved during four Wednesday afternoons in August.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE
The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Aug. 5th:

Saturday—Johnny Mack Brown in 'Raiders of the Border' and Roy Acuff and his Smoky Mountain Boys, Charles Starrett, Tex Ritter, Mills Bros. and Vera Vague in 'Cowboy Canteen.' Also Chap. 10 'Tiger Woman.'

Sunday—Monday—Michael O'Shea, Ann Shirley and Gene Lockhart in 'The Man From Frisco.'

Tuesday—Jane Frazee, Frank Albertson and Vera Vague in 'Rose The Riveter.'

Wednesday—Paul Lukas and Nady Christians in 'Address Unknown.'

Thursday—Friday—Anne Baxter Vincent Price and William Eythe in 'The Eve of St. Mark.'

MAJOR IN COMMAND



HILL YARBOROUGH
who has been Captain of the 8th Co., N. C. S. G. for the past 2 1/2 years has been promoted to Major of the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Regiment, N. C. S. G.



LT. PAUL W. ELAM
who has been placed in temporary command of 8th Company, N. C. S. G. He is in line and will probably be promoted to Captain following the promotion of Capt. Yarborough.

It will be of much interest and pleasure to his many friends to learn of Capt. Hill Yarborough's promotion to Major and that he will be stationed in Louisburg. Major Yarborough is well fitted and qualified for this honor and his promotion is the correct recognition for the strenuous efforts he has put forth to put the 8th Company, N. C. S. G. at the top.

Likewise the placing of Lt. Elam in Command of the 8th Company, N. C. S. G. is a just recognition of the splendid work and qualification of Lt. Paul Elam, and it is freely expected that his promotion will follow the changes.

The many friends of these two popular and efficient officers of our State Guard are extending congratulations.

The order making these changes received this week are as follows:

Hill Yarborough, Captain, Infantry, N. C. S. G., to be—Major, Infantry, N. C. S. G.

Major Yarborough upon completion of check and transfer of property and company funds will be relieved of his duties as commanding officer, 8th Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Regiment, N. C. S. G., station Louisburg, N. C., and is assigned to the command of the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Regiment, N. C. S. G., station Louisburg, N. C.

1st Lieutenant Paul W. Elam will assume responsibility and accountability for all State and Federal property and accounts and will assume temporary command of the 8th Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Regiment, N. C. S. G., station Louisburg, N. C.

Franklin Recorder's Court held regular session on Tuesday and disposed of cases as follows:

Ben F. Wester, reckless driving without brakes, jury requested and continued.

William C. Renn, operating automobile intoxicated, careless and reckless driving, Nolle prosequi as to operating automobile intoxicated, guilty as to reckless driving to be discharged upon payment of costs.

Charlie Collier, Jr. plead guilty to no drivers license, and discharged upon payment of costs.

Will Green plead guilty to no drivers license, to be discharged upon payment of costs.

Donnie Teasley, home brew for sale, nolle prosequi with leave.

The following cases were continued:

Jim Dunston, abandonment and non-support.

Elbert Haley, reckless driving, Slick Edwards, assault with deadly weapons with intent to kill.

George Jones, assault on female.

Pandora Fogg, carrying concealed weapons, assault with deadly weapons.

W A C S
W. C. Webb, Civilian WAC Recruiter for Louisburg today emphasized the need in the Army for various types of office machine operators.

Wacs with analytical minds and nimble fingers are playing an important role in the prosecution of the war against the enemies of our country. Many American business women who have had experience in operating comptometers, adding machines and similar office machines are putting their practical training to good use as members of the Women's Army Corps, both at home and at our overseas bases.

Business women will find ideal assignments for them; as Wacs, in either the Army Air Forces, Army Ground Forces, or Army Service Forces. These three major branches of the military service are now open for enlistment by qualified women between the ages of 20 and 50 who can meet the educational requirements, have no dependent children under fourteen years of age and who are not engaged in essential war industry or agriculture. Such eligible women may obtain complete information about the Women's Army Corps from their local Civilian WAC Recruiter, or by writing to Headquarters, Charlotte Recruiting District, P. O. Building, Charlotte, 2, N. C.

Sampson and Cumberland counties have set up county-wide cotton improvement programs. Cotton ginners are cooperating.

Another Pennsylvania Dutch expression: My off is all. Meaning my vacation is over.

FARMERS PICNIC A SUCCESS

J. E. Winslow, President of N. C. Farm Bureau, Advises Farmers to Organize

Approximately 200 Franklin County Farm Bureau people enjoyed a recreational meeting held at Jackson's Pond on Friday afternoon. Officials of the local organization were well pleased to note the attendance of women and children. Mr. Blair Tucker, Chairman of the Program Committee, had planned a very enjoyable recreational program of fishing, boating, swimming, horse shoe pitching, music and speaking.

The horse shoe pitching contest attracted most attention of any recreational event. Mr. Crawford Kearney donated a \$5.00 prize for the winning horse shoe pitching team. This prize was won by Lawrence Rogers and L. B. Suggs. Mr. Percy Joyner presented the prize.

President J. O. Wilson called the group for a short meeting at 6:00 p. m. All business was dispersed with. After welcoming the group, President Wilson called on Walter Fuller to introduce the speaker, Mr. J. E. Winslow, President of the N. C. Farm Bureau. Mr. Winslow made a very interesting and educational talk on "The History of Farm Bureau, What the Farm Bureau is and How the Farm Bureau is Helping the Farmer." The key point of Mr. Winslow's talk was that farmers should organize to protect their interest. Mr. Winslow said "Farmers organize because the world is organized against you, therefore you must organize to protect your interest."

The Committee on arrangements had available for those desiring such, barbecue and Brunswick stew. Following the speaking the majority of those present enjoyed supper before returning to their homes.

CLARK TRAILS IN MISSOURI; LAMBERTSON AMONG LOSERS

Senator Bennett Champ Clark's apparent defeat in the Missouri Democratic primary was interpreted by Republicans in Congress yesterday as enhancing their party's chances of capturing the Senate seat and carrying the state for the GOP national ticket next fall.

Most Democrats in Washington limited their comment to words of praise for Clark and for Roy S. McKittrick, who was leading the Senator by 18,000 votes on the basis of incomplete and unofficial returns from Tuesday's balloting. Still to be counted on Friday are about 30,000 absentee ballots.

Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., House Republican leader, summed up the general GOP view in these words:

November Fight
"The defeat of Clark makes it a clean-cut November fight in Missouri on the New Deal. I believe it means election of a Republican Senator and that the State will go for Dewey and Bricker."

McKittrick, state attorney general campaigned as an out-and-out administration supporter while Clark often has been critical of the administration.

Governor Forrest C. Donnell is the Republican Senatorial nominee.

In New York State, Rep. Hamilton Fish attributed his success in winning Republican renomination in part to the criticism fired at him by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, the Republican Presidential nominee, and Wendell Willkie.

"The people of this district are opposed to outside interference of any kind," Fish said.

Fish, veteran of 24 years in Congress, won by about 2,500 votes over August W. Bennett, who already had the Democratic and American Labor Party nominations and will oppose Fish again in November.

Other Results
Among other results of Tuesday's primaries was renomination of Republican Senator Clyde M. Reed in Kansas. Rep. W. P. Lambertson, Kansas Republican who had criticized the war records of President Roosevelt's sons, was defeated by State Senator Albert Cole.

Lambertson, seeking his ninth term, several times had attacked the President's sons, charging that they had been coddled and that he had been told one of them had been "jerked" out of the danger zone on Guadalcanal.

SECOND ALLOTMENT CANNING SUGAR

Each applicant for a second allotment of canning and preserving sugar will be required to furnish a list of preserves and jellies, as well as canned foods in which sugar has been used.

PRICES ABOVE CEILING

ON GEORGIA-FLORIDA MARKETS MONDAY

Tobacco Ranges From 40 to 45 Cents Generally; Warehouse Floors Swamped

Atlanta, July 31.—Flue-cured tobacco markets in Georgia and Florida opened today with best grades of cigarette type tobacco bringing prices well above the disputed 39-cent ceiling average set by the Office of Price Administration.

Warehouses throughout the growing districts of both states, closed for an extra week while Congressmen, Senators, Governors and others battle for a 41-cent ceiling, opened with floors well covered.

An estimated 2,500,000 pounds were on hand in seven warehouses at Valdosta alone, with opening sales running at around 40 cents average, with some grades going as high as 45 cents per pound.

At Moultrie, where state specialists said the quality of the leaf was much better than last season, the first 96 piles sold for an average price of 40 cents.

Farmers Satisfied
Other market cities in Georgia and Florida reported brisk sales at prices which generally brought satisfaction to the farmers who had toiled throughout the season.

Lake City, Florida, had 1,400,000 pounds of leaf ready for sale and first sales averaged slightly more than 41 cents. Truckloads arrived throughout the day. In Live Oak during the first hour the sales ran to 108,000 pounds at an average of 39.9 cents. The eight warehouses at Live Oak had 2,320,000 pounds of medium to good quality leaf.

Sales were so brisk at Statesboro, Ga., that some growers and warehousemen demanded an extra set of buyers. Tobacco acreage in the Statesboro area increased from 60 to 80 per cent this year over last, and E. H. Smith, president of the Bulloch County Farm Bureau, said unless extra buyers were sent in, the growers would suffer.

Average opening prices at Statesboro were around 41 cents.

Other Averages
Other "first row" prices in Georgia included Tifton, 25 to 43 cents; Hazlehurst, 39 to 42; Douglas, 26 to 45; Blackshear, 29 to 50; Nashville, 25 to 47; Vidalia, 13 1/2 to 43; Hahira, 30 to 44; Pelham, 35 to 48.

The Georgia crop last year amounted to 69,150,734 pounds with a money value of \$26,721,424.06. The average price throughout last season was 38.63 cents and the 1943 ceiling was 42 cents until just before the season's end, when it was cut to 39 cents.

FARM WOMEN'S GROUP TO MEET AUGUST 9

The State Council of the N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will hold its annual meeting in Raleigh on August 9 and 10, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. Estelle Smith of State College, executive secretary of the federation.

Club representatives will be housed at Meredith College and all meetings will be held in the State College YMCA auditorium. Mrs. J. H. L. Miller of Marion, federation president, will preside.

The first day of the meeting will be devoted to business matters. Reports on the Jane S. McKimmon Loan Fund, the National Home Demonstration Council, the liaison committee of the Associated Country Women of the World, and the Urban-Rural Conference in Washington will be heard.

On the second day a devotional service honoring mothers of sons and daughters in the war services will be held.

MARRIED
Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Champion, of Spring Hope, N. C., announce the marriage of their daughter Alma E. Champion, of Norfolk, Va., to Walter J. Savage, of Belle Haven, Va., on July 24th, 4:30, at South Mills, N. C. They are now spending a few days with her parents. Upon their return they will make their home in Norfolk where both are employed at the Naval Base.

MISSING
The name of J. E. Nelms, Jr., of R 1, Louisburg, N. C., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Nelms, Sr., was in the missing list given out by War Department and published in Tuesday's News-Observer. Nelms was in the France area at the time he became missing.

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TO REPAIR STREETS

TOWN COMMISSIONERS HOLD SPECIAL MEETING

Pass Resolution to Call Election to Issue \$25,000 in Bonds to Improve Streets, Repair Armory and Make Repairs to Water System

The Board of Town Commissioners met in special session, Aug. 1, at 8 p. m. All members of the Board were present except Commissioner F. H. Allen.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the problem of making necessary repairs to:

1st. The following paved streets which are badly in need of a seal coat, Kenmore Avenue, Perry Street, Church Street, Sunset Avenue, Franklin Street, Spring Street, and Cedar St. Treat the dirt streets in Louisburg, N. C.

2nd. Making repairs and improvements to our water system which have been strongly recommended by the N. C. State Board of Health.

3rd. Repairing the Armory Auditorium floor, which has rotted out because of improper ventilation.

Mr. W. A. Townes, Consulting Engineer, presented estimates of the cost of the above projects to the Board. Mr. Townes estimated that it would cost \$10,000.00 to repair and seal coat the hard surface streets, and about \$2,000.00 to treat the dirt streets with an asphalt treatment that would eliminate dust and mud, and with additional treatments each year will in a period of six to eight years build up a splendid sub base for paving these streets.

The estimated cost of the major necessary improvements to the Water Works as recommended by the State Board of Health is around \$5,000.00.

Mr. Townes estimated the cost of repairing the Armory Auditorium floor at around \$5,000.00.

After a thorough discussion of the above problems Commissioner W. B. Barrow made the following motion: "That the Board of Town Commissioners call a Bond Election for the purpose of repairing and seal coating our hard surfaced streets; treating our dirt streets; repairing and improving our Water Works; repairing the Armory Auditorium floor; and that this bond issue shall not exceed \$25,000.00".

The motion was put to a vote with the following result: Commissioners voting "Aye" were Barrow, Beck and Cooper. Commissioners voting "No" were Lancaster and Shearin.

The Mayor appointed a Special Committee composed of Commissioners Barrow, Lancaster and Shearin to consult with Mr. J. W. Taylor, District Engineer for the N. C. State Highway Commission, to ascertain if any part of the moneys allocated to the Town of Louisburg for the maintenance of State Highways within the city limits of Louisburg, N. C., can be used for the repair of streets within our city limits that are not designated State Highways.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Register of Deeds Alex Wood reports marriage licenses issued to the following couples during the month of July:

White—Bailey William Curvin, Jr. and Mrs. W. E. Hall, Cleveland Sledge and Rachel Whitley, Charles Benson Harris and Alcie Turner, Ollie Ayscue and Mattie Pearl Smith.

Colored—James L. Bryant and Addie Lassiter, Albert Sidney Person and Lillian Hixey Perry, George Thomas Brodie and Mary Belle Person, Robert Lee Sills and Maggie Wilder.

O. E. S. TO MEET
Wellons Chapter No. 167 O. E. S. will hold its regular meeting at Epsom, N. C., Wednesday evening, August 9th, 1944 at 8:30 p. m. All members are invited to be present.

Mrs. Hugh W. Perry, Louisburg Publicity Chm'n.

TO RE-ORGANIZE
The FRANKLIN TIMES is requested to announce there will be a special meeting on August 8th, Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock in the Court House for the purpose of re-organizing the American Legion Auxiliary in Louisburg. All eligible persons are asked to be present and help get this very worthwhile organization started.

JESSIE TAYLOR HARRIS, MRS. J. E. MALONE, Organization Committee.

—On Pay Day, Buy War Bonds—