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Hurricane Causes Severe Crop Loss In County Monday

Property Damage Due To Winds Estimated At High Figure

Hurricane Ione ripped through Perquimans County late Monday afternoon leaving some 7 to 9 inches of rainfall and causing damage to crops and property estimated in thousands of dollars.

Hertford and Perquimans County, forewarned of the storm, were pretty well prepared for the third storm to hit this area during the past month. Only a few stores and offices in Hertford opened for the day; most of the folks electing to stay at home. Mr. Moran, Red Cross representative of Jacksonville, Florida, was in Hertford all day Monday to direct relief activities, if needed.

The hurricane had lost most of its velocity by the time it reached this county, having come inland somewhere near Morehead City. Gale winds blew all day Monday, driving the heavy rainfall into a large number of buildings, including Perquimans High School, J. T. Biggers, county superintendent of schools, reported damages will amount to several thousand dollars at the school building. Two large plate glass windows were blown out at the Hollowell Chevrolet Company office on U. S. 17.

Mayor V. N. Darden reported the town of Hertford suffered only slight damage to its utility lines and that power was off only a short time Monday afternoon. The flood of the Perquimans River started rising about mid-morning and reached its peak in the yards near the river front by late Monday afternoon. High water flooded the causeway north of Hertford at about 6 o'clock and the Highway Department closed the road to all traffic from 9 P. M. until about 6:30 Tuesday morning.

The heavy rain, which started falling early Monday morning, continued all day, and many old tim-

had a difficult time delivering the mail Tuesday.

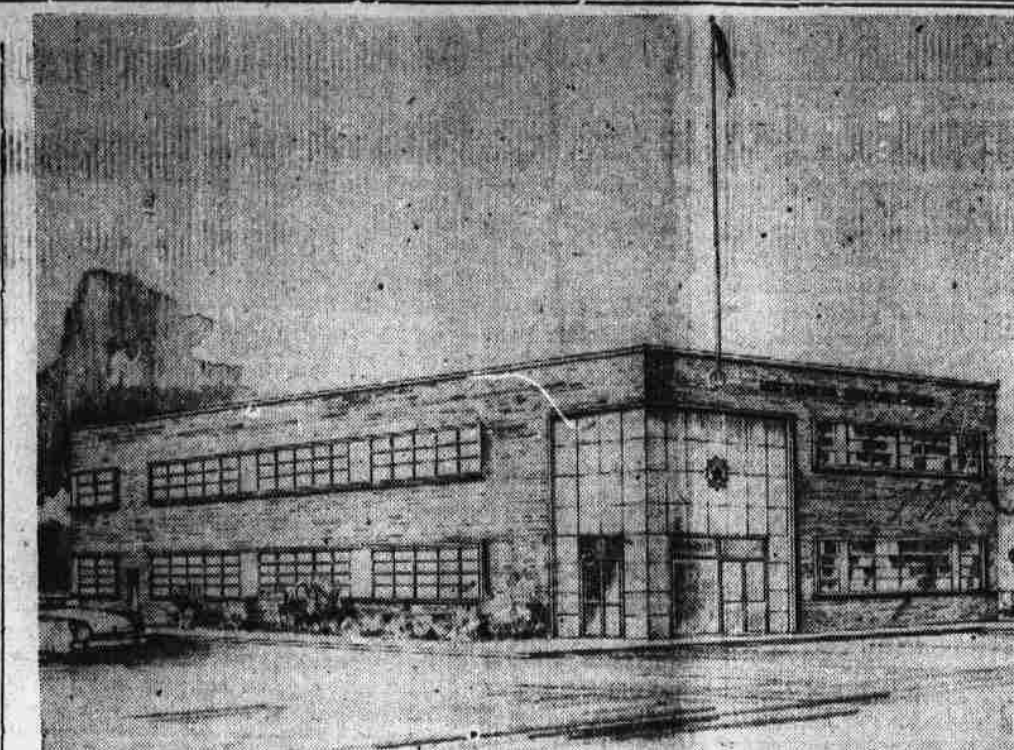
County schools were closed Monday, but classes resumed Tuesday, although attendance was reported as light at all buildings.

Without doubt the greatest damage resulting from the storm was to the crops throughout the county, already hard hit by the two previous hurricanes which visited this area.

Regarding the crop situation, as of this week, County Agent R. M. Thompson made this report:

"Hurricane Ione deposited a large amount of water on the farm lands in Perquimans County. For a period of 36 hours the amount was 7 1/2 to 9 inches of rain that fell on our peanuts, soybeans, corn, pastures and cotton. With this water there is bound to be a great deal of damage to the crops that are in the field especially after having a great deal of rain from Hurricanes Connie and Diane. In several places in the county peanuts are completely under water and the longer this water remains the greater the damage will be from Ione. With a rough estimate, basing figures on a normal year, our corn that will be harvested and the peanuts will be cut at least 50 percent. The amount of cotton that will be picked will be cut as high as 60 to 65 percent. There are many acres of beans that probably will not be combined due to the rain and the amount of beans produced will be cut probably 30 to 35 percent. This is not considering the number of young pigs and other livestock that either have been drowned or obtained some disease from the water on the business. Adding these figures up it is our estimate that we will have 50 percent less produce to sell in 1955 than we have had on an average in the last five years."

ers around Hertford stated there was more water throughout the county than they ever remembered. Many rural roads were impassable on Tuesday and rural mail carriers



Shown is a revised architect's drawing of the first permanent home the North Carolina Department of the American Legion has ever owned in the 36 years it has been in operation since its organization in 1919. The Department Headquarters building, which will, completely equipped, cost between \$110,000.00 and \$115,000.00, will be built in Raleigh. Governor Luther H. Hodges, a charter member of the Leaksville-Spry Post of the American Legion, will be the principal speaker at the ground-breaking exercises to be held at the building site at 4:00 P. M., Sunday, September 25. Legionnaires and members of the Legion Auxiliary from all parts of North Carolina are invited to attend the ground-breaking event.

Baseball Profits Split By Indians After Season Play

A \$1,500 "melon", representing net receipts of the Perquimans Indians baseball team during the 1955 season, was divided among the players at a meeting held Tuesday night in the Court House.

The players made the decisions as to the splitting up of the funds and voted a full share to 14 players and one-half of a share to four other players. A full share of the proceeds amounted to \$90 and each half share was worth \$45.

J. W. Dillon, treasurer of the baseball club, gave the players a full report on receipts and expenditures during the season. Total receipts for the season, including sale of season tickets, single admissions and concessions amounted to \$3,510.12. Expenditures, which included payment for equipment, umpires and lights amounted to \$1,987.60, leaving a net balance of \$1,522.52.

The players then voted to leave \$22.52 in the treasury to start the next season, and voted \$60 for gasoline expense to six players. The balance of \$1,460 was divided among the 18 players on the basis mentioned above.

Players receiving full shares were D. A. Carver, Clax Stallings, Cliff Towe, Hank Christgau, Marvin Hunter, Allan Winslow, Ted Chappell, Billy Winslow, Paul Matthews, McKay Riddick, Demp Pierce, Arnold Chappell, John Morris and Percy Hunter.

Half shares were voted to Joe Nowell, Clyde Lane, Wayne White, and Elgin Hunter.

State Soybean Production Down

Based on reports from growers as of September 1, the 1955 soybean crop in North Carolina is estimated at 4,702,000 bushels. This is 18,000 bushels below the 1954 production of 4,720,000 bushels, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service.

If the estimated yield per acre of 16.5 bushels is realized, it will equal the highest yield of record which was obtained in 1951 and 1952. This compares with an average yield per acre of 16 bushels last year.

The crop in the Coastal counties was damaged to some extent by high winds during the hurricanes last month but rainfall received during and after the hurricanes in the western part of the State improved yield prospects to some extent. In some of the Coastal counties soybeans are still young and can overcome much of the loss sustained by the heavy rains and high winds.

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Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the New Hope Methodist Church at Durants Neck. Interment was in the Barclift plot in the church cemetery. The Rev. E. R. Meakins, pastor of the church, conducted the services.

Town Board Adopts Five New Projects For Coming Year

Five major improvement projects have been approved by the Commissioners for the Town of Hertford, to be completed as time and funds permit, it was announced this week by Mayor V. N. Darden.

Included in the projects, according to the Mayor, is installation of curb and gutters on Dobb Street, from Church Street to Edenton Road Street. This improvement may come sometime during the present fiscal year, as it is the desire of the Board for this project to be completed as soon as possible.

Another project calls for the installation of water lines along King Street, and installation of fire hydrants, from this line, to provide additional fire protection.

Another water line is to be installed on Dobb Street extended, to be tied in with the present line on Grubb Street. This installation will provide a continuous water circuit for the entire area of that portion of the town. Additional hydrants will also be installed along this water line.

The Board also plans installation of a sidewalk on Punch Alley, from Front to Church Street.

Further improvements are planned for Punch Alley, leading from Church Street to Municipal Street, adjacent to the Municipal Building. A sewer line is to be installed along this route, and a bulkhead is planned for the town property facing the Perquimans River near the intersection of Punch Alley and Municipal Street.

Mayor Darden stated no priority has been issued any of the projects but it is likely the Dobb and King Streets improvements will be started as soon as possible.

Barclift Funeral Conducted Sunday

Brooks Barclift, 68, resident of the YMCA in Durham and former manager of the bus terminal in Durham and Wilmington, died at Watts Hospital in Durham Saturday morning following a brief illness.

Mr. Barclift was born at Durants Neck, Perquimans County, the son of Joseph G. and Mary Deshield Barclift. He was educated in the schools of Perquimans County and lived his early life there, but had been a resident of Durham for the past 25 years where he served as manager of the Durham and Wilmington bus terminals for several years.

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Herbert Bonner Is To Be Honored By American Legion

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, Representative from the First District of North Carolina, and chairman of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee of the House of Representatives, will be awarded the American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal, it is announced in New York by Millard G. Gamble, president of the Esso Shipping Company.

The North Carolina Democrat, who will be the guest of honor at the post's dinner, scheduled for November 5th at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, will be cited for his outstanding role in keeping this country's merchant marine strong.

Prospective State Fair exhibitors are being urged to make their entries early this year. The 88th annual N. C. State Fair will be held in Raleigh October 18 through 22.

Mrs. J. E. Stone, director of the State Fair entry department, especially urged livestock exhibitors to get their animals entered officially, and early, using the animal's registration number, name, and correct State Fair Catalogue classification.

Mr. Stone also pointed out that it is extremely important that entries be filed on official State Fair entry forms. These may be obtained, in most instances, from local county farm agents. They can always be obtained by writing direct to the State Fair.

Entry closing dates this year are as follows: Livestock Division (Beef and Dairy Cattle, Swine, Sheep, and Horses and Ponies)—Friday, September 30, 1955, at 6:00 P. M.

Poultry, Pigeons and Rabbits Division—Live Poultry and Pigeons, Monday, October 10, 1955, at 6:00 P. M. All other Departments of this Division, Wednesday, October 12, 1955, at 6:00 P. M.

Cut Flowers (Horticulture Department)—Tuesday, October 18, 1955, at 11:00 A. M.

Arts and Crafts Department—Wednesday, October 12, 1955, at 6:00 P. M.

All Other Divisions and Departments—Saturday, October 15, 1955, at 6:00 P. M.

Rotarians To Meet

The Hertford Rotary Club will meet Tuesday evening at 8:15.

BPW Club Planning Observance Of National Week

National Business Women's Week will be observed throughout the nation for the 28th year beginning on September 25th and ending October 1.

National Business Women's Week is one of the first weeks ever established. The organization of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., is contributing much toward the development of business and industry. The Perquimans BPW Club, as an affiliate of the National Federation, is likewise contributing much toward the improvement and progress of business, industry, and civic means in this community.

The theme for the year is "Aim High". The N. C. State Federation's slogan is the "Golden Keys to Achievement" with each key being the theme of a committee vital to the state work. The different keys are Personal Development—Education and Vocations; Vital Living—Health and Safety; World Peace—International Relations; Preparedness—National Security; Public Action—Public Affairs; Communications Key—Radio and Television; Tomorrow's Key—Legislative; Information Key—News Service; Treasure—Finance.

The Perquimans BPW Club will begin the week by attending Sunday morning church services in a body at the Hertford Methodist Church. A window display has been planned for one of the stores on Church Street. On Friday night a dinner will be held at the Hotel Hertford at which time Miss Kathleen Jackson of Elizabeth City, District Director, will speak to the club. The program will be under the direction of Miss Thelma Elliott, Public Affairs Chairman and Mrs. Atha Tunnell, Chairman of Membership.

Newbold Funeral Conducted Tuesday

Mrs. Enola Elliott Newbold, 90, died Sunday at 3:45 A. M., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Vail of Edenton, after a long illness.

She was the widow of John Newbold and the daughter of William Henry Elliott and Martha Duke Elliott. A native of Chowan County, she spent most of her life near Hertford.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Newbold Vail and Mrs. Eula Newbold Nixon, both of Edenton; a brother, John Pool Elliott of Richmond; a half-brother, Joseph E. Elliott, of Syracuse, N. Y., and a half-sister, Mrs. E. C. Bobbitt of Franklin, Va.; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were conducted at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Hertford, Tuesday at 3 P. M., by the Rev. Paul E. Shultz, pastor. Burial was in the Holy Trinity Churchyard.

New Ford Cars On Display Here Today

Ford's 1956 line of passenger cars and trucks will be on display in Hertford Friday, September 23, it was announced by C. C. Winslow, manager of Winslow-Blanchard Motor Co., who has issued a cordial invitation to the public to visit the company's showroom and inspect the new Ford cars and trucks.

The new Fords will be built in four series offering 18 body styles, two more than 1955. Safety features offered for the first time by any automobile company, power equal to the Thunderbird and lower body silhouettes are available in the new Fords.

"Only a visit to our showrooms," Mr. Winslow said, "will give one the full picture of the many safety features being offered by Ford for 1956."

EXECUTIVE MEETING
There will be an executive meeting of the W.M.S. of the Hertford Baptist Church Thursday night, September 29, at the home of Mrs. D. M. Jackson. All members are urged to be present.

Churchland Checks Indians In Opener Here Last Friday

Staff Selected For Kilcoanen

On Tuesday, September 21, the Journalism Class at PCHS started work on the 1956 Kilcoanen Year Book with the selection of the staff.

Peggy A. Harrell will head the editorial staff. Sam Jennings will be the business manager, assisted by Carlton Sutton. William Byrum as circulation manager will spear the subscription drive to be held the first week in November.

Other editors chosen were Senior editor, Jo Pat Stokes; Class editors, Shelby Jean Overton, Alice Gray Elliott and Lois Hope Howell; Sports editor, Eddie Overton; Feature editors, Jesse Mansfield and Ann White; Art, Janice Stallings; Photography, Lois Violet Winslow; Typists, Annette Proctor and Mary Dow Chappell.

The staff will begin its sole of advertising September 22.

Post Supervisor Praises Observers For Recent Work

"Late Summer", the three-day alert in which the Perquimans Ground Observer Corps participated recently, has been termed a success by Mrs. Marion Swindell, Post Supervisor. The post was manned and in operation for 66 1/2 hours out of a possible 69 with 176 planes being reported to the Air Defense Center in Durham by the 44 observers participating in the alert.

The observers who served for the first time are to be commended on the excellent manner in which they served and their willingness to serve in this program. Those serving for the first time were Misses Valeria White and Mable Martin Whedbee, Mesdames Bill Cox, Clinton Eley, Louis Tarkington, Burnice Inscoc, Georgia White, J. T. Lane, Talmage Rose, Helen Winslow, W. C. Cherry, James Divers, Elliott Layden, Earlie Goodwin, V. N. Darden, W. W. White, D. F. Reed, Jr., Clinton Eley, Eddie Barber and Eddie McGowan.

Regular observers participating in this alert were Mesdames J. R. Webb, Edgar Fields, Jack Burbage, Thomas Lane, Francis Nixon, John Beers, J. H. Satchwell and Messrs. Silas Whedbee, Guy McCracken, C. T. Skinner, Sr., Dickie Owens, John Beers, Jarvis Henry, C. P. Morris, Edgar Fields, Jr., W. T. Elliott, Tommy Matthews, Eldon Winslow, C. T. Skinner, Jr., Francis Nixon, Ray Hasket, Ralph Sasser and Billy White.

Mrs. Swindell said: "A special word of appreciation and thanks goes to the three teams and their team captains, Silas Whedbee, Jarvis Henry and Francis Nixon, acting on behalf of Mrs. Joe Towe, for the work that they did."

The Corps is still in great need of other volunteers. If you find that you can serve, please call either of the team captains or Mrs. Swindell.

Parkville Resident Passe Monday Night

William Henry Harrell, 82, died suddenly Monday night at 10:30 o'clock at the Morgan Boarding Home in Perquimans County.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Harrell and husband of the late Estelle Byrd Harrell and a member of New Hope Methodist Church.

Surviving are four sons, J. R. Harrell of Norfolk, M. W. Harrell of Ocala, Fla., W. E. Harrell of Hertford Route 3, and P. H. Harrell of the US Navy; one daughter, Mrs. L. J. Swindell of Norfolk; two grandchildren.

The body was removed to the Lynch Funeral Home here pending completion of arrangements.

MASONS TO MEET
The Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Ahoskie Eleven To Play Local Team Friday Night

Perquimans High School opened its 1955 football season last Friday night losing a hard-fought contest to Churchland, Va., by a score of 27-6. Churchland scored all its points during the first half after which the Indians showed a remarkable defense which the Virginians were unable to solve. The touchdown made by Perquimans was the first time in 10 games that Churchland had been scored upon.

Coach Ike Perry's boys showed a bit of stage-fright in the opening minutes of the contest, allowing Churchland to score its first TD in the opening minutes of play when Saunders intercepted an Indian pass and raced 50 yards for the tally.

The Virginians scored three times during the second period and added extra points. Saunders, Currie and Younger scored the TD's for Churchland in this second quarter.

Stanley Pierce scored the Perquimans tally in the second quarter after Tommy Matthews had made several nice runs advancing the ball to Churchland's 31-yard line. Two penalties against Churchland placed the ball on the one-yard stripe and Pierce went over for the score.

Matthews, Pierce and Wood played well on the offense for Perquimans while Eddie Overton and Wayne White were standouts on defense.

Perquimans will play its second home game Friday night when the strong Ahoskie team comes here for an Albemarle Conference contest. Ahoskie is rated as being a strong contender for the conference title this year but Coach Perry's squad hopes to upset the Hertford County team.

On Friday, September 30, the Indians will travel to Tarboro for another conference game and will not play at home again until October 28.

Utility Hearing Before Supreme Court Sept. 27th

A case involving eight towns in eastern North Carolina, including Hertford, in which the towns seek a new hearing as to power rates being charged by the Virginia Electric & Power Co., will be heard by the State Supreme Court on September 27, it was reported today by Mayor V. N. Darden.

The case arose from a decision handed down by the State Utilities Commission, which granted the power company the right to increase its rates for electric power furnished the towns, which in turn retails the power to the customers. The towns protested the Commission's decision and a hearing of the matter was conducted in the Superior Court at Tarboro several months ago. The Superior Court judge ruled in favor of the power company and the matter was appealed to the Supreme Court.

William C. Lassiter, Raleigh attorney, is representing the eight towns in the court procedure.

Central PTA Meets Monday Night 8 P. M.

The meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of Perquimans Central Grammar School, which was postponed last Monday night because of the hurricane, will be held next Monday night, and all patrons of the school are urged to attend.

EASTERN STAR TO MEET
The regular meeting of the Eastern Star will be held Monday night, September 26, at 8 o'clock in the lodge room at the Court-House. All members are urged to attend.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Hurricane Ione caused five deaths and property damages estimated at 100 million dollars as it ripped through eastern North Carolina last Monday. State officials are still surveying reports on property and crop damage. Highway officials report the storm caused at least half a million dollars damage to state highways. Crop losses are expected to run into millions of dollars. President Eisenhower announced the State will be allocated federal aid to assist with rebuilding.

Juan Peron, strong-arm dictator of Argentina for 10 years, was forced from office by a revolt in that country last week-end. Army and Navy officers combined to overthrow the dictatorship which has stripped the Argentine people of many of their liberties during Peron's reign. Reports say the revolt stemmed from previous uprisings, which failed to succeed, but this last program gained much favor due to the dispute which had arisen between Peron and the Catholic Church.

Civil Defense and Red Cross officials played an important part in keeping the public aware of the hurricane this week. Civil Defense authorities maintains a constant radio broadcast, beginning Sunday night, giving advisories as to the progress of the hurricane. Red Cross representatives were sent throughout eastern North Carolina to set up aid stations and provide food and shelter for those evacuated from their homes.

Recorder Court In Recess Tuesday

Tuesday's session of Perquimans Recorder's Court was recessed due to the absence from the city of Solicitor Silas M. Whedbee, Judge Chas. E. Johnson and all other members of the court. Hearings are scheduled for September 27.

Vehicle Bureau Has New Manual For Motorists

The State Department of Motor Vehicles announces that a new manual for driver license applicants went into use throughout the State last week.

The text of the publication will emphasize proper driving attitude. Unchanged will be the four essential tests for beginning drivers—eyesight, sign recognition, written test and road test.

In commenting on the new manual Motor Vehicles Commissioner Edward Scheidt said, "The manual will point out for beginning drivers that knowledge and skill alone will not make a proficient driver. Careful study of the text will, on the other hand, reveal for the applicant that proper attitude while driving a motor vehicle is of the utmost importance for safety."

The new manual, considerably rewritten and enlarged will replace an earlier edition first issued in 1947, later revised in 1951. Questions and answers at the end of each chapter in the current issue will help beginning drivers to pass their examination, the vehicles chief said.

"In fact," he added, "a thorough study of the manual is recommended officially for all beginners. The information it contains will be invaluable in helping them to successfully complete the license examination."

NAMED AGENT

Clyde C. Lane of Hertford, has been appointed a local agent for the National Insurance Companies of Columbus, Ohio. James P. Price, district sales manager, announced today.