

Toll Of Windstorms Is Almost Double Yearly Average

140 Tornadoes Reported In First Four Months Of Year

Windstorms of unbelievable speed and fury so far this year have killed at least 375 persons—some 150 more than the yearly average of 222 reported by the United States Weather Bureau over the last 36 years. In addition 140 tornadoes were reported in the first four months, only a few less than the average of 149 for that number of years.

Property damage is estimated at \$100,000,000.

The year 1953 also broke another record. It concerns the National Board of Fire Underwriters, which already has set up more catastrophe offices than in any one previous year to expedite the filing and payments of insurance loss claims under the extended coverage endorsement of fire insurance policies.

The offices in Columbus, Ga., Waco, Tex., and Worcester, Mass., dealt with tornado or windstorm damage; the ones in Detroit, Mich., and Wichita, Kans., handled claims for hailstorm losses.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES

Services at the First Christian Church have been announced as follows by the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Alexander:

Bible School, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; morning service at 11 o'clock; evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday Evening Bible Class meets at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is welcome to young people's meeting at 6:30 P. M., all services.

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Fashion designers have styled a new group of cotton fashions for the transitional season of summer-into-fall, the National Cotton Council reports. This one-piece cotton dress by Laura Lee of St. Louis, lightweight but dark in color, is patterned like a fine tweed.

Are Women Safer Drivers Than Men?

Are women safer drivers than men? Well, you can't prove it by the National Safety Council. In the 1953 edition of "Accident Facts," its statistical yearbook, the Council is forced to beg the issue because no one knows how many miles each sex drives.

The Council knows that eight out of 100 drivers involved in fatal accidents in 1952 were women.

Drivers of the fairer sex figured in 12 out of 100 motor vehicle accidents of all types.

But there are not as many women drivers as men, and they drive a lot less. And since no one knows how much less, the argument must go on, and even the authoritative National Safety Council can't settle it.

Commissioners' Proceedings

Due to Labor Day falling on the first Monday in September the County Commissioners held the regular meeting Tuesday, September 8, 1953, at 10 o'clock A. M., with all members present as follows: W. W. Byrum, chairman, J. R. Peele, E. N. Elliott, W. E. Bond and J. A. Webb.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Leggett & Davis, bill, \$17.70; Colonial Stores, Inc., groceries for indigent person, \$5.00; Mrs. Imogene Cochran, telephone statement, \$6.85; P & Q Super Market, bill, \$1.00; E. W. Spires, C. S. C. Jury Fund, \$600.00; Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, federal income tax withheld from County employees for July \$267.50; Willie Roberts, labor for Fall cleaning Court House, \$19.17; Leggett & Davis, bill, \$4.60; Edwards & Broughton Co., bill, \$15.35; E. W. Spires, salary and bills, \$333.22; Lula White Flower Shop, bill, \$12.50; Eastern Office Equipment Co., bill, \$78.00; J. B. Small, Negro County Agent, light bill for office, \$1.20; Owen G. Dunn Co., bill, \$6.67; The Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co., bill, J. B. Small's office, \$5.68; Tower Clock Service Co., bill, \$85.00; Twiddy Insurance & Real Estate Co., Inc., \$15.00; James H. Anderson Co., bill, \$16.25; Herbert Small, August rent, \$50.00; Mrs. Carolyn C. McMullan, travel, \$39.48; Miss Lois Harrell, postage, \$10.00; Norfolk & Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co., August service, \$7.55; State of North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, \$156.02; Burroughs, bill, \$18.00; Belk-Tyler Co., bill, \$11.57;



This is the time of year when you begin to notice whether you have a good crop of grapes on your muscadine vines. If not, why?

Although not always the case, the usual answer to that question is poor pollination. Most muscadine varieties require pollination by a male vine in order to set fruit. Many of the wild muscadine vines are males and in the past have served as pollinators for the vines planted in the home gardens. However, many wooded and brushland areas have been put into cultivation and in doing so the male muscadines have been destroyed and now the garden varieties are not producing good crops.

I saw a good illustration of this last week. A large James grape which formerly produced good crops has only a scattering of grapes on it. That has been the story for several years. However, three young vines

propagated from this one and planted in another garden along with some perfect flowered pollinators have a heavy crop of grapes on them this year. This goes to show how important pollination is for your supper-nongs and muscadines.

During the past few years several perfect flowered varieties of muscadines have been offered for sale. They were developed at the North Carolina Lower Coastal Plain Experiment Station by Charles Dearing. These varieties will produce crops without the presence of male vines and also will take the place of male vines in pollinating other varieties. Since the male vines produce no grapes, it is a distinct advantage to use one of these perfect flowered varieties for pollination. Why use the old varieties at all? Because they are of better quality. The best of the perfect flowered varieties are Burgaw, Wallace and Tarheel.

Davis, bill, \$12.95; The Chowan Herald, bill, \$78.96; Edythe Nixon, labor for Fall cleaning, \$32.50; Emmaline Riddick, labor for Fall cleaning, \$26.65; Shadrick Elliott, labor for cleaning Court House, \$7.60; Edenton

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Graded School, transfer of funds from General County Fund to Edenton School Fund, \$1500.00; Edythe Nixon, janitress Court House, \$50.00; Geo. C. Hoskins, County Treasurer, County grant A. P. T. D. Fund, \$7.50; Jimmie Louis Bateman, repairing and replacing shingles on roof of Court House, \$4.00; Bill Peer, cleaning gutters, Court House, jail and home, \$9.00; W. T. Phelps, tax refund error in listing dog tax, 1937, \$1.94; Bank of Edenton, coupons and commission, \$145.38; Geo. C. Hoskins, County Treasurer, \$29.50; Edenton Graded School, transfer of funds from General County Fund to Edenton School for emergency repairs to schools, \$1500.00.

the September term of Superior Court. By motion of E. N. Elliott and duly seconded by J. R. Peele that the Commissioners go on record as endorsing the 72 million dollar State Bond issue.

By motion of J. A. Webb, seconded by J. R. Peele that the County Commissioners request the Sheriff to notify all people living in the Vanderbilt Holley home to be X-rayed immediately for Tuberculosis.

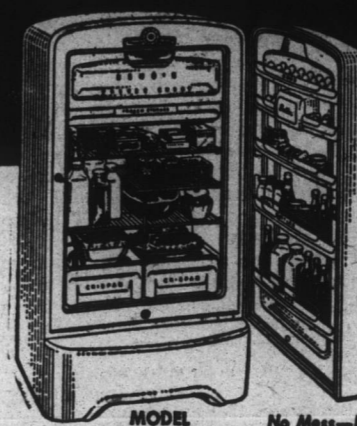
The following reports were accepted and ordered filed:

Chowan County Welfare Board; C. W. Overman, County Agent; R. S. Marsh, Assistant County Agent; Mrs. Imogene Cochran, Home Demonstration Agent; J. B. Small, Negro County Agent; Onnie S. Charlton, Negro Home Demonstration Agent; State Department Public Welfare; Treasurer; Sheriff. A letter from State Highway and Public Works Commission, advising that project No. 1, Brown's Mill Road had been approved, but Hobbs Lane was not approved, at this time.

There being no further business the Board voted to adjourn.

M. L. BUNCH, Clerk to Board.

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