

WEATHER

Heavy rains and windy today, tonight and Tuesday. Cloudy with increasing winds Tuesday afternoon. Not much change in temperature except warmer Tuesday afternoon.

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"JOHNNY ANGEL"
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OCCUPATION FORCES MAY BE CUT--MACARTHUR STORM REPORTED MOVING UP COAST OF CAROLINAS

LOSING ITS FURY AS IT HEADS NORTH

Small Tornado Kills Two Persons At Kingstree In S. C.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 17.—(AP)—The tropical hurricane that swept southern Florida with an estimated \$50,000,000 property damage has moved across the coast to South Carolina with the center near Parris Island, the U. S. Weather Bureau in Miami reported at 10:30 a. m. (E.W.T.) today.

The storm appeared to be losing its fury as it headed north, and the weather bureau said hurricane warnings would be lowered at noon today south of Cape Hatteras to Brunswick, Ga.

Storm is now centered over land about 30 miles west of Charleston, S. C., moving almost due northward, the advisory said. The U. S. weather bureau at Kingstree, S. C., Sept. 17.—(AP)—A small tornado was reported to have killed two persons and to have damaged the lumber camp of the Camp Manufacturing company at Gourdin 12 miles south of here today.

Atlanta said there was a strong likelihood that the storm would spend itself in South Carolina and that the upper eastern coast would not be affected.

At its peak, the hurricane reached a velocity of 143 m.p.h. in roaring across the Florida keys at Key Largo, hit 99 m.p.h. in Miami, took a toll of three known dead and wrecked or damaged thousands of homes.

HANGARS BURNED

The great three-hangar navy blimp base at Richmond, 30 miles from Miami, was destroyed when fire broke out during the height of the storm.

The hurricane, which had lost some of its force as it raced north, was described as "a small but intense storm." The velocity of its winds, about 60 miles per hour with gusts near the center exceeding 100 m.p.h.

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RIVERS NEAR FLOOD STAGE

RALEIGH, Sept. 17.—(AP)—The Cape Fear and Neuse rivers are expected to reach flood stage today, the U. S. weather bureau reported.

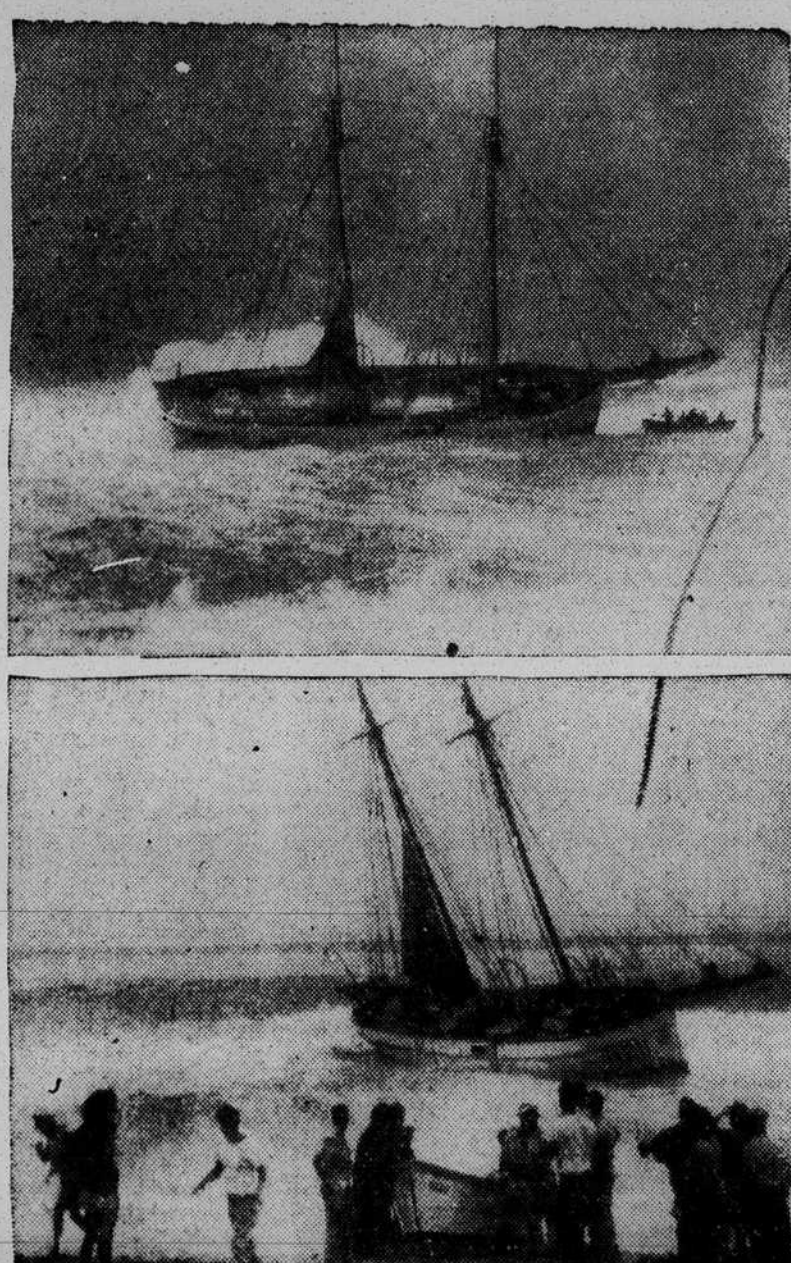
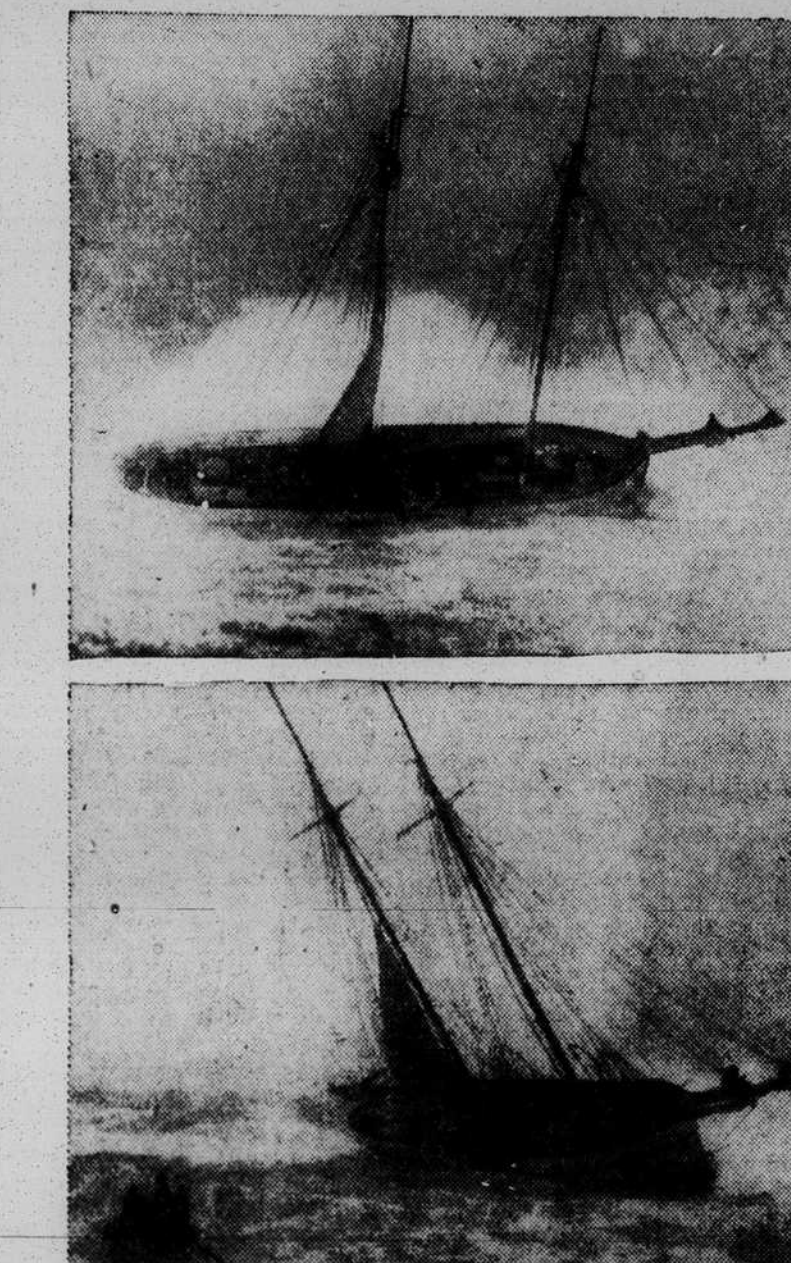
The Cape Fear is expected to reach flood stage above Fayetteville, and the Neuse in the Smithfield-Goldsboro vicinity.

The weather bureau reported that the Neuse yesterday had risen 15.2 feet which was a rise of 8 feet over the preceding day. The Cape Fear at Fayetteville had reached 30 feet yesterday, which was a rise of 18 feet over the same time the day before.

The weather bureau predicts that other rivers in North Carolina may reach flood stage. It is too early yet to tell what extent the heavy rains have had on the slowly rising Tar. Only the lower part of the Roanoke will be affected, the bureau said.

TODAY IN CONGRESS:
Army, Navy Re-Enlistment Inducement Bill Discussed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—(AP)—Apples and brickbats dotted the congressional scenes today.



CREW ESCAPED SHIP GROUND IN FLORIDA HURRICANE—This unusual series of pictures shows the crew of the Honduran schooner Icaros leaving the vessel in a lifeboat after she was driven aground at North Miami Beach, Fla., in the hurricane. One crewman was drowned in trying to save the ship's dog mascot which had been swept overboard. Upper left: The survivors launch their lifeboat and prepare to abandon ship. Upper right: They cautiously pull away from the bow. Lower left: The seamen get clear of the listing vessel and pull for shore. Lower right: Safely past the churning sea, the lifeboat lands on the beach, and spectators help the survivors ashore.—(AP Wirephoto from Miami Herald).



DEATH CLAIMS GREAT TENOR

DUBLIN, Sept. 17.—(AP)—John McCormack, whose great tenor voice won him world acclaim as the "golden voice of Athlone," died last night at his home at Booterstown, County Dublin.

A week-old cold which last Friday developed into bronchial pneumonia caused his death at the age of 61.

By his bedside when he died were his son, Cyril, a captain in the Irish army, and his wife, Lily Foley of Dublin, whom he married in 1906.

Funeral arrangements were not yet announced. McCormack sang an official farewell to the people of London at the White House.

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Foreign Minister In Jap Cabinet Resigns

Served In Wartime Cabinets Of Tojo And Koiso; Responsible For Tojo Policies

TOKYO, Sept. 17.—(AP)—Well-informed Japanese sources reported that foreign minister Mamoru Shigemitsu, chief signatory of Japan's surrender, resigned tonight and was succeeded by Shigeru Yoshida, former ambassador to London.

Yoshida, who lives on Oiso, was informed of his appointment by telephone and he accepted but it was too late for him to come to Tokyo tonight.

The same Japanese sources said that Shigemitsu's resignation was requested by Premier Prince Naruhiko Higashi-Kuni because "the first stage of the allied occupation is concluded."

Shigemitsu had served in one of the wartime cabinets of Hideki Tojo and also in that of Kuniaki Koiso and was considered to be responsible for many of Tojo's China policies.

These sources said Shigemitsu was appointed to the Higashi-Kuni cabinet because his past experience was necessary, since the cabinet was formed rather hastily in order to meet the requirements of the Potsdam declaration.

These sources said that the premier first asked Hachiro Arita, career diplomat and former foreign minister, to accept the post but that Arita declined.

Shortly after MacArthur's announcement, Shigemitsu resigned.

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EPES GOFS ON TRIAL TODAY

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 17.—(AP)—A young army lieutenant was called to trial here today for the murder of the pretty, auburn-haired girl he married five years ago this month.

Lt. Samuel C. Epes, scion of a prominent Richmond, Va., family, was prepared to answer charges that last January he murdered 27-year-old Mary Lee Williams Epes by "suffocating and poisoning" her.

The tall, handsome officer broke a two-weeks' mystery of his trial.

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HIGHWAY CLOSED: 5-Inch Rainfall In 72 Hours Puts Creeks Out Of Banks

More than five inches of rainfall in the past 72 hours found swollen creeks out of their banks today, and highway traffic west of 74 was interrupted when Puzzle Creek, about three miles from Forest City, overflowed to put water a foot deep over the bridge.

In the northern end of the county, where rainfall of the past 24 hours had been heavier than in Shelby, creeks were out of their banks so that some bottoms were inundated until only the tassels of corn stalks were to be seen.

At Lawndale the river was up five feet at noon but no damage from flood waters was anticipated as rise seemed to be checked at that point.

Hospital Trustees Will Study Sites At Kings Mountain

Trustees of the county hospital organization will go to Kings Mountain Tuesday afternoon to inspect several possible sites for the hospital unit to be erected there in the county's hospital program.

Afterward the trustees will be guests of Commission Chairman Glee A. Bridges at dinner at his place.

A committee from the trustees headed by Arnold Kiser has studied several suggested sites and will convey its findings to the board at the session tomorrow, Dr. S. S. Royster, chairman, stated.

Thousands Of Prisoners Of War Died As Result Of Japanese Cruelties

By The Associated Press
Five Americans were killed simply because they were fliers, and three others were beheaded after they were marched through Japanese streets bearing signs "these are the American devils who bombed us," Maj. John A. Singlaub of Sherman Oaks, Calif., related at Hong Kong today in one of a series of fresh atrocity stories.

An Australian army intelligence report issued at Melbourne said that of 3,550 British and Australian prisoners taken to Borneo, only six were known to be alive.

Last January, the Melbourne report said 203 prisoners died of 450 sent on a death march through the Borneo mountains. Another death march claimed 353 lives out of 536 men and the others died later and were killed.

At Darwin, Australia, Pvt. J. W. Larkin, in an interview, gave new details of the abuse of Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, commander at the surrender of Corregidor, and Lt. Gen. Sir Arthur Percival, commander at the fall of Singapore. "All of them, including Wainwright and Percival, had to go on morning parade with the rest of the prisoners of war and were often struck by the inspecting sergeant major, who always carried a bamboo cane," said Larkin. He was liberated from a Formosa prison.

At Sydney, Sgt. A. M. Blain, a member of Australia's house of representatives, charged "every Japanese guard is a war criminal guilty of appalling atrocities."

LOST 72 POUNDS

Recently freed from a prison camp in the Singapore area, Blain said he lost 72 pounds, dropping from 170 to 98.

The Melbourne radio said a Colonel Suva, "responsible for all the 600 prisoners of war graves in Kuching cemetery," had killed himself with a table knife at Army headquarters.

Major Singlaub, who led rescue paratroopers landing on Hainan Island Aug. 27, so befuddled Japanese officers in a battle of wits that he and his men gained command of their prisoner camp after they had been threatened by bay-

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Yugoslavia Wants Trieste, Dalmations

Big Five Ministers To Consider Controversial Italian Frontier Problem

LONDON, Sept. 17.—(AP)—The Yugoslav embassy published today a 9,000-word memorandum backing its claim to disputed Trieste, the province of Venezia Giulia and the Dalmatian islands, which it will present to the Big Five foreign ministers here this afternoon.

The Italians and five British Dominions also will put forward their views on the controversial Italian-Yugoslav frontier problem, which has been a constant source of dispute through two wars.

The boundary sought by the Yugoslavs runs about 40 miles west of Trieste to the town of Monfalcone. (Trizic in Slovene).

The Yugoslav document, which will be backed by arguments from Vice Premier Edward Karelj, head of the Belgrade delegation, declared that the "whole problem has been created by Italy's greed."

80,000 IDLE IN DETROIT

Automotive Industry Hard Hit By Wage Increase Demands

DETROIT, Sept. 17.—(AP)—More than 80,000 workers were idle in the Detroit area today as the huge automotive industry and the powerful United Automobile Workers (UAW) union headed for a showdown on the union's demands for a general 30 percent wage increase for the industry.

Strikes and layoffs idled 70,000 in Detroit and 10,000 in nearby Windsor, Ont., while UAW-UAW leaders went ahead with plans for possible strike votes affecting 500,000 throughout the nation's auto plants.

This was the situation as far as the "Big Three" of the auto world was concerned: Ford-Representatives of Ford workers throughout the country were summoned to a Sept. 29-30 meeting here to decide whether to seek a strike vote. This action came as some 50,000 workers were idle in a company move which Henry Ford II, executive vice-president, said was a result of "unauthorized and crippling strikes" against firms that supplied Ford with some parts.

General Motors—UAW officials awaited company reaction to official notification that the union

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Yoshio Shinotsuka Commits Suicide

TOKYO, Sept. 17.—(AP)—The newspaper Asahi reported that Lt. Gen. Yoshio Shinotsuka, member of Japan's supreme war council, committed suicide early today by cutting his throat with a samurai sword.

200,000 MAY BE SUFFICIENT IN 6 MONTHS

Thinks Regular Army Forces May Be Able To Maintain It

NO AMG NECESSARY

TOKYO, Sept. 17.—(AP)—One of history's greatest military gambles—the American landing in armed Japan—has paid off so handsomely that occupation forces probably will be cut to not more than 200,000 within six months, General MacArthur said today.

As a result of the successful penetration of this conquered nation, he added in a formal statement, troops will be returned home as rapidly as ships are made available. Regular army forces, he said, probably will be able to maintain unaided the 200,000-man force "which will permit complete demobilization of our citizen (draftee) Pacific forces."

"There was probably no greater gamble taken in history," his statement explained, "than the initial landings" where ground forces were outnumbered 1,000 to one by armed Japanese. But, he added, "the stakes were worth it."

MacArthur's estimate of 200,000 occupation troops is just half the number which Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, commander of the U. S. Eighth Army, recently said would be necessary—and Eichelberger's figures were at that time considered low. At the start, some 800,000 men—including air forces—were scheduled to participate.

"WITHIN A YEAR" Only Saturday, however, Eichelberger forecast that the entire occupation might be "washed up" within a year if it continued as smoothly as it had started.

MacArthur's statement said that the unknown quantity at the outset of the occupation was whether a military government would have to be established. This would have involved several million troops, he said; but by working with the existing Japanese government, purposes of the surrender terms can be accomplished.

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JOINT MEETING TO HEAR SMITH

Toms Announces Plans Complete For September 27th Session

J. Wilson Smith, of Charlotte, Carolinas secretary of the Y. M. C. A., will be principal speaker at a joint dinner meeting of local civic clubs on September 27th promoting Shelby's community center project. It was announced today by Herbert L. Toms, who is program chairman.

The Kiwanis club asked the Rotary, Lions, Jaycees and American Legion to come together in the joint session which will be held in the dining room of the Charles hotel. The other clubs are foregoing their meeting in order to participate in the combined meeting.

J. D. Lineberger, a trustee of the Shelby and Cleveland County Foundation, arranged the visit of Mr. Smith, a gifted speaker greatly interested in community youth programs, who will be accompanied to Shelby for the occasion by Frank O. Sherrill, a native Shelbyian who is a member of Mr. Smith's board.

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY

7:30 p.m.—State Guard drill at armory.

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m.—Scouters club meets with Boiling Springs troop at Woman's club house there.
8:00 p.m.—W. O. W. meets at Woman's club house.

Kramer And 47 S.S. Henchmen Go On Trial For Lives Today

LUENBERG, Sept. 17.—(AP)—Joseph Kramer, director of the notorious Belsen concentration camp and 47 S. S. (Elite Guard) henchmen go on trial for their lives today before a British military court.

Most of the first day probably will be consumed in arraignments, with the trial expected to last about three weeks. Conviction can mean death by hanging or shooting, or at the discretion of the court imprisonment up to life, confiscation of property or mere fine.