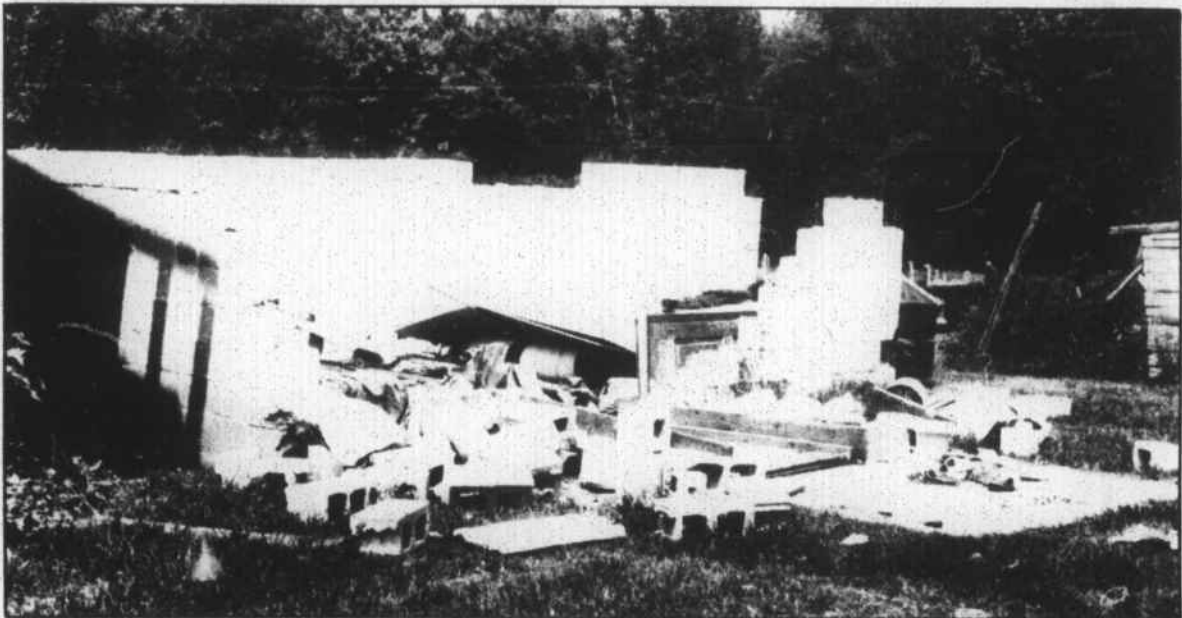


An oak tree estimated to be 100 years old was snapped near its base in strong winds which swept through the northeastern part of Warren County Sunday evening. The tree, located in the yard of

Mrs. Bertha Walker of Five Forks, demolished a swing set and Mrs. Walker's 1984 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme.



Blocks of Sam Powell's storage building crumbled in the strong winds which Sunday evening also took the roof off a chicken house and dog

houses and snapped tree limbs on the Powell property near Vaughan.



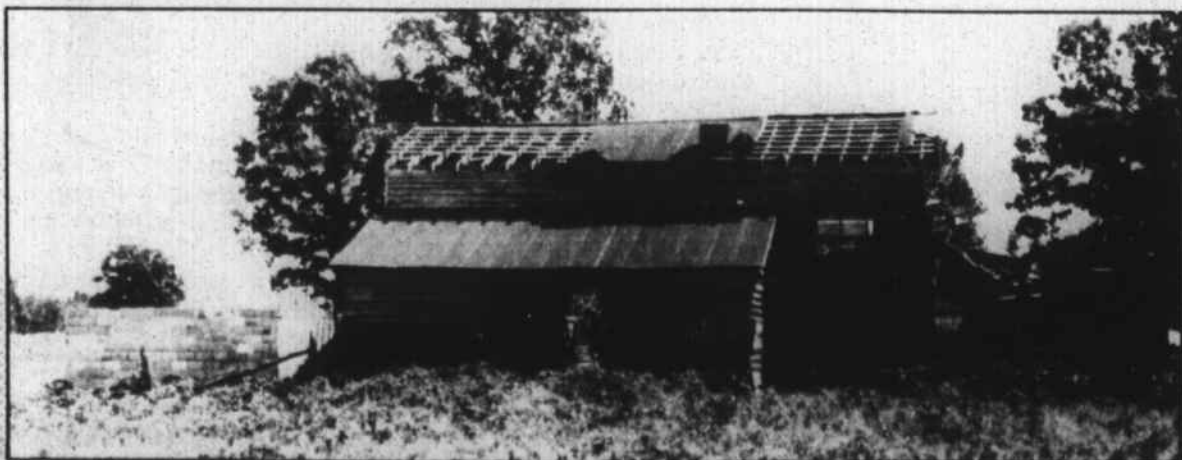
Winds from an apparent funnel cloud above the ground took the roof off a portion of this double-wide mobile home of John Powell near Vaughan

Sunday evening. Two of Powell's children were at home at the time of the storm which also caused water damage to the interior of the dwelling.



Sunday evening's tornado-like storm skirted the residence of Sam Powell, Sr. near Vaughan, damaging trees and outbuildings within yards of

the house, but caused no damage to the Powell's home.



Sam Powell's stable was one of the buildings in his back yard which were damaged by the severe

weather near Vaughan on Sunday evening. (Staff Photos by Dianne T. Rodwell)

Apparent Tornado Responsible

Windstorm Plays Havoc In Vaughan Community

Just as local television viewers were seeing flashed on their sets Sunday evening a warning of possible severe thunderstorms in Warren County, residents near Vaughan were seeing and feeling the effects of heavy rains and high winds from an apparent tornado, Emergency Management Coordinator Gary N. Robenolt said yesterday.

At 9:58 p.m., the National Weather Service issued the severe weather warning, Robenolt said, and the storm, which he described as a funnel cloud that stayed above the ground, hit about 10 p.m. in an area which stretched in a narrow path from the northwestern edge of Vaughan toward the Five Forks community. The heavy winds damaged trees and storage buildings and caused roof damage to at least one dwelling.

The path of the storm extended for less than a mile, Robenolt estimated, and travelled in the erratic and northeast direction typical of such storms.

Winds demolished a grain storage building and took the roof off a stable and chicken house belonging to Sam Powell and also peeled the roof back on the double-wide mobile home of his son, John Powell, a short distance away. Water damage also occurred at the home of the latter after the damages to the roof allowed the heavy rains to enter the house.

"The storm must have hovered from 10 to 30 feet in the air," Robenolt surmised, as little damage at ground level had been reported.

The only other damage reported from Sunday night's weather was an overturned large

oak tree in the yard of Mrs. Bertha Walker near Five Forks. The Walker property did not appear to be in the path of the storm which hit Vaughan, Robenolt said. According to Mrs. Walker, the winds occurred about 9:15 p.m.

The Department of Transportation cleared fallen trees and branches from the roadways and power crews restored service to the isolated places affected by electrical outages, the emergen-

cy management coordinator noted.

Robenolt advised residents to go inside in the event of severe weather such as that of Sunday evening and to move to the safety of an inside wall or basement. "People need to get the maximum wall space available between them and the possible tornado," he said, noting the need for protection from the flying debris which he said causes most injuries from tornadoes.

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Sanford Issues Call For Democratic Unity

By MARY C. HARRIS
Staff Writer

Former North Carolina governor and now U.S. Senate candidate Terry Sanford Monday challenged local Democrats to do their part in rebuilding an organized Democratic Party and in effecting a "big party victory" in the November elections.

The vote this fall will find Sanford pitted against former Republican Congressman and now U. S. Senator James T. Broyhill of Lenoir for the seat left vacant some weeks ago by the death of Sen. John East of Greenville. East had earlier announced plans to retire at the end of this term. Following East's death, Gov. James Martin appointed Broyhill to finish the term.

Approximately 50 local supporters of the Democratic Party turned out Monday to welcome Sanford to Warrenton in a noon luncheon at The Rafter's.

The candidate's Warren County visit came a little more than halfway through his trek across the state which he said would include stops in each of the 100 counties before Labor Day.

"We're shooting for a big Democratic victory," the senatorial hopeful told the Democrats gathered. "We want you to know ours is absolutely a forward-looking, positive campaign."

In listing the problems besetting Americans today, Sanford emphasized first the plight of the nation's farmers, many of whom he noted are facing foreclosure, bankruptcy and the necessity of leaving the farm in circumstances which he described as the "worst since the Great Depression."

"We should be able to restructure the debt of the North Carolina farmer," he pointed out. "We need a new kind of credit, a new kind of price support, not artificial measures, but those which will provide for the farmer to make a fair profit on the year's work."

Sanford promised to begin efforts in his first month in office to reshape the farm program and attempt to get farming "once more on a sound basis."

Revamping of the trade policy was also named as a priority for the man who as governor presided over a North Carolina which led the Southeast in industrial development. Thousands of North Carolinians, he said, have been robbed of their jobs, their places in the community, their family structures and their hope by weaknesses in the current policy. Sanford noted that trade limitations should be reset and enforced in order to keep out an unusual level of technical imports.

Also, further effort must be made to balance the federal



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budget, Sanford stressed as he pointed out the merits of the North Carolina law which requires a balanced state budget. However, the figures must be shuffled in a way that will not place stress on the people who need the help of the government, he cautioned.

Citing "horrible management practices in the Pentagon," Sanford pointed out that millions of dollars have been used ineffectively and lost in the Defense Department and he pledged his attention toward improving the methods of weapons procure-

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Fire Destroys Home Monday

An Afton family was left homeless after fire destroyed their house and belongings in the early morning hours Monday.

William L. Fuller of the Afton-Elberon Volunteer Fire Department said the residence of David Munn was completely destroyed by the fire which is believed to have started near the stairwell in a recent addition to the house.

Fuller said the Afton-Elberon firemen arrived on the scene approximately six minutes after the call was received and found the dwelling engulfed in flames. The firemen stayed on the scene until about 4 a.m., he said, but were unable to save the dwelling or any of its contents.

The Warrenton Rural and Cokesbury fire departments provided mutual aid in the efforts to contain the fire, Fuller said.

The Munn family is currently staying with relatives in Norlina, according to Walter Gardner of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department.