

Hurricane Strikes Carolina Coast Tobacco, Corn Damaged In Duplin

\$2,000,000 Damage Reported At Wilmington; Heavy Rain, High Wind In County; Roads Blocked; Streets Littered With Debris; Story From Wilmington.

One of the worst tropical storms in the history of Wilmington struck that shipbuilding and resort town Tuesday night and the hurricane swept inland doing crop damage to Duplin and other counties.

About eight o'clock that night all power in Duplin went off and it was not until late Wednesday that power was reestablished at Rose Hill.

Wind of 40 and 50 mile velocity leveled corn crops in every field in the county and damaged tobacco seriously.

Going into the storm at six o'clock the eight Tidewater employees in Warsaw including Mr. Humphrey, the manager, and Muddy Waters, the bookkeeper, kept constantly at work throughout the night and following day, trying to get electricity back into buildings. Every power line in the county was put out of commission and due to heavy damages in the Wilmington area additional help could not be sent into Duplin.

This morning Mr. Humphrey stated that current was flowing in to every town but there were still some lines that had not been repaired. He said his employees were near exhaustion.

Roads in every section were littered with trees and debris and many of them blocked. Around Beulaville one house was reported damaged so badly that the occupants had to get out and tobacco barn roofs were damaged in many cases.

At Magnolia trees were reported blown down and one fell across R. G. Tucker's car, doing some damage.

In Kenansville the highway was blocked near the Cafe with trees and trees fell in other parts of town. Every street was literally scattered with debris.

In Warsaw trees fell in many parts of town, breaking down power and telephone lines. The same picture was found in every town in the county.

Farmers vary in their estimate of crop damage. Some say their tobacco was damaged 5 per cent and other estimates range up to 25 per cent. Corn is leveled in every field, but farmers say most of it will come through all right. Some hail was reported in sections.

Beach residents returned to their water-swept homes yesterday in the wake of a 60-mile-an-hour windstorm which struck Wilmington and its adjoining beach resort Tuesday night and caused an estimated 2,000,000 dollar damage.

Fast removal of vacationers from Wrightsville, Carolina, Ky., Wilmington and on into nearby beaches prevented loss of life. Army, Civilian Defense, State highway patrol and bus companies handled the transportation to the mainland.

Many trees and small shacks were blown down, several piers and boardwalks were uprooted, concession stands were leveled and a number of houses were unroofed, but chief damage was done by high water which rose to second-story level in many homes. Waves 40 feet high hit most of the beaches.

The storm which raged between 5 and 10 p. m., passed inland into the swamps of eastern North Carolina and on into coastal Virginia before spending 10-15 hours over the coast.

The biggest property loss was at Carolina Beach, where Police Chief Bruce Valentine estimated damage at \$1,000,000. R. L. Benson, city clerk, said damage at Wrightsville Beach would approximate \$500,000. It was estimated that damage within the city would reach \$300,000. No other estimates were available from other coastal towns and beaches.

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ROTARY SPONSORED HOG MARKET TO OPEN SOON IN WARSAW

The Warsaw Rotary Club held its regular meeting Thursday at 1:00 P. M. in the Rotary Hall. Rotarian Vance Orr made a report on the progress of the Warsaw Hog Market, which was sponsored by the Club last year. He was glad to announce the Market was very certain and to begin operation in the near future.

Albert Pickett

Albert Pickett, 72, retired stock dealer and well-known sportsman of the Mt. Olive section, died at his home there at 3 A. M. Wednesday, after a long illness.

Funeral services were held from the home Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock with the Rev. R. H. Eberly of Zebulon officiating. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery.

Mr. Pickett was a member of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, having served as a deacon and chief usher until he became ill several months ago.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Aaron of Mt. Olive, and a sister, Mrs. Alice Moore of Benson.

He was a brother of the late Andrew Pickett of Kenansville.

Mrs. Victoria L. Hoey

Funeral services for Mrs. Victoria Lewis Hoey, 80, who died at her home last Sunday afternoon were held Monday afternoon at 4:30 from her home in Faison, conducted by Rev. Tom Cooper assisted by Rev. D. L. Jones and Rev. J. W. Lineberger. Burial was in the Faison Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Capt. John E. Hoey, a captain in the Confederate Army, surviving are two sons, John E. and Henry L. Hoey, and one, grandson of Faison; four sisters, Mrs. Studie Hoey and Mrs. Addie Anderson of Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., Mrs. Mattie Newberry, Gainesville, Ga., and Mrs. Lila Barnes of Wilson.

Rev. A. S. Lockerman

The Rev. A. S. Lockerman, 72, died of a heart attack on Wednesday afternoon at his home in Rose Hill.

He was born and reared in Sampson County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Lockerman, and served as a minister in the Free Will Baptist Church for 35 years.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Mrs. William Brown of Raleigh, Mrs. J. M. Teachey and Mrs. Allen Boney of Wallace, and five sons, Wartus, Kirkwood, DeWitt Stanley and Preston Lockerman.

Funeral services were held from the home of Mrs. J. M. Teachey at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon with interment in the family cemetery at Wilmington.

The Rev. Thomas H. Hamilton, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Kinston officiated.

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NOT POLIO

A reported suspicious case of Poliomylitis at Magnolia has been established as definitely not polio by the local health department it was announced yesterday. A Negro woman who recently went there from the North became ill and at first it was thought she had symptoms of polio.

Smith Township Man Dies Of Battle Wounds

Sgt. Willard Smith, age 24, died on July 18th of wounds received in action on Saipan, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jones Smith were advised on August 1st.

Sgt. Smith volunteered before Pearl Harbor and had been awarded the Purple Heart before he died. He was a truck mechanic.

His wife, Mrs. Frances Smith who lives in Kinston, received a letter from him a few days ago, written the day before he died, telling her that he could not possibly live.

Surviving are his widow, an 18 months old boy whom he has never seen; his mother and father and a brother, Robert G., who is a Seabee in England.

Local Soldiers In Italy Completes 18 Months Overseas.

Sgt. Milton J. Lee, son of Mr. Matthew J. Lee, of Faison, and Pvt. Gordon L. Teachey, whose wife Helen, lives in Beulaville recently completed 18 months overseas with an outstanding Fifth Army ordnance unit.

Since the African invasion in 1942 their outfit has repaired trucks and tanks in its field shops throughout the Tunisian, Sicilian and Italian campaigns.

For their work under fire, their company was recently awarded the Fifth Army Plaque of Excellence.

James Ward

James (Little Jim) Ward, 23, Kinston tobaccoist, died at 9:30 A. M. Monday in a Moultrie, Ga., hospital, following an operation performed Sunday. It was reported an ulcer caused his death. He was stricken Saturday night at Moultrie, where he had gone to work on the tobacco market.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Margaret King Ward, a native of Wilmington; a daughter, Betty Ward; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ward of Chiquapien and a sister.

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WARSAW'S MODERN COMMUNITY CANNERY



Above is the modern steam cannery opened in Warsaw. Located back of the City Hall where the strawberry market operated. The cannery is modern in every respect and is open to the public of Duplin County and the adjacent communities to Warsaw in Sampson County. By making use of the cannery housewives will save many hours of toil and sweat over a hot stove.

Your attention is called to an advertisement of the cannery in this issue.

First Case Polio Reported In County 35 Year Old Man Stricken Cedar Fork

MISSING; PLANE CRASH While On Duty In Service Of Country

Mother Receives Telegram From War Department; Two Other Sons In Service.

Washington, D. C. July 23, 1944. Mrs. Mattie Lanier Bostic, Warsaw, N. C.

The Navy Department deeply regrets to inform you that your son, Larry Thomas Bostic, Aviation Machinist Mate, Third Class, USN, is missing following plane crash on July 15, 1944, in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country. The Department appreciates your great anxiety but details not now available and delay in receipt thereof cannot necessarily be expected. To prevent possible aid to our enemies, please do not divulge the name of his ship or station.

Vice Admiral Randall Jacobs The Chief of Naval Personnel.

The above telegram was received recently by Mrs. Bostic stating that her son, Larry was missing following a plane crash. At present there is no way of knowing just how or why the plane did crash but, undoubtedly the Navy Department will send the boy's mother full particulars as soon as it is made available to them.

Mrs. Bostic received a letter dated July 15th and in it Larry said that they were leaving from where they were stationed, but couldn't say where they were going. Perhaps in the transfer of which he spoke, the fatal mishap occurred.

Larry enlisted in October 1942. Mrs. Bostic has two other sons in service. Pfc. Willie E. Bostic, 315 Sta. Hosp. APO 873 c/o P. M. New York, N. Y., was inducted on January 15, 1943; and Leon Bostic, S 1/c, stationed at Quonset Pt., Rhode Island. He enlisted in October in 1942.

Whittle Not Leaving Warsaw

Last week the Times reported that L. S. Whittle was leaving the Warsaw Drug Co., to go with a Wallace Drug Store. This week Mr. Whittle states that he has changed his mind and will stay on with the Warsaw Drug Co.

BIBLE STUDY COURSE

Allen Craft, summer pastor of Grove Presbyterian Church is conducting a special Bible Study Course this week, for the Women's Auxiliary of the local church. The study class is held each afternoon this week from 5 to 6 o'clock in the home of Mrs. A. T. Outlaw who is Secretary of Spiritual Life for the Auxiliary. The Book for intensive study this year throughout the Southern Assembly is Second Corinthians. Mrs. N. B. Boney assisted the hostess on Monday afternoon. On Tuesday afternoon regardless of the rain, 10 ladies gathered. Mrs. Outlaw was assisted then by Mrs. J. G. Morrison and Mrs. Jim Bowden in entertaining her guests. Mrs. J. E. Jeffitt and Miss Lida Hinson were assisting on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. J. M. Brock and Mrs. W. J. Pickett were planning to be co-hostesses on Thursday afternoon and Messdames Craft and Carlton on Friday afternoon. A ten minute recess was held each day between each thirty minute period during which time the ladies served a cool drink with cookies.

Border Belt Market Opens Next Tuesday

All Houses in Clarkton, Two in Whiteville All Set For Selling; Predict Prices To Range Around \$100; Two Duplites on Clarkton Mart

Tuesday August 8th will see the first of the golden weed to under the banner in North Carolina. All markets on the border belt and in South Carolina will open and the gold will begin to flow.

Clarkton with four houses is all primed and ready. Two Duplites, Charlie Herring and Ben Rivenbark will operate the Farmers Warehouse, the first on the right as you enter town from this direction. The two warehousemen have purchased the house and will be on the scene every minute of the day.

Whiteville Over in Whiteville, Nelson's Warehouse and Farmers Warehouse, well known to Duplin farmers, are all primed and bidding for the Duplin Weed. Mr. Bert Moore and L. R. Jackson, of the Farmers and M. O. Nelson, Sr. and his two sons at Nelson's are all known personally by many Duplin farmers and are recognized as outstanding successmen.

School Opening Postponed Until September 15th.

LT. FRANK BLACKMORE PREPARING FOR SEA DUTY

Lt. (jg) W. Frank Blackmore, whose parents reside at Warsaw, is preparing for duty with the amphibious forces aboard an LST, Landing Ship, Tank, one of the biggest ships in the Navy's fleet. Lt. (jg) Blackmore has been assigned as Executive Officer to the crew of an LST at the Amphibious Training Base, Camp Bradford, Va., where he is going thru the strenuous training required of officers and bluejackets who man the beach-hitting tank carriers. Camp Bradford, where Lt. (jg) Blackmore is stationed is one of a group of bases operated by the Amphibious Training Command of the U. S. Atlantic Fleet along the eastern seaboard.

Supt. Johnson Makes Announcement This Week; Polio Epidemic Given As Reason; Date Recommended By State Health Dept.

Superintendent O. P. Johnson yesterday announced that all schools in Duplin will open September 15th instead of dates recently set. His action followed the recommendation of the State Health Department that all schools in North Carolina delay their opening to that date and if any should be open they should close immediately. Although the epidemic seems to be on the wane it is far from being under control. Duplin's first victim died this morning.

JOSEPH CARR KILLED IN ACTION

MAGNOLIA. — Mrs. Joseph C. Carr has just been notified by the War Department that her husband First Sergeant Joseph C. Carr, age 24, was killed in action in France on July 5th 1944.

Sgt. Carr was inducted into the Army February 1942 and received his training at Camp Claiborne, La., and Ft. Bragg, N. C. He was sent overseas August 1943 and received further training in England until June 6th, when he was one of the first to land in France. He was with the Infantry Airborne unit.

Sgt Carr is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Carr, five brothers, Gerald of the U. S. Navy Signal School, Urbana, Ill., MacDonald, Samuel, Jack, and James, and one sister, Dolly Sea Carr, all of the home. Sgt. Carr was married in November 1941 to the former Miss Garland Rivenbark. She and their small son, Joseph Myron reside with her parents near Rose Hill.

Warsaw Boy Now At Great Lakes

Arthur L. Humphrey, Jr., 24, son of Mr. A. L. Humphrey, of Warsaw is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

After completing his training, the seaman will spend a period of leave at home.

TENT MEETING IN PROGRESS IN WARSAW

A Pentecostal Holiness Tent Revival is now in progress in Warsaw with services each evening at 8:15, good singing and music. These services are conducted by the Rev. E. T. Gregory, a notable evangelist, of Warsaw. Rev. Gregory welcomes all faiths to worship with them in the tent located one block across the railroad from the A & P Store.

KENANSVILLE METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY AUGUST 6th, 1944 CHURCH SCHOOL 10:00 A. M. Preaching 11:15 A. M. & 8:30 P. M. J. W. Lineberger, pastor. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

DON'T LIKE US, HUH?

It was reported that Italian girls who date free-spending American and British soldiers in Rome are being branded as "Gold-diggers" by the Italian populace and their hair is clipped short by bands of Italian men who whisk them away from their Allied soldier escorts.

Groups of Italian youths hulk around corners awaiting for any girls walking with soldiers, seize the girls bodily, carry them to a quiet spot and whack off their hair.

Warsaw Methodist Church

Dr. C. T. Thrift, Jr., Professor of Church History at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Fla., will preach at eleven o'clock. Dr. Thrift is a member of the Florida Conference.

The pastor, Rev. C. T. Thrift will preach at Turkey at 12 o'clock and at Carlton at four P. M.

GIRL SCOUTS

At the regular weekly meeting of the Kenansville Girl Scout this week, Janet Boney was chosen Sr. Patrol Leader and Jean Tyndall, Scribe.

CORRECTION

Something ago The Times printed a report that the late Danie Gay had walked four miles to town, and back with a 45 lb. sack of flour on his shoulder shortly before he died. We are advised that such was not the case and we are sorry to state this correction.