

# Crops Have Survived Winds

Most of Southeastern North Carolina's agricultural land has so far escaped the full force of Hurricane Diana, although heavy rain has pelted the entire region. Fields are soggy and dirt roads barely passable.

Corn crops last Wednesday appeared little hurt by their brush with the storm's winds and rains.

D.J. Fussell of Rose Hill said the wind in that area had not been severe enough to damage the nearly ripe grape crop or the corn crop.

"Farmers have been mighty uneasy," he said.

Volunteer firefighters were manning fire stations throughout the area as they waited to see what the hurricane would do. Typical of these was the Turkey Creek Department near Stump Sound in southern Onslow County.

Paul Parker, who manned the radio at the station Wednesday afternoon, said squad members had been on duty 26 hours.

"It's just wait and see and it looks like some more wait and see," Parker said. "But we'll be here until it goes away."

He said some of the people on the inland side of the Atlantic Intra-coastal Waterway moved out Tuesday night, but moved back Wednesday morning after nothing had happened.

Some firefighters drove rural roads to be sure these people would be able to leave again if the storm turned inland and threatened to flood low-lying areas.

Parker said the water level in Turkey Creek was about six to eight feet above normal.

David Paul, owner of Paul's Place on U.S. 117 in Pender County, said the corn in that area was not badly hurt. A few trees had been blown over and branches torn off trees, he said.

J. Michael Moore, Duplin County tobacco extension agent, said the storm had not caused much crop damage in Duplin.

Many stores in southern Onslow County and eastern Duplin County were closed all day Wednesday. The Holly Ridge Town Hall sported a brand new set of boards for windows and doors.

The State Highway Patrol was using the Holly Ridge Fire and Rescue Squad building as its headquarters for the Topsail Island area. A detail of 25 troopers was keeping people from returning to the island Wednesday, said Lt. George Russ, normally assigned to the patrol's Fayetteville headquarters.

## Barbecue Dinner

There will be a barbecue dinner at the First Original Free Will Baptist Church of Warsaw Oct. 13. Serving will be from 11 a.m. until. Plates are \$3 each with dessert included. There will be cakes and pies available for sale. Proceeds will go to Mount Olive college.

Also, there will be a bazaar and rummage sale sponsored by the Youth of the Church. The bazaar will open at 9:30 a.m. with such items as lampshades, Christmas tree ornaments, woodcrafts, candies, candle-wicking pillows, Christmas wreaths and other homemade crafts. This will be a great time to start your Christmas shopping. Come see and buy these crafts.

## East Duplin Reunion

The Class of 1974 at East Duplin High School will hold their 10-year reunion on October 13 from 7 to 11 p.m. in the East Duplin cafeteria. The cost will be \$10.50 per person with deejay entertainment promised. The dinner will feature barbecued port and chicken. Casual dress is encouraged. If you have not received your invitation, contact either Ginger Whaley at 298-3916 or Jackie Young at 347-1980.

## Revival

The Beulaville Free Will Baptist Church revival begins Oct. 1 and runs through Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m. each evening. Guest speaker is Charles Crisp. Homecoming will be on Sunday, Oct. 7.

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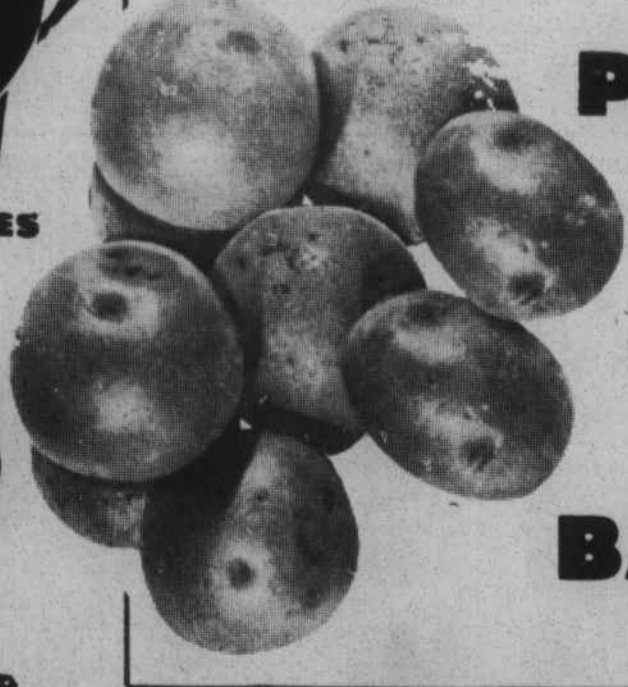
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