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Who Saw the Wind A-Passing By?

Results of the hurricane:

- one broken field dairy.
- splendid experience in preparation for big storm.
- some frayed nerves.
- loss of faith in communiques which put out false information.
- needless evacuation of beach families who may not return for the rest of the season.

The big wind went out to sea, veering north northeast 110 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras. Even so, with gale winds covering a distance of 140 miles, as reported, it seems as though we should have felt more effect of the hurricane here than we did.

Old Mr. Stormy viewed the coast with calculating eye and puffed to himself, "Reckon it's not worth wreckin'." That information, however, was not obtained from the weather bureau.

He saw few boats to toss about and those that were on the waterfront had so many lines to them they looked like spiders in the midst of webs. We are all ready for the blow that passed us by —

But even before the hurricane was scheduled to hit, radio flashes had practically half of eastern North Carolina inundated. Friends and relatives upstate and out-of-state had to telephone and speak to residents here personally. "Are you all right? We heard over the radio that Beaufort was under water!"

Press services were told by NEWS-TIMES reporters that there was hardly a breeze stirring here, that there wasn't a drop of rain — but phones continued to ring all Monday night, "Have you started evacuating down there yet?"

We told them no, but were going to start considering it seriously if they kept waking us up.

Our folks have never run from a storm. If movie newsreelmen, broadcasting companies, and reporters hot-footed it down here expecting to see a mass evacuation they would have been disappointed. Our older folks have lived through many a storm right here, and we can too.

Some businessmen estimate that \$25,000 in Labor Day trade was sucked away by the threatened hurricane . . . others of us are wondering why reports on the storm weren't sent hourly rather than every three or four hours . . . also why radio reports inferred Tuesday morning that Morehead City residents were in hopes that the strong winds and high waves would soon die down. There weren't any to begin with.

But it's just another one of those cases where the spoken word, fleeting and intangible, carries weight only in times of danger or crisis.

Tuesday afternoon Capt. Ted Lewis took a party to Cape Lookout by way of the ocean, and the water was as calm as an inland lake.

The rain we have had the past few days and the cool weather is just a plain old mullet shift, declare old-timers.

The next hurricane may not pass us by. But to one that storm will blow up so fast we won't have a bit of warning.

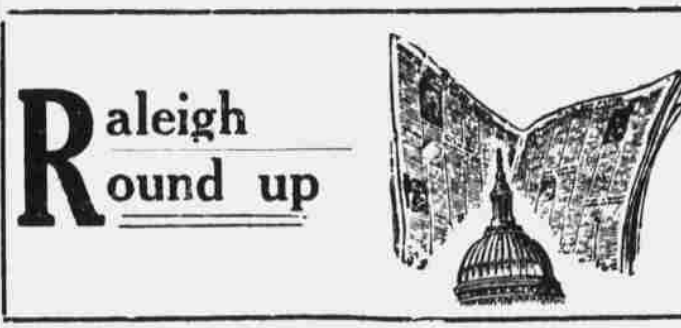
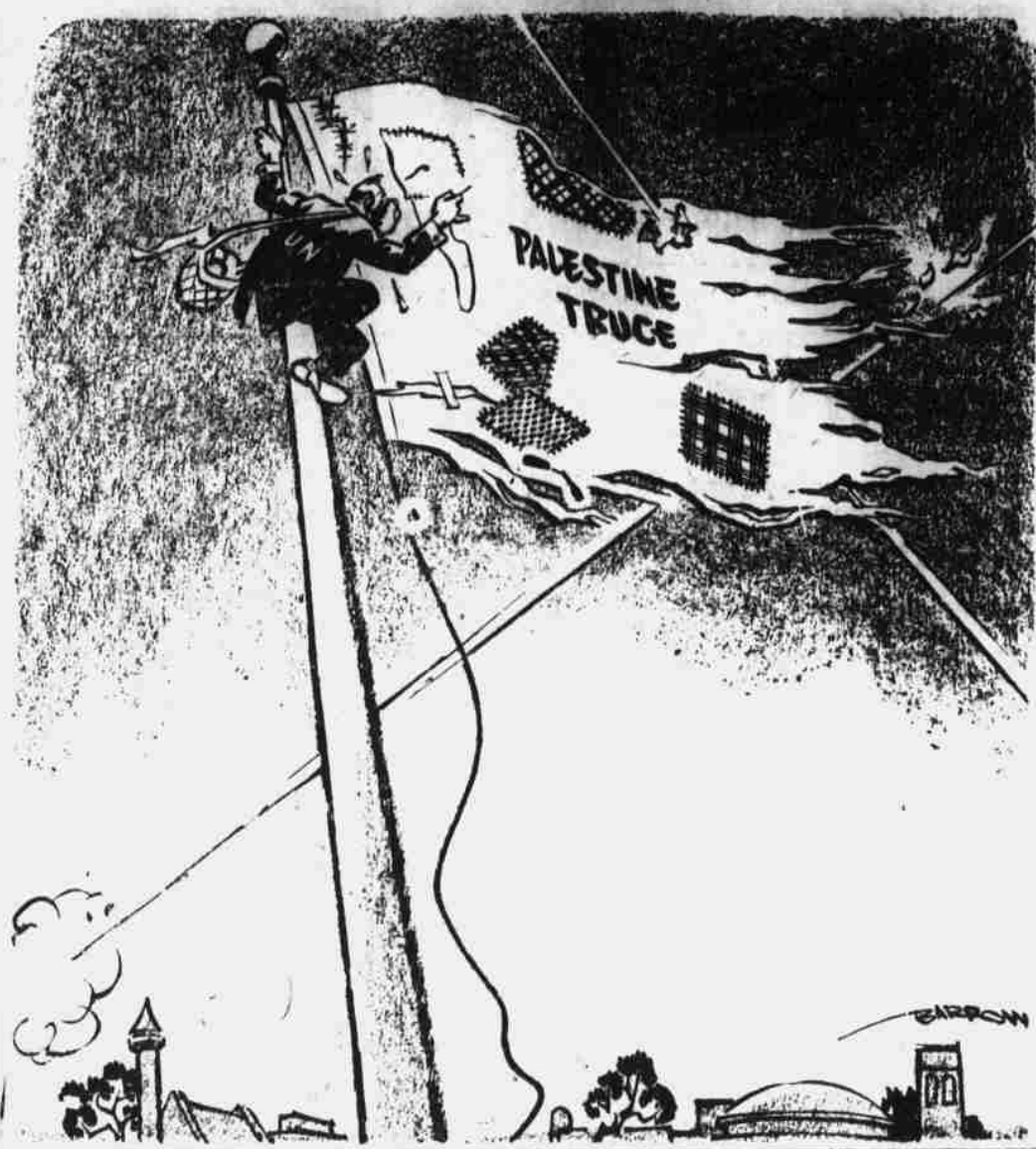
A Little Help, Please

State Highway commission please take notice . . .

The new highway from the Morehead City yacht basin several hundred feet west to the intersection with highway 70 is splendid, but there should be red reflectors and an arrow pointing to the right on the sign stating that west bound traffic should make the gradual turn.

The red and white sign is all right in the daytime but at night the car headlights don't catch it until the motorist is practically upon it.

PINS AND NEEDLES



Raleigh Round up

TO CHARLOTTE — An official of the Bank of Charlotte said last week that Charles M. Johnson, State Treasurer, would become executive vice president of that institution in January.

It is understood that Johnson has been proffered a half-dozen handsome positions since his defeat by Kerr Scott for the Democratic nomination for Governor, two of which would remove him from North Carolina. Although he received a relatively small vote in Wake County, he has lots of friends here, and many Raleigh officials have expressed the wish that he might find a suitable job in the Capital City.

Incidentally, the Bank of Charlotte is an unusual banking house. It doesn't keep what has become known as "banking hours," but opens at 9 o'clock in the morning and remains open until 5 o'clock in the afternoon . . . and is the only bank in the state to go to such ends to keep its customers happy. Its president is T. M. Shelton, 38-year-old, ruddy-faced, Esquiquir powerhouse who is also president of Mellon's (men's clothes, etc.), an oil company, and three other concerns. In a recent issue of the Charlotte Observer his firms carried five one-page ads.

RECORDS — The report in Raleigh is that the Republicans are now spending \$1,500 per week on radio programs for John A. Wilkinson, Republican candidate opposing J. M. Broughton for the U. S. Senate.

Last week, he was on 39 stations lambasting in a good radio voice one Harry S. Truman, and seems to be breaking all known records in radio speech-making in North Carolina. He will notice, for the records have been cut and are now wending their way like flying saucers all across the State, from Waynesville in the west to

Elizabeth City down in the flat country.

The general theme of the Republican advertising in North Carolina this fall will be words to this effect: "The next national administration is going to be Republican. Send a Republican to Washington to look after your interests, etc." The above is for the Congressmen and the Senatorial candidate. In the State—if Wilkinson's early speeches are any criterion—it will be the same old theme song: "Break up that Raleigh machine." Ho hum.

INSPECTIONS — Last Saturday morning, as the temperature was going toward 95 in most sections of the State, many a motorist realized that he had only a few more hours in which to have his car inspected. In Winston-Salem, 500 cars stood waiting for the arrival of the inspectors. Conditions had become so bad on Friday afternoon at the Raleigh inspection grounds that the radio was used to urge car-owners to go to Wake Forest. There, on Saturday morning, cars swarmed all over the place. Perspiration flowed. Tempers were short. In the Twin City, youngsters were making good money selling soft drinks to the drivers in line, while in Raleigh State College boys were doing pretty well as car-sitters.

Meantime, garages all over the State raked in the cash. The mechanics had their troubles, too, however, finding parts for old jalopies, collecting for the parts and labor after the job had been completed. All in all, the inspection program is being called "a good thing" in one breath and cursed to a fare-thee-well in the next. With new cars virtually unobtainable and more old cars on the road than ever before, it hit the State at a mighty bad time. Watch the '49 Legislature.

OFF THE CUFF — Although many of the Dixiecrat electors an-

nounced Sunday have been known for years as anti-New Dealers, there were two or three eyebrow-lifters in the group, among them Oldline Democrat Wiley Barnes of Raleigh (whom some blame for causing Wake to go against J. M. Broughton in the Primary) and Dr. Luther Little of Charlotte, one of the South's leading Baptist ministers.

Secretary of State Thad Eure is rapidly becoming known as an expert on the harmonica. He's been playing the "mouth-organ" for a long time in a nonchalant, casual sort of way, but now he seems to be more in demand as a French harpist than as a speaker. He performed for the taxi-drivers in convention the other day, and has several requests on tap now for performances about the State.

Nobody seems to know what the new Governor will say and do about taxation, appointments, roads, and education. Kerr Scott has everybody guessing. He said something the other day about the possible necessity of accelerating the gas tax. He is also known to have a sharp eye on what is happening down in Louisiana, where gasoline now sells for as much as 31 cents per gallon and cigarettes cost 27 cents per pack. In short, Scott has the perennial lobbyists who heretofore have been able to pre-guess incoming Governors, running around in circles. They are placing their whole confidence in a conservative, stand-out State Senate, where 26 stubborn men can, if they wish, tie up the Governor's program and the will of the entire Legislature. This may well happen next January-February-March.

HOW MANY — How many Republicans will there in the next Legislature? Normally, there are around 12 to 15. In moments of slack conversation, State officials last week made their guesses as to the number, and solemnly wrote down and filed them away, to be forgotten if they are far wrong, to be gleefully brought out again and paraded with "I-told-you-so's" if they are right.

In 1929, after the Al Smith debacle, there were around 40 Republicans in the two branches of the General Assembly. Guesses this time run as high as 30, which indicates that leading Democrats don't think the party is in as bad shape as in 1928—despite the Progressives and the Dixie boys.

This time we may have four in the Senate, and 18 to 20 in the House.

India Plans School
CALCUTTA — (AP) — India's government has announced plans to set up a technological institute modeled on the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The plans call for initial expenditure of \$2,500,000. The government of West Bengal has donated 1,000 acres of land for the project.

MERRIMON
Mr. J. C. McIntyre, of Newport News, Va., is spending his vacation with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Adams and Miss Nita Carraway.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carraway, of Beaufort, spent Sunday afternoon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Carraway.

Messrs George Dixon, J. M. Stallings, Sr., and J. M. Stallings, Jr., Elizabeth Stallings, Joan Nelson and Robert Lee Nelson spent Saturday in Pamlico County.

Mrs. Ben Rogers, Mrs. Bell Campbell and children and Miss Nan Rogers left for Graham on Sunday after visiting with Mrs. J. W. Adams and Miss Nita Carraway.

Mr. Gray Willis, of Morehead City, spent the weekend at home with his family.

Mr. D. M. Salter, Mrs. W. E. Lawrence, Mrs. Thurman Pittman and Guy Carraway were in New Bern on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carraway and children, of Bachelors and Mr. and Mrs. John Felton and little daughter of Beaufort, RFD, spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Carraway.

Mrs. H. M. Carraway returned home on Sunday night from Cherry Point where she had been convalescing at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Milton Pittman.

Mrs. Carraway is much better we are glad to report.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Emer, of Cherry Point, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Carraway over the weekend.

Rev. W. D. Caviness, of Morehead City, filled his appointment here on Sunday. He was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Carraway.

Friends of Mrs. Emily Nelson gave her a surprise birthday party on last Thursday night. Mrs. Nelson was taken out for a ride about 7 o'clock when she arrived and entered her home the lights came on and everyone sang happy birthday. She received many nice and useful gifts. After many games, Mrs. W. E. Lawrence and Mrs. J. M. Stallings served assorted candies, ice cream and cakes to approximately the 35 persons present.

BARCELONA — (AP) — Gabino Stuyck, director of Spain's Royal Tapestry Factory, is the sixth generation of his family to hold this post. Jacob Van der Goten, Flemish artist, was the first director when Phillip, the fifth, founded the factory in 1720. A grand nephew, Livinio Stuyck, succeeded him, and ever since there has been a Stuyck as director of the Madrid factory where the ancient art is kept alive.

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In The Good Old Days

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

A hurricane swept the county doing great damage to crops and livestock. At Marshallberg the two churches and a number of houses were blown from their foundations, and Allen Taylor of the mail service reported the woods full of boats.

Senator M. Leslie Davis attended the opening of Wake Forest college. His nephew, John Humber entered the college as a freshman.

Hugh Hill, Gray Hudgins, Raymond Wheatly and Thomas Noe were attending A & M. college.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Public schools were to open Monday.

Newport and Atlantic schools were scheduled to open in another two weeks.

Japan suffered a terrific earthquake. Tokyo and Yokohama were severely damaged.

TEN YEARS AGO

There was a possibility that the WPA Bookmobile might come to Carteret county in the late winter.

T. T. (Tom) Potter arranged for a plane to be here through Labor Day, which would take passengers

aloft for an aerial tour of Beaufort, Morehead City and Atlantic Beach for \$1.

The Carteret Hardware company was displaying a white marlin caught off Ocean City, Md., by Christopher Jones.

FIVE YEARS AGO

School opened with a record enrollment of students.

Betts Bakery closed after operating for 14 years. Shortages of butter and sugar, plus the difficulty of getting help were responsible.

The Beaufort police department received its first Black Myriah patrol wagon.

:: Smile a While ::

He glanced at the beautiful woman beside him, his look heavy with anxiety and humble pleading, but she was unconscious of his appeal. For long moments he watched her, struggling with his emotions, desiring, yet afraid, to ask the question that trembled on his lips. At last he spoke, wistfully, yearningly: "Mac, c'n I have another piece of pie?"

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