

# Director of Disaster Service Explains Role Played by Red Cross

Victims of hurricane Hazel who are discovering they cannot meet disaster-caused needs on their own are turning to their Red Cross for rehabilitation assistance throughout the counties in North and South Carolina swept by the hurricane.

John Russell, director of disaster services in the southeastern area, outlined the basic Red Cross disaster relief policies governing the extension of assistance. He said:

1. Red Cross relief is based on need, not loss.
2. The Red Cross deals only with problems created or aggravated by disaster and relief is given to disaster sufferers only.
3. Mass relief is extended during the emergency period immediately following the disaster, but is terminated at the earliest possible date; the further assistance determined by case work processes is given in the rehabilitation period upon the basis of the needs of each individual family.
4. Families are expected to use their actual and potential resources in meeting their needs. The Red Cross supplements the efforts of the family.
5. The Red Cross does not make loans to disaster sufferers; its relief is given freely and creates no obligation on the part of the recipient.

6. Insofar as possible, all relief expenditures made by the Red Cross are kept in the channels of trade in the affected area.

7. Medical relief supplements the work of public and private health agencies and of the medical and dental professions.

8. Assistance is extended without political, religious, or racial discrimination. Delinquency, immorality, and other deviations from accepted standards of living are not considered sufficient grounds for withholding relief when disaster-caused needs exist.

9. Cash grants are given when facts established in the case investigation indicate conclusively that this is the best way to help the family.

10. Individual awards and case records are strictly confidential.

11. Families moving away from the area receive the same consideration as those remaining.

12. The Red Cross does not assist large commercial or industrial concerns or charitable organizations.

All in this county who have disaster-caused needs, Mr. Russell stated, should register with their local Red Cross chapter, or at the nearest Red Cross disaster relief headquarters as the first step toward getting the full support of

their Red Cross in the rehabilitation of their families.

"This assistance," he said, "will include the necessary repair or rebuilding of homes damaged by the hurricane and the essential furnishings, and is awarded with no obligation on the part of the disaster sufferer to repay the Red Cross, since this service is made possible by the public's support of the organization."

## Farmers Like Hybrid Yields

Gates County Negro farmers are happy they planted more hybrid corn this year, according to Negro County Agent H. L. Mitchell.

The Negro agent said that even though the season was very dry and in some sections little corn was made, those who used hybrid varieties made a fairly good crop.

Typical of the Negro farmers who tried and liked hybrid corn are, N. L. Nowell, Hobbsville; W. C. Costen, Middle Swamp; and J. J. Matthews, Gatesville.

Nowell has compared Funks G-704, N. C. 1032, Dixie 82 and U. S. 282. Last year he found Dixie 82 to be the best yielding corn he had and is sure that this year's final results will find the hybrid out-yielding open-pollinated corn.

Costen averaged over 100 bushels per acre on some of his hybrid. He used Funks G-134, G-704, and G-9, and also Pioneer 203 and Dixie 82. He likes Funks G-134 but thinks that with a good season Dixie 82 will out-yield anything he has tried.

While he is experimenting with several varieties, J. J. Matthews particularly likes N. C. 1032. Matthews grows enough for home use and also sells some corn.

County Agent Mitchell added that several other farmers have special varieties which are getting attention from farmers over the county. He said the importance of using recommended hybrid seed corn is being talked by Gates County Negro farmers.

### Shattering Speed

Detroit (AP) — Gerald A. Page rushed his wife to the hospital maternity center. One hand on his wife's arm and the other clutching an overnight bag, Page walked through the center's glass door and shattered it. He was treated for cuts while waiting for the arrival of his child.

### Who's Got the Nickel?

Morgantown, W. Va. (AP) — There may be some confusion in the press box this fall for West Virginia University's football games. On the roster are Dick Nichols and Dick Nicholson. The former is a sophomore guard. The latter is a senior halfback.



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Smaller trees that listed after the hurricane should be arched at once while the soil still is moist and held erect by guy wires until their roots have been re-established.

During the weeks and months ahead, according to Dr. Philip L. Rusden of the Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories, dangling limbs should be removed, stubs of torn branches cut back flush to a parent limb or trunk and wounds painted, weak limbs cabled and V-crotches braced.

This pruning is important so that the wounds will heal and seal before damaging heart rot fungi can get a foothold. It will also prevent bark beetles and borers from breeding in weakened and dying wood. The hurricane carried for miles insects which transmit Dutch elm disease as well as other infections. Unless curbed, tree diseases may break out like a rash in new areas next year, said Dr. Rusden.

Equally important as pruning is feeding tattered trees to help them regain lost vigor more quickly.

The hurricane also pointed up the need for avoiding planting such brittle trees as the silver maple, red maple if it has multiple leaders, poplar and Chinese elm. It also showed that trees along streets and highways or those weakened by building construction were blown down with greater frequency than those standing in the open with good root systems.



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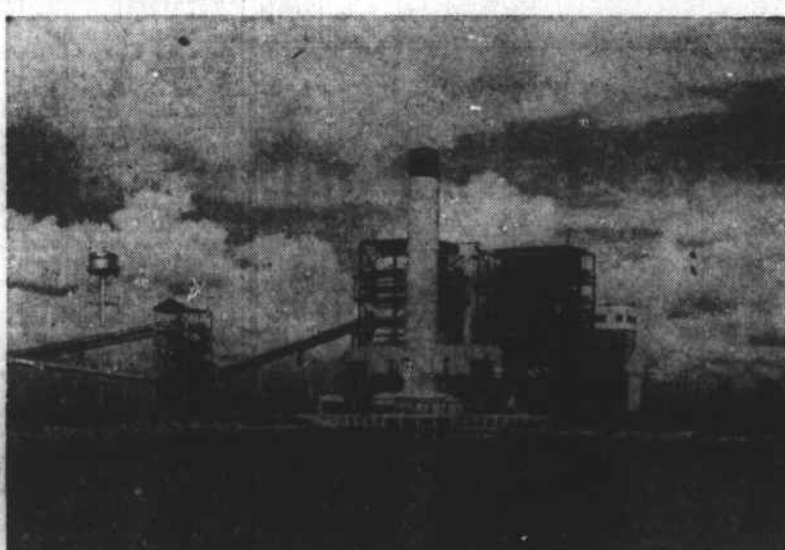
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