

Hurricane Cripples State's Commercial Fishing Industry

National Guard Commander Asks Employers' Indulgence

Lt. Norman Masters, commanding officer of the Beaufort National Guard Unit, this week asked that employers of men in the Guard be as understanding and patient as possible during the present emergency.

"We are under the governor's orders," Lieutenant Masters said, "and our men have to be on duty around the clock."

When the National Guard was first called on after the hurricane hit, Lieutenant Masters said that he tried to stagger guard duty so that the men who absolutely had to be at their regular work would have to stand guard only at night.

But as the week wore on it became impossible, he said, to place the burden of duty on the same men during the day.

"Employers should consider that these men are guarding valuable property and helping to save lives—it very well could be the employer's own property or the lives of himself or his family," commented Lieutenant Masters.

There are 32 men in the unit. Four are on duty at Atlantic Beach, one on each side of the Beaufort draw, and two at North River on round-the-clock watches. Others are on duty at their headquarters at the Beaufort School gym.

Lieutenant Masters hopes that by Sunday night things will go back to normal and members of the Guard unit will be released. He anticipates that men will be needed again Sunday to direct traffic at the beach.

PTA to Sponsor Carnival Oct. 29

The Newport Parent-Teachers Association will sponsor its annual Halloween Carnival Friday night, Oct. 29, beginning at 5:30 p. m. in the school cafeteria.

At the PTA meeting Tuesday night in the school auditorium a balance of \$457.09 was reported in the treasury.

The theme of the program was "Art in the Public Schools." The speakers were Mrs. Floy Garner, Newport and Mrs. Earl Murdoch, Wildwood, who spoke on schools in Germany.

There was a display of classroom art and of paintings by local residents in the hall of the school building.

The budget for the school year was presented and approved. As part of the program Edward Carraway and Mrs. Kathryn Montague sang a duet.

Mrs. Virginia Pollard led the devotional. Winners of attendance banners were Mrs. Millis's first grade, Mrs. McKeon's seventh grade and Dr. Walton's twelfth grade.

Elected Director

Mrs. W. I. Loftin, Beaufort, has been elected a director of the State Society of Crippled Children and Adults, Inc., according to an announcement by the president, Dr. John D. Messick, Greenville.

Jack Cutler, Beaufort, is among 10 men students at East Carolina College who have been elected to membership in the campus chapter of Phi Sigma Pi, national honorary education society.

Had Wind Come from North Island Might Have Floated

Ocracoke — The Washington, D. C., weather bureau reported that had the northwest cold wave come a little faster and sooner, the now famous Hurricane Hazel would have struck full force at Cape Hatteras and Ocracoke. As it was, compared with the devastation wrought on the mainland, Ocracoke fared well indeed.

Old timers say we had the worst sea tide since 1913. Anyway the Atlantic Ocean came rolling across cutting its way through to the harbor and Pamlico Sound wherever it could find a low spot, and making deep ravines and gullies along the concrete highways and undermining the road in many places, causing a number of cave-ins.

Damage to the roads is estimated at between \$8,000 and \$15,000. At several points the highway is entirely impassable. Many homes, particularly those on the east side of the village were flooded with from 4 to 15 inches of water. Fishermen at Wabab Hotel were sloshing around in 4 inches of water. One boat was sunk in the harbor. A jeep was caught in the surf be-

Phone Company Makes Report On Repair Work

Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. employees are working around the clock to restore at least limited service to the 116 exchanges it serves in eastern North Carolina.

All these exchanges were isolated from telephone connection with the rest of the world following Friday's devastating hurricane.

According to J. F. Havens, public relations vice president of the company, service to Raleigh from New Bern was available Sunday morning and connections with Raleigh from Rocky Mount and Tarboro were expected before dark Sunday. This connection will provide an outlet from such towns as Wilson, Rocky Mount, Tarboro, Williamston and many others.

Lonnie Daniels, telephone manager in Morehead City, said yesterday that calls could be gotten through to Marshallberg by late Monday and phone service was scheduled to be resumed as far east at Atlantic by late Wednesday.

Extra Men Arrive
Mr. Daniels said that two extra men were sent here from Havelock Wednesday morning to assist in making repairs.

By Wednesday 40 per cent of an estimated 430 telephones knocked out of service here were back in operation. He said the lines hardest hit were in the waterfront areas of Atlantic Beach, Morehead City and Beaufort.

In the Henderson area, long distance service is available through Greensboro and Richmond and a number of points such as Oxford, Norlina and Warrenton now have at least limited long distance service.

The Fayetteville area, which includes Whiteville, was perhaps the hardest hit area of the company. Fayetteville, primary toll outlet for that area, now has service through recently constructed underground long distance cable. Connections from Fayetteville to other towns such as Dunn, Clinton and Smithfield are being made as quickly as possible.

Trees Cause Damage
Local service, in the majority of the company's 116 exchanges, has been maintained and in many cases, where power failed, auxiliary generators were placed in service to keep local telephones working. There were, of course, many telephones out of order because of damage to the exchange plant by trees and limbs.

Vice President Havens stated that in addition to company forces, about 17 crews of outside contractors have been employed to expedite the restoration of service.

Generally speaking, Mr. Havens said, the hurricane affected the entire area of the company which serves all or part of 41 counties in eastern North Carolina.

Hurricane Hazel was the worst storm anyone in the company can remember and estimates of damage to telephone property and equipment will be in terms of hundreds of thousands of dollars, Mr. Havens concluded.

Beaufort A&P Opening Delayed

Carl P. Short, New Bern, supervisor of A&P stores in this area, said this week that the A&P Store in Beaufort may not reopen until the middle of next month.

The reopening date will depend, Mr. Short said, on how soon equipment can be replaced.

The hurricane hit the store, located at Front and Queen Streets, with full force. The high water even floated the ice cream cabinet. All the food, canned, packaged, and fresh, was condemned. The food was inspected, at the request of Mr. Short, by A. D. Fulford, county sanitarian. It has been destroyed.

Mr. Short estimated total loss at \$35,000. Ten thousand dollars of the loss was in merchandise. Equipment loss was estimated at \$25,000.

"A&P customers in Beaufort are invited to continue their patronage at the new and modern self-service A&P super-market in Morehead City," said Mr. Short.

Manager of the Beaufort store is W. T. Hewitt. The six full-time and three part-time employees at the Beaufort store will continue on the A&P payroll until the store reopens.

Hurricane Hazel has dealt the North Carolina fishing industry a lethal blow.

C. G. Holland, assistant fisheries commissioner, Morehead City, said this week that oyster beds have been buried in sand, and fish dealers as well as fishermen themselves have sustained heavy losses.

All commercial fisheries department employees were assigned Tuesday to make a survey of the damage in the state's 21 commercial fishing counties. Commissioner Holland said boats, nets and fish houses to the south of Carteret County have been virtually obliterated.

Fisheries inspectors checked 15 crews of oystermen Monday and the total catch was three tubs. Before the hurricane the average catch per boat was 15 tubs.

Commissioner Holland has requested that any fisherman who has not yet been contacted by a state fisheries inspector to get an estimate of loss should submit an estimate of his damage or loss to the fisheries inspector in his community or give the estimate to the Morehead City commercial fisheries office.

Commissioner Holland has asked that fishermen do as much as they can to get themselves back in operation for the fall fishing season. He said that attempts will be made to get the fishermen assistance but no promises can be made and aid, if it comes, probably will not be immediate.

Commissioner Holland remarked that the Gordon C. Willis Seafood Co. lost all its boats and nets on Bogue Banks and the fish house in Morehead City is so badly damaged that it probably could not be used if fish were being taken.

The fisheries official said fish dealers, who have always extended credit to the fishermen, have been as hard hit as the man who lost his boats and nets. "This on top of a poor summer for food fish and shrimp catches is really disastrous," commented Mr. Holland.

The fisheries official will go to Charlotte Monday to attend the three-day fall meeting of the Board of Conservation and Development. Mrs. Holland will accompany him. Others who will attend the meeting from this county will be Ernest Nelson, Cecil Morris and W. A. Ellison Jr.

'Martin Luther' To Play Here

"Martin Luther," the film named by The New York Times as one of the ten best of 1953, will show for the first time Wednesday at the Morehead Theatre, Morehead City.

According to an announcement from the producer, Louis deRoche ment Associates, the opening date for the film in Beaufort will be Nov. 9 and it will play again Dec. 7 at the East Drive-In Theatre, Beaufort.

Its run in Morehead City will be two days, according to O. J. Morrow, theatre manager. Mr. Morrow said the run in Beaufort will probably be three days.

Borden Mace, son of Mrs. W. A. Mace, Beaufort, and president of the RD-DR Corp. which made "Martin Luther," gave a special showing of the film in the Beaufort Theatre last Christmas season.

The movie, hailed everywhere as a stirring and documentary account of the man who brought Protestantism to the world, will be shown here at popular prices.

When the film was ready for distribution, regular channels were closed to it. Distributors called it "too hot to handle," "poison at the box office," but with a determination to show the people a truly marvelous motion picture, the RD-DR Corp., in cooperation with the Lutheran Churches has proved that the film is a classic.

Motorist Runs Off Highway

A Cherry Point motorist, being clocked by Sgt. C. L. Teague of the State Highway Patrol, ran off Highway 70 at 8:25 Sunday night just east of the Carteret-Craven line.

According to State Highway Patrolman Pickard, the driver, Frank W. Murray, passed Sergeant Teague and the sergeant started checking his speed.

As Murray reached a curve, his car left the road and skidded into a ditch. Sergeant Teague said Murray was going about 75 miles an hour when the accident happened.

He has been charged with driving under the influence, speeding and careless and reckless driving. Damage to his car, a 1952 Chevrolet, was estimated at \$25.

Shops Moves
The Fashion Shoppe of Beaufort has moved to 424 Front St., the former Pender building, and will operate from this new location permanently. Mrs. Ralph Eudy, manager, said, "We hope our customers and friends will find shopping more enjoyable in our spacious new quarters."

Campaign Dates Set
Mrs. W. I. Loftin, Beaufort, Carteret Girl Scout official, announced that the drive to raise Girl Scout funds in the county will begin Nov. 1 and continue until Nov. 15. Goal for Carteret County is \$1,300.

Waves Came Crashing Down



Looking southeast across the Beaufort-Morehead City causeway, the sightseer got an eyeful of the destruction property owners withstood there.



Summer homes in Morehead City, along Bogue Sound, at the height of Friday's storm were pounded by the waves.



Morehead City's waterfront after the water subsided was a heap of rubble in which folks' homes and familiar possessions lay among foreign debris swept in from the ocean a mile away.

Driver Faces Three Charges

Kenneth R. Hightower, who was involved in an accident at 11:30 Sunday night on Highway 70 a thousand feet east of the Carteret-Craven line, has been charged with drunken driving, careless and reckless driving and speeding. He is docketed for trial in County Recorder's Court Tuesday.

According to State Highway Patrolman W. E. Pickard, Hightower was headed west in a 1949 Ford when he sideswiped a 1951 Pontiac headed west. The Pontiac was driven by Ernest A. Trader.

The patrolman said that Hightower was evidently going at such a high rate of speed he ran over into the left lane of traffic. Each driver was alone in his car. Neither was hurt.

Damage to each automobile was estimated at \$500.

Fisheries Official Says Summer Season 'Poor'

C. G. Holland, assistant commercial fisheries commissioner, has released the report covering commercial fishing in North Carolina waters for the three months ending Sept. 30.

The report, compiled prior to the hurricane, follows: The quarter just ended, July, August and September, saw very little production of seafood, especially finfish. The shrimp catch for several reasons. In my opinion, the dry season has affected our catches tremendously. We have also had two severe hurricanes which were a factor in moving our local fish farther south, especially

Morehead Town Damages Set At \$64,497.29

Morehead City Hospital Board Sets Hurricane Damage at \$20,170

Hurricane damage to Morehead City municipal property was estimated at \$64,497.29. John Lashley, town clerk, said a resolution setting forth town losses as a result of Friday's storm, was forwarded to the governor's office Tuesday.

The town board and the Morehead City Hospital board of trustees met Monday night at the municipal building. Mayor George Dill requested that the hospital board submit an estimate of its losses first thing Tuesday morning.

The hospital, municipally supported, was badly damaged when the water crossed the seawall in front of it and ran into the basement. The hospital damage was estimated at \$20,170.

Alarm System Out
Fire Commissioner Ted Garner said that the fire alarm system was knocked out, three boxes were not operable, and wire and insulators would be needed. The pumper on the truck, used to pump out the basement of the hospital, also needed overhauling, according to Mr. Lashley.

The fire department loss, according to Commissioner Garner was somewhere between \$600 and \$800.

Preliminary estimates submitted by Dr. John Morris, street commissioner, and J. V. Waters, street superintendent, were as follows: storm sewer damage, \$962.50, sanitary sewer damage \$3,010, sidewalk damage along the seawall \$5,612, curbs and gutters \$3,692, sunken intersections along waterfront \$5,467.50, traffic lights \$100, labor and use of trucks for 30 days of clean-up \$4,144.

In requesting estimates of damage, Mayor Dill said there was "no need to go overboard on estimates. They're going to back-check on this and if we can get our actual damages, we'll be doing well." He was referring to re-checking to be done by the federal inspectors.

Concerned About Fishing
Mayor Dill expressed concern for the fishermen who depend largely on the fall fishing season to carry them through the winter. "They've got to get back into business soon," he commented.

He said that the money the town got from the federal government in disaster aid would not have to be repaid. He said that grants made by the Red Cross did not have to be repaid, and added, "But in the past you couldn't raise \$100 here for the Red Cross without insulting people!"

Fred Lewis, town recreation manager, appeared before the board to report on the damage to the Recreation Center. He said the building inspector, A. B. Roberts, has condemned the center.

The front part of the building has parted from the back, leaving a crack eight inches wide. Mr. Lewis said that Grady Rich, contractor, estimated cost of repairs at \$1,682. The board authorized work to proceed on getting the building back in shape. Portions of the front part of the building are all right for use, Mr. Lewis said, but the auditorium cannot be used.

Attending the meeting, in addition to those mentioned above, were George McNeill, town attorney; Commissioners S. C. Holloway, D. J. Hall; A. B. Roberts, Robert Hicks, Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Mrs. E. A. Council, John Crump, Gordon Willis, all of the hospital board, and Hoyle Greene, hospital administrator.

Cub Scouts Tour News-Times Plant
Eight members of the Cub Scouts, Den 2, Morehead City, with two den mothers, made a tour of THE NEWS-TIMES plant Tuesday afternoon.

They were Ty Highsmith, Irvin Hepler, Dickie Wade, Larry Swindell, Bruce Reed, Chris Hardy, Roger Conner, Billy White, and Mrs. Ted Hardy and Mrs. William H. White, den mothers.

Marvin Willis Jr., and Bernard Leary are also members of the pack. Marvin is den chief.

The pack is sponsored by the First Baptist Church, Morehead City.

Rotarian Conducts Quiz Monday Night

The Rev. J. Herbert Waldrop, Jr., was in charge of the program at the Newport Rotary meeting Monday night. He conducted a quiz on international affairs.

The Rev. Mr. Waldrop is chairman of the Rotary international service committee.

Rotarians discussed the possibility of giving a year's subscription to "Boys Life" to members of the Boy Scout troop which they sponsor.

They decided to give year's subscriptions to the first 25 scouts to reach the rank of first class. Visitors for the evening were Walter Edwards, Theodore Phillips and P. R. Branch, all of Morehead City.

County, Town Cancel This Week's Court Sessions

Carteret County Recorder's Court and Beaufort's Recorder's Court were not in session this week. The date of Superior Court, which before the storm was slated to open Monday, has not been set.

Recorder's Courts will be held as usual next week.

The shellfishery investigation lab on Pivers Island was damaged by high water last Friday.