

Hurricane Wrecks Coastland Again

Amphibious Trucks to Carry Food, People Across River

Governor Hodges Arrives In Morehead City Sunday

Business Sections Sustain Serious Damage in Ione

Not a business place on Front Street, Beaufort, escaped damage from Ione. The same was true on Evans Street, Shepard and Shackelford Streets, all waterfront streets in Morehead City.

Big plate glass windows were blown out in most business places, awnings and signs are down and yesterday morning in Beaufort water was being swept out of places with brooms and brushes.

The Beauty Bar was seriously damaged. The roof was blown off and all the equipment inside soaked with water.

Water came up 1 1/2 feet in Paul Motor Co. but most of the equipment which water could reach had been moved Sunday.

Webster Willis's boat was torn loose and rode up between Dan's Radio Hospital and Paul Motor Co. There it was mired to parking meter posts.

Flying back from Hot Springs, Va., and then starting out from Raleigh at 7 o'clock Sunday night, Governor Luther Hodges arrived at the Morehead City Municipal Building at 10:52.

The governor was greeted by Mayor George Dill and the mayor's two children and a number of reporters.

In reply to queries about conditions on the trip from the state capital to this area, the governor stated that he hadn't had any trouble getting through.

He asked the reporters to accompany him to the beach area, and though the winds were howling and the rains coming down in torrents, there weren't any dissenters.

Bob Gately, formerly with the NEWS-TIMES and now with United Press, and Hal Shapiro, NEWS-TIMES sports editor, rode in the lead car with State Highway Patrolman J. E. Sykes and another member of the State Highway Patrol.

The governor didn't ride in his limousine to the beach, but rode in a State Highway Patrol car instead. His Cadillac, with the number 1 license plate, was used by three Red Cross personnel and a Canadian Army lieutenant.

The convoy drove through Morehead City to the beach and when the party arrived there at 11:30 p.m., the wind was blowing the water back from the seawall, and occasional gusts forced waves through the street openings in the wall.

All of the party were pelted by rain, wind and sand and were most thankful to start back to Morehead City.

The governor and his party, which included Judge Thomas Goodman, Thomasville, Ga., Civil Defense director for the Southeastern United States, stayed at the Jefferson Hotel. They had hoped to get to other sections of the coast Monday morning, but all roads were impassable due to high water.

Road Superintendent Warns Highway Users

J. L. Humphrey, county road superintendent, yesterday asked people to be extremely careful in driving over roads and highways.

"We've got washouts marked with lights and barriers," he said, "but the motorist will have to do a little bit to look out for himself."

Three amphibious trucks (DUKWS) were dispatched from New Bern to Carteret County this morning and were put in operation at North River where the ends of the bridge were washed away.

Sheriff Hugh Salter tried to get "ducks" from Camp Lejeune late Monday afternoon but was told that all those available had been sent to Craven and Pamlico Counties.

Miss Ruth Peeling, county Civil Defense director, then requested ducks in a radio message, sent via State Highway Patrol to Gen. Edward Griffin, state Civil Defense director, Raleigh.

Commanding officer of the duck flotilla is Lt. J. W. Harmon, USMC, Camp Lejeune.

Sheriff Salter flew over the eastern part of the county yesterday morning to see how many bridges were out and where ducks should be put in operation in addition to the North River spot.

Loss of the bridge there eliminated the last means of communication with the vast part of the county east of Beaufort.

If it hadn't been for a State Highway Patrolman, Nathan Robinson, there would have been no communication with the eastern section of the county until phone lines were restored.

Patrolman Robinson made the treacherous journey in his patrol car to Sea Level and Atlantic Sunday night.

Then, because of high water west of Sea Level, he could not establish contact with highway patrolmen in Morehead City until Monday afternoon, after the storm was on its way and water had gone down.

Down-East Hard Hit The down-east section suffered extensive damage from high water and wind, but no lives were lost, according to information available late Monday.

Carteret was notified at 3 p.m. Sunday by Maj. James Denning of the State Civil Defense office, that a CAP radio unit was "on its way" here. Upon its arrival, it was to be sent east of North River, stationed preferably at Sea Level.

Worthy of Mention...

When disaster strikes and many folks play unusual roles, it's difficult to single out heroes. For, at this point, anyone who has lived calmly through Connie, Diane and Ione, in our estimation, has the stuff of which heroes are made.

There are some folks, however, whom we would particularly like to mention . . . Gov. Luther Hodges — He didn't have to come down here to see what a hurricane looked like.

Politics, you say? Call it anything you like. How can a chief executive of a state deal intelligently with the state's problems if he doesn't know what the people have to face?

It isn't this hurricane or the next one that is worrying the Governor and other top officials. They want to know what steps to take to protect the coast and eastern Carolina farmlands from damage in years to come.

That's a big order. And while we're grimly trying to pull out from under this last blow, it's gratifying to know that someone in an important place is trying to become well enough acquainted with the situation to fight it more effectively in the future.

Irvin W. Davis, County Red Cross chapter chairman, and all paid and volunteer Red Cross workers — Mr. Davis was on the job at the courthouse early Sunday afternoon.

Law enforcement officers, Sheriff Hugh Salter, members of the State Highway Patrol, and members of the municipal police departments — during the storm they performed above and beyond the call of duty.

Adam Mayer and Carl Modlin — They operated the ham radio station which linked Ione-stricken Carteret with the outer world in the darkest hours.

Radio stations — They broadcast hurricane warnings and Civil Defense information advising preparation for the storm.

Wilson Civil Air Patrol — These men came to Morehead City early Monday morning and with their emergency power equipment were, in every respect, lifesavers at the Morehead City Hospital.

U. S. Marine Corps — Without the emergency generator and fire truck from Cherry Point, Morehead City Hospital would have been in a dangerous situation.

Undoubtedly there are other folks, too, who are responsible for our well-being and whom we haven't mentioned — firemen, State Highway road repair crews, state and regional Civil Defense officials — all these and more have played a hero's role in another drama, which came too uncomfortably close to home.

Morehead Hospital Battles Ione; Air Base Sent Power

Although there was more wind and water than during Hazel, Morehead City Hospital was a bit better prepared to meet it this time. A couple thousand dollars in supplies was lost during Hazel.

The hospital, located right on Morehead City waterfront, was in bad shape Monday until a large emergency generator from Cherry Point arrived shortly after noon.

The generator arrived in several hours and the hospital continued to operate on that power until 1 p.m. today.

The hospital basement started flooding at 9 o'clock Monday morning, but basement doors were nailed up tight and with pumps from Morehead City and Cherry Point Fire Departments, one in the elevator shaft and the other in the boiler room, the water got no deeper than 8 inches at any time.

Ione has left, and in her wake is a shambles. Hazel, Connie and Diane did not measure up to the latest storm's capacity for destruction. For the third time in less than five weeks, the North Carolina coast has sustained millions of dollars damage as the result of a hurricane.

Carteret County was hard hit. Ione moved inland just south of Morehead City, just missing by a few miles forecasters' prediction that she would come in at the Cape Lookout-Hatteras area.

Farm owners, businessmen and homeowners, who had just started making repairs after Diane, were pinned to the mat again. Hardly a building escaped the fury of the wind or the onslaught of torrential rain.

The rain started Sunday morning, but there was little wind. The wind didn't pick up until about 5 p. m. when the storm was reported 280 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras and moving in this direction.

Three hours later, winds had increased to 35 miles an hour and Ione was just 160 miles away, moving toward the central North Carolina coast.

By dark, refugees by the scores were flocking to the buildings designated for their care — churches, schools, the courthouse in Beaufort and the town hall in Morehead City.

Right on the heels of refugees were higher winds and rising tides. The storm passed inland about 7 o'clock Monday morning but all day Monday there was high wind and pelting rain.

Winds Clocks at 90 The only wind-measuring device in operation, at Fort Macon Coast Guard Station, recorded winds at 90 miles an hour. But that was as high as the velocity instrument could measure.

Mammoth plate glass windows were blown out in business houses, plastic awnings were ripped down, fences toppled, heavy light poles at ball parks pushed crooked, and telephone wires torn loose.

Tides were estimated 6 to 8 feet above normal and many homes close to the water were extensively damaged as the tide covered the floors.

There was no school Monday or Tuesday. Impassable roads prevented school busses from taking their accustomed routes and many school house roofs were leaking.

High winds continued here until late Sunday night. But as usual, after a severe storm, the sun came out bright and clear today.

Fire Damages D. G. Bell Home

A fire at 5 a.m. Monday burned a hole in the roof of the D. G. Bell home, 705 Bridges St., Morehead City. The fire started when wires fell across the roof.

The wind was blowing so hard that water could not be shot to the roof from the ground, so two firemen went up a ladder with a hose. They were Robert McCabe and Capt. Otis Dowdy of the Charlotte Fire Department, who was here to conduct the firemen's school.

Mr. Bell estimated the damage at \$500 to \$600, but said it was covered by insurance. No one was in the house at the time because the family was at their home on the sound. The alarm was sent in from Box 41.

The central portion of the roof, over the center hall, was damaged. Firemen also answered a call to a cottage at Club Colony at 11 o'clock yesterday morning.

Work Progresses On Phone Lines

Work is progressing as rapidly as possible to get phones in operation throughout all Carteret County, Lonnie Daniels, manager of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co., Morehead City, said yesterday.

Mr. Daniels said that he is expecting extra work crews, but he can't come in immediately because of high water. He said that he hadn't been able to notify the district office at New Bern or the general office at Tarboro, since all long distance circuits are out.

He said that the circuits down-east went out Sunday night, circuits to "Marshallburg" went dead at 8:05 p.m. and the circuits to Atlantic at 9:30 p.m.

Long distance circuits through Raleigh went dead at 9:30 p.m. Sunday night and the circuits through New Bern were out, as of 2 a.m. Monday morning.

Three poles are down between Beaufort and Morehead City, and approximately eight poles are down between Beaufort and Atlantic.

Patrol Took Over

After Governor Hodges returned from Atlantic Beach late Sunday night, he was in a predicament. His only pair of trousers was soaking wet. But, the State Highway Patrol took over and as usual soon had the situation well in hand.

Said Cpl. Ernest Guthrie, who is stationed at Jacksonville, but was dispatched to Carteret with the Governor, "We've got to get the Governor some dry pants."

He turned to Patrolman J. W. Sykes (this was at 12:30 a.m. Monday), and said, "Call Charles Willis and tell him to go down to the store and get the Governor a pair of trousers."

Patrolman Sykes replied, "Charles'll think I'm either crazy or drunk!"

Morehead City Recorder's Court was held yesterday, a day late.

Red Cross Takes Requests for Aid

Workers Supervise Centers For Refugees During Ione, Help Hospital

Persons needing help immediately to carry on the routine of living, and who have no means of assistance, should contact the Red Cross in the municipal building, Morehead City, the courthouse annex, Beaufort, or the Red Cross office to be set up east of North River.

John J. Komp, executive director of the Broward County Chapter, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., said yesterday morning that one application had already been received at Morehead City, as well as two contributions—one of \$25 and another of 50 cents.

Mr. Komp said the Red Cross started yesterday morning a damage survey of the entire county.

One home was totally destroyed at Salter Path and extensive damage is believed to have occurred in other outlying areas.

The Red Cross provided lunch and supper for patients at the Morehead City Hospital yesterday because the hospital's kitchen equipment could not be used.

Mr. Komp said that Red Cross workers have been in contact with headquarters only through the amateur radio operator, Adam Mayer, W4ILJ. "Mr. Mayer has done an exceptional job," he said.

Messages to Cherry Point were sent by Mr. Mayer for both the emergency generator at the hospital and additional pumps to keep the hospital basement pumped out.

Mr. Komp said the Red Cross received "exceptionally fine cooperation" from the police, State Highway Patrol and civil authorities.

Red Cross workers who came to this area Sunday, some of whom are still on duty here, are Mr. Komp, Harry Boyd, manager of the Atlanta Red Cross chapter; Lynn Warren, Atlanta, of the national staff; Mrs. Sarah Hoyle, disaster worker from Ft. Lauderdale; Miss Sally Barrett, from the Atlanta office, and Dr. Joseph Hertel, medical director of the southeast area, Atlanta, Ga.

The state of North Carolina has ordered that all aid-to-dependent children checks, paid by county welfare departments, be reduced by 5 per cent as of Nov. 1.

In this county, the amount paid per ADC case has been 75 per cent of the difference between estimated need plus the state allotment and the resources of the family into which the check is going.

Under the new arrangement, the amount paid will be only 70 per cent of that difference. Miss Georgie Hughes, county welfare superintendent, said the cut was necessary because the ADC payments have been requiring more money than budgeted for them.

The reduction, she emphasized, is statewide.

Tide Table showing tides at the Beaufort Bar High and Low for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Sept. 20-22.

Carloads of Glycol Upst At State Port Terminal Two carloads of glycol were up-set at the State Ports Terminal during Hurricane Ione when water washed out railroad tracks in the southwestern portion of the terminal.

Senator, Wife, Army Engineer Visit Beaufort

Sen. Kerr Scott, accompanied by his wife and Col. R. L. Hill, district engineer, U. S. Army, Wilmington, paid a half-hour visit to Beaufort late yesterday morning.

The mayor told the senator that the breakwater, consisting of about 3,200 feet of heavy rock, had settled and in some places was lower than the low water mark.