

Donna Devastates Carteret Coast

Storm Lands Sunday Punch Sunday Night

Residents, still dazed by devastating Donna, are today soberly digging out from under the debris. Although there were no deaths, damage in this county alone runs into the millions.

Hardly a building in the business section of Atlantic Beach escaped. Most are half or totally destroyed. Every ocean fishing pier is partially down. Fort Macon highway will be impassable until the dance floor of the Dunes club is moved off of it.

The Dunes club was slammed against a high dune 500 feet from where it formerly stood, the wreckage, like a heap of jackstraws is strewn against the bank marking the east boundary of Oceanana Resort.

Emerald Island homes suffered severe to total damage. Salter Path residents report minor damage.

Metal roofs, curled in balls, lay on Arendell street, Morehead City, Monday morning. Heavy plate glass windows were shattered. Most businesses, if they opened at all, didn't open until the afternoon.

The sound of shattered glass being swept up was heard everywhere. A poet might have symbolized it as crystallized tears of businessmen who face a task of "coming back" such as they have not faced before.

Hazel, the terrible storm of Oct. 15, 1954, was a weak sister compared to Donna.

The Beaufort - Morehead City causeway is a shambles. Only a few cars on official business were permitted the treacherous journey across it Monday afternoon. Houses, fishing camps are ripped apart, the highway caved in, and the beautiful new roadway of the Beaufort and Morehead railroad

heavily damaged. The force of wind and water turned a diesel engine over.

Tides, 5 to 7 feet above normal, rushed across Front street, Beaufort. Store windows are smashed, signs ripped down, docks askew, water damage inside buildings heavy. Much roof damage isn't visible to passers-by.

By 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon, most boats along the waterfronts had moved to protected harbors. A few on the Beaufort waterfront rode the storm out successfully. On the Morehead City waterfront a shrimp lay high on the shore where the receding flood tides had left it.

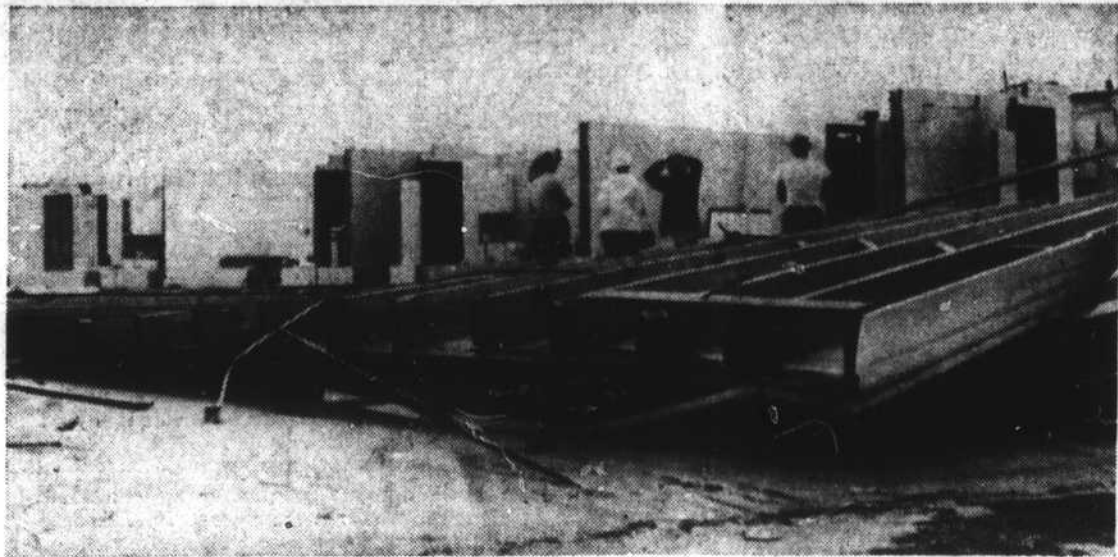
Farm buildings were damaged in about the same proportion as other buildings. By mid-week, county agriculture officials hope to have a rough estimate of crop damage. Impassable roads and no telephones made earlier check-ups impossible.

Gusty winds and rain squalls were omens of the storm Sunday morning. Gray water was churning into foam and by 5 p.m. the first heavy, side-wise rolling rain typical of a hurricane gushed through the Morehead City area.

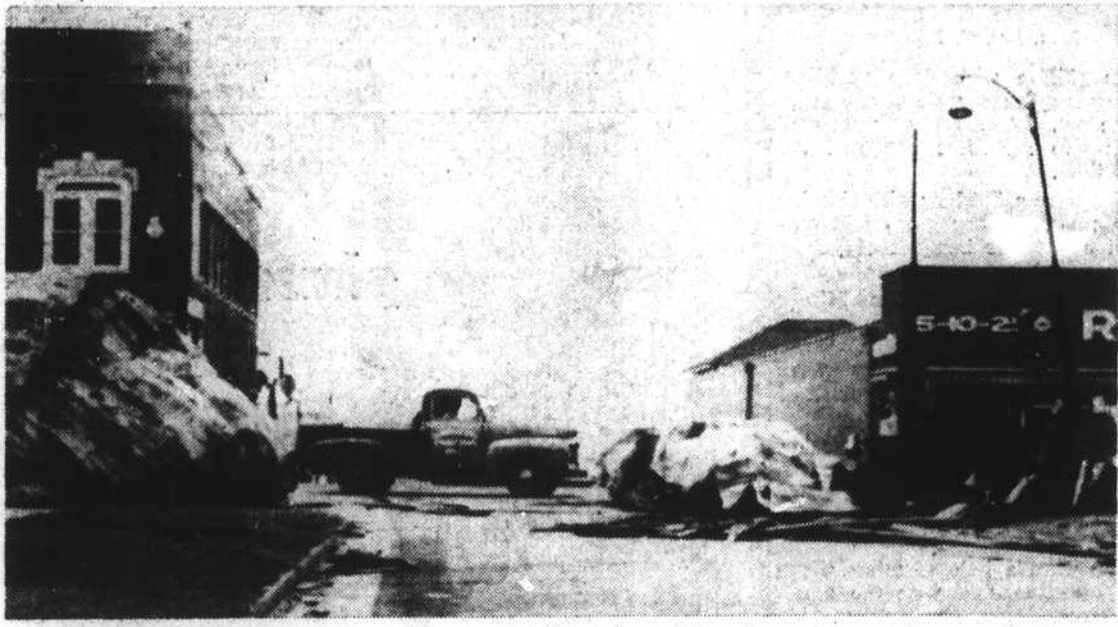
It subsided only to be followed shortly by another blowing rain that fell almost continuously until the worst of the storm passed at midnight. Jack Savage, director of Civil Defense, Atlantic Beach, said the barometer at the beach reached its lowest point, 28.46 at five minutes after Sunday midnight.

E. Stamey Davis, official weather observer in the county, said his barometer in Morehead City registered a low of 28.55 at half past midnight but had risen by 1 a.m. Monday to 29.55.

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The Beachcomber motel, Atlantic Beach, has only the sky for a roof. The Beachcomber is located about 1,500 feet from the oceanfront. Many waterfront cottages were saved by seawalls constructed after Hazel, but sustained heavy roof damage and had much water on lower floors.



The roof of the two-story Hardware and Building Supply building lies on Arendell street. This is a view looking south on 8th street, across Arendell. Town street crews in Beaufort and Morehead City are busy cleaning the wreckage. Routine, such as garbage collection, may be upset until storm wreckage is cleared. The towns ask residents to be patient.



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The cupola of the Dunes club, well-known landmark along Bogue Banks, now etches the sky at a new location. In the foreground is the material that once was a favorite social spot of many North Carolinians.

Lack of Power Monday Causes Printing Delay

The newspaper can't operate without power any more than any other type of plant. That's why your paper is late today.

To get the paper out as quickly as possible, sports news and other newstories that might have been included will not appear until Friday.



Gov. Luther Hodges, left, and Gen. Edward Griffin, state Civil Defense director, paused on the bridge to Atlantic Beach Monday morning on their survey of storm damages.

Newport Dedicates Postoffice In Colorful Ceremony Sunday

Newport dedicated its new postoffice in colorful ceremonies Sunday afternoon. Gray skies of foreboding Donna provided shelter from the sun — and rain didn't fall until the formalities were over.

The program took place at the rear of the postoffice. Speakers sat on the spacious loading platform which was flanked by tall baskets of white gladiolas and fern and decorated in red, white and blue bunting.

Deeryl Garner, master of ceremonies, was introduced by R. K. Montague, postmaster, who expressed his appreciation to the Rotary club, sponsor of the dedication ceremony, and others who assisted in its planning.

Mr. Garner commented on Newport's two postoffices, which preceded the present one. He called the new postoffice "another landmark toward a more progressive Newport."

J. B. Whitford, native of New Bern, and now organization management officer, Atlanta, Ga., represented the postoffice department. He commented on the improved mail service the government provides, then presented to postmaster Montague a new 50-star American flag. He read a letter of congratulations to Newport from Arthur E. Summerfield, postmaster general of the United States.

Mr. Montague in turn presented the flag to a United States Marine Corps color guard which raised the flag over the postoffice.

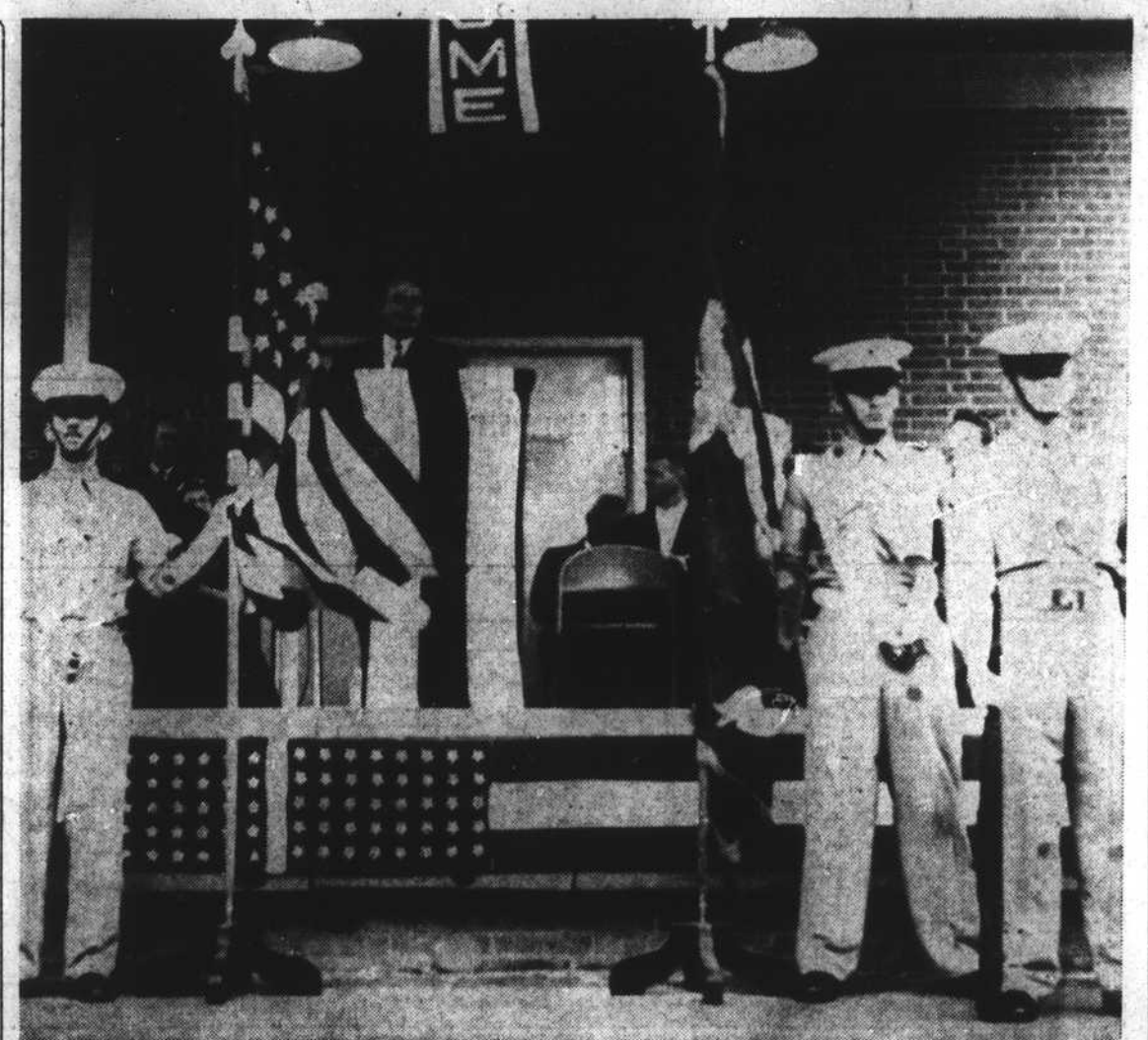
Mayor Leon Mann spoke briefly, concluding with the statement that the town would like to have a building just like the new postoffice, only with fire trucks in it.

Another highlight of the ceremony was a brief talk by Walter Mann, Newport's oldest retired rural mail carrier. Mr. Walter, as he is called, mentioned that Cicero Mann, who was appointed postmaster at Newport in 1889, was his uncle. Mr. Cicero framed off part of his furniture store which served as the postoffice.

Business grew until Ira Garner, appointed postmaster in 1914, no longer was paid on a percentage of the business done, but got a regular salary of \$75 a month.

Mr. Walter recalled that when he was carrying the rural route, he was interested in doing it a little better and was thinking about using a car to deliver the mail. "I told them," he said, "that I couldn't buy an automobile, but I'd buy a Ford." So he did.

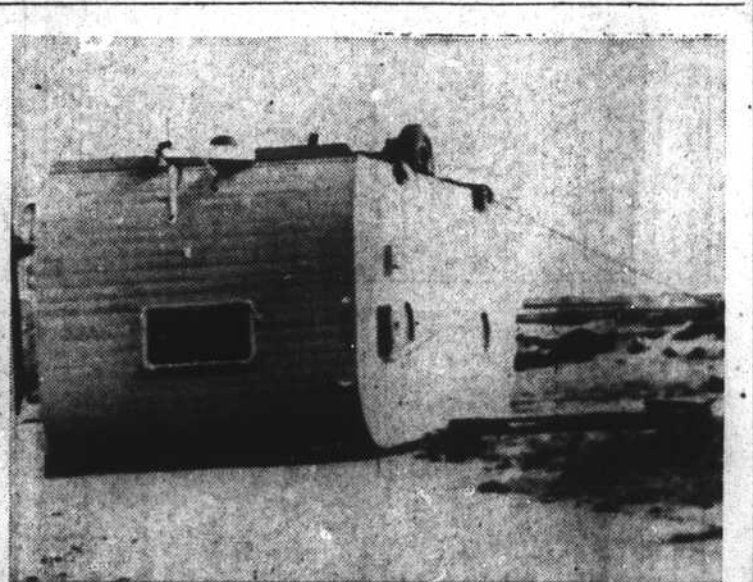
He told about one of the rural mail carriers out of New Bern, who was affectionately known as Uncle Dick. One of the ladies on



J. B. Whitford, Atlanta, Ga., representing the postoffice department, addresses a crowd of 400 which gathered Sunday for dedication ceremonies.



A Marine color guard from Cherry Point raises a new 50-star American flag over the postoffice. The flag was presented to the postoffice with greetings from the postmaster general, Arthur Summerfield.



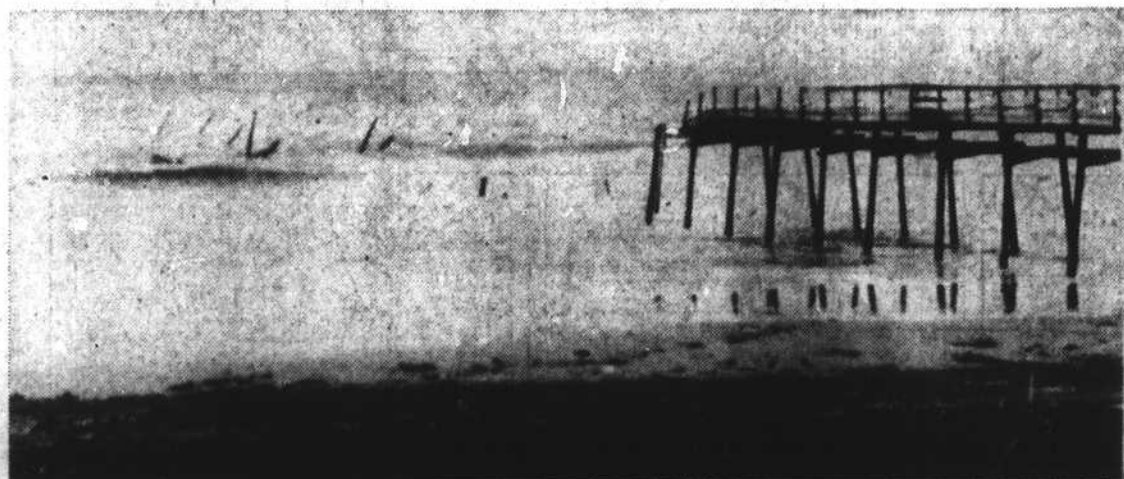
Trailers all along Bogue Banks were turned over, some lay with wheels up in the air. Only a few escaped the damage caused by 100-mile-an-hour winds.



A roof from part of the Coral Bay club lies at the west entrance to the luxurious Bogue Banks recreation spot. Plate glass windows on the oceanfront of the club were blown out. Damage to the club alone will run into tens of thousands.



Destruction on the Beaufort-Morehead City causeway alone will total more than a hundred thousand dollars. This house and garage collapsed on top of a boat.



Most of the Morehead ocean pier is gone. All of the ocean piers lost decking and pilings. (More storm pictures will appear in Friday's News-Times).

Power Partially Restored; Utility Crews Hard at Work

George Stovall, manager of Carolina Power and Light Co., hopes that power will be restored throughout the county by Wednesday morning. The two places

where power probably won't be back on are the Beaufort-Morehead causeway and Atlantic Beach.

This means that school will reopen and most businesses, except those severely damaged by the hurricane, will be back in operation. The two holidays school children had Monday and Tuesday will be made up during the year.

Some telephone lines were in use by Tuesday morning, but service won't be back to normal for several days. Insurance agents are facing a deluge of claims. Adjusters were already on the job Monday morning.

Mr. Stovall reported the major power trouble on the Catfish Lake road, a swampy area, where four large power line structures were down. Because of the swamp, the six line-crews on the job could not use trucks.

With a tractor from a private firm and tractors lent by the Marine Corps at Cherry Point, one tractor pulled another and the structures were raised.

The trouble was spotted from the air at 10 a.m. Monday. Mr. Stovall said that Jacksonville, Swansboro, this county, New Bern, Chocowinity and Pollocksville were harder hit than areas to the south.

Carolina Water Co. kept water flowing by connecting at 8:30 Sunday night their emergency gaso-

Tide Table

| Tides at the Beaufort Bar | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| HIGH | Tuesday, Sept. 13 | LOW |
| 2:01 a.m. | | 8:23 a.m. |
| 2:27 p.m. | | 9:14 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Sept. 14 | | |
| 2:57 a.m. | | 9:26 a.m. |
| 3:23 p.m. | | 10:08 p.m. |
| Thursday, Sept. 15 | | |
| 3:58 a.m. | | 10:21 a.m. |
| 4:21 p.m. | | 10:57 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 16 | | |
| 4:56 a.m. | | 11:10 a.m. |
| 5:14 p.m. | | 11:43 p.m. |