

Nature Coughed....

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Center to supply power for the night and stationed men on duty throughout the night to assist in the program. Several beds were brought in just in case.

Tignor said, "Fortunately, we didn't need the facilities. But it was comforting to know we had things ready just in case. We've found out now that we can marshal our forces pretty quickly to assist the citizens when the need arises."

There were several elderly residents still out of power and heat Thursday night, but all of them made arrangements to stay the night with friends and relatives in town.

A couple of examples of the most serious wind damage in the Kings Mountain area were reported as plateglass windows being blown out of

Plonk Brothers building, Sample Yardage, H&R Block and Wilson TV. Structural damage was reported at the Woodbridge homes of Bill Daves and Ralph Hamrick and at the home of Vernon E. Smith on Rhodes Ave. where a large oak tree fell against the roof. A pine tree fell on the roof of the Raymond Edwards on Brookwood Dr. and another fell on the roof of a car owned by Bill Wiggins on Ellenwood Dr.

There were numerous calls on storage buildings being toppled, fencing torn down and trash cans completely disappearing. Damages to mobile homes in the Kings Mountain area were not major as reported in other sections of the county where trailers were completely destroyed.

Larry Hamrick said his office received hundreds of calls from people with trees

down in their yards and shingles missing from the roof.

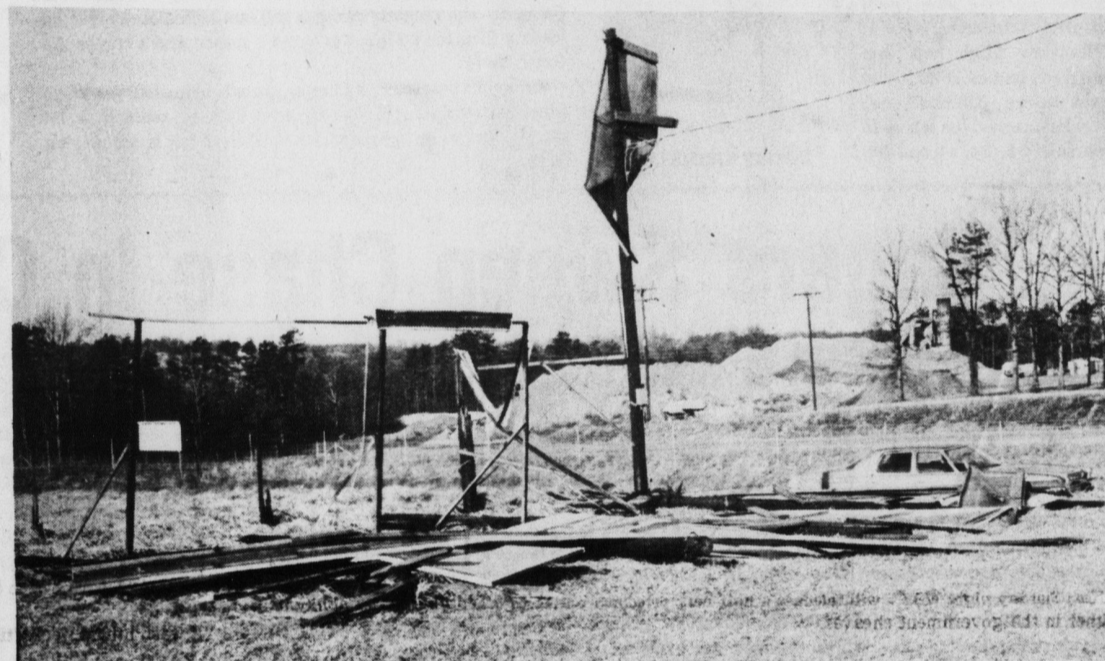
Hamrick said homeowners policies do not insure trees falling in yards or on playyard equipment. Only when trees fall into homes and do damage does the policy cover the situation. Hamrick also said that numerous policies have a \$100 deductible clause, "which means the first \$100 is paid by the homeowner. In many cases there was less than \$100 damage done."

He said the total amount of property damage is low because there are "many small claims involved."

Friday, even with power restored, there were areas in the city receiving reduced electrical flow while city crews continued to make minor repairs to the system.



Trees crunch Wiggins' wagon.....



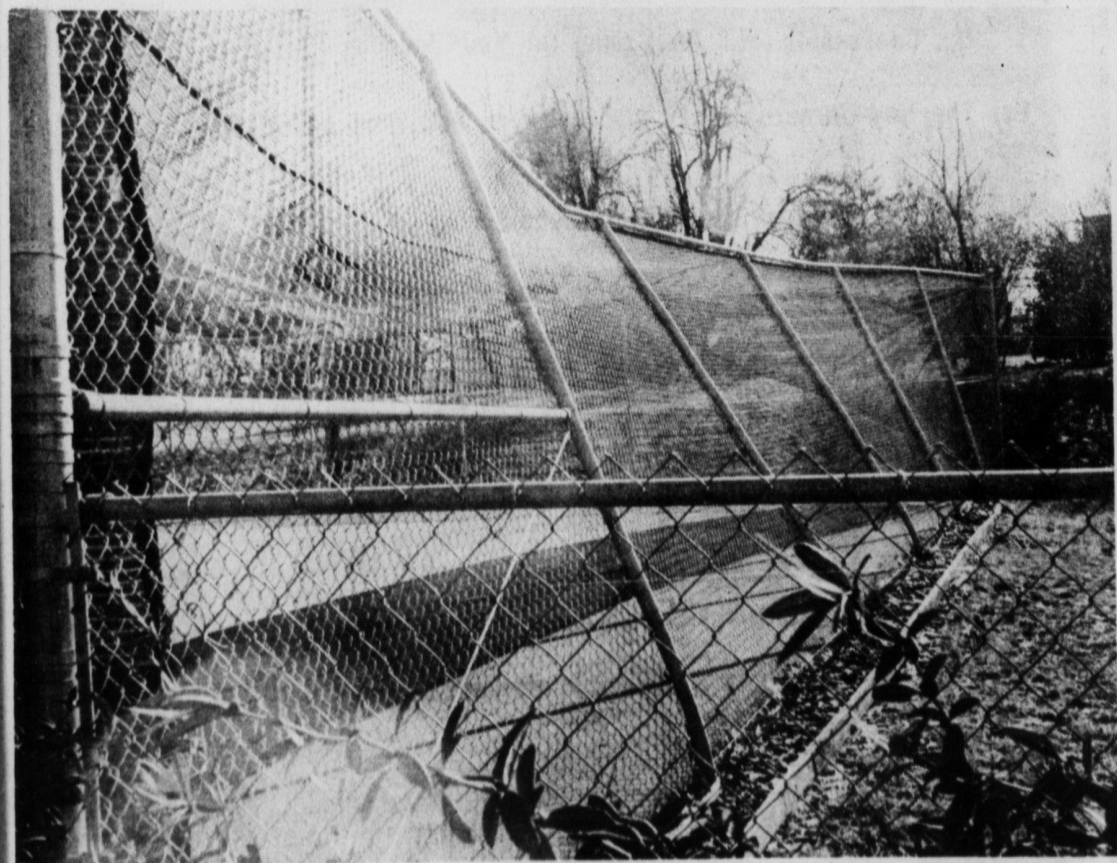
I-85 road sign destroyed



Vernon Smith's home damaged by fallen pine tree....



Pine tree resting gently on Edwards' carport....



Tennis court fence damaged by high winds....

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