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Moves Inland At Myrtle Beach

HAZEL'S CAROLINA COAST

Property Damage Extremely Heavy

WILMINGTON—(AP)—Damage reports piled up today as Hurricane Hazel swept across the Carolinas. More were expected when communications, among the heaviest sufferers, are restored.

Phone Lines Torn Down By Hurricane

Southern Bell Telephone Co. said here today at 10:30 a. m. it had received reports that Hazel had slashed 80 per cent of Wilmington's long distance circuits to the rest of the state.

Company officials said also that all telephone communications with Wrightsville Beach, Southport and Carolina Beach had been cut.

About the same time Bob McCullum, Civil Air Patrol communications officer for North Carolina, said his unit has maintained radio contact with Myrtle Beach. At that time he reported all piers washed away at the South Carolina resort, with winds over 75 miles per hour.

He said no serious personal injuries had been reported.

C. L. Lott, Southern Bell's manager in this state, said first estimates showed hundreds of telephones knocked out in Wilmington.

CREWS ALERTED

"We have no reports on the situation at Southport, Wrightsville Beach or Carolina Beach," he said, "but telephone repair crews have already moved to the scene to restore service. And additional crews in other parts of the state are being rushed to the storm areas."

Telephone repair crews totaling some 75 men have already departed from Charlotte and Gastonia. Mr. Lott said, and some 100 men are in crews rushing to the scene from the Raleigh area.

During the morning the telephone company said that all circuits to Myrtle Beach and Georgetown, S. C., were out except one to Myrtle Beach. That one was in warning use by Washington, D. C. That circuit was apparently knocked out later, since CAP said it was maintaining only contact with the area.

A telephone call to Clio, S. C., in Dillon County about 70 miles from Myrtle Beach, revealed that a heavy general rain was falling in that section.

OUR WEATHER

Cloudy and windy with rain today. Rain ending this afternoon. Clearing and much colder tonight. Tomorrow, fair and cool.

High temperature yesterday 84 degrees.

High temperature expected tomorrow 66 degrees.

Low temperature expected tomorrow 70 degrees.

Low temperature this morning 64 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight 46 degrees.

Sunrise 6:29 a. m.; sunset 3:49 p. m.

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Storm Dumps Two-Inch Rain On Dry City

Clear, Cool Day Saturday Forecast

Pushed along by hurricane Hazel, a driving rainstorm lashed Charlotte today.

With the temperature dropping steadily all morning, the rain and wind brought a chilly reminder of the waves. An 800-foot pier at Tilghman's Beach washed away.

The Second Avenue pier at Myrtle Beach, S. C., fell before the waves. A 400-foot pier at Tilghman's Beach washed away.

The pavilion at Cherry Grove Beach was reported floating. Water was flowing in the USO building at Myrtle Beach and many houses. Breakers crashed over the beach behind the front row of houses.

NO MORE RAIN

The Weather Bureau predicted that no more rain will fall today. Weather men also said the temperature should drop to 46 degrees tonight at 8 a. m. The mercury is not expected to go far over 60 this afternoon. Thus the 8 a. m. reading of 64 will in all likelihood be the high for the day.

The temperature, which fell under pressure of the 29-mile per hour wind, dropped six degrees between 10:30 and 12:30 today. The 12:30 reading was 58 degrees.

On Clingman's Peak, the mercury dropped from 49 degrees at 8 a. m. to 32 at noon.

The rain was the first here since the 22nd of August when .60 inch fell.

Although a trace was recorded on the seventh, this was the first measurable rain of the month.

Actually, the rain began yesterday afternoon. A trough of air, moving up the Catawba River basin, brought the first drops which fell about 1:30 p. m. yesterday.

The Weather Bureau said it was a freak of nature inasmuch as there were no signs of rain whatsoever. Airplane pilots who landed in the city said they did not see rain in any place else.

As late as 12:30 p. m. yesterday, the Weather Bureau stuck fast to its prediction that no rain was likely. Then without warning first drops started falling. That was about 1:30. Before the afternoon was over .21 inch fell. And Charlotte was the only city which reported any rain.

But clouds thinned late yesterday afternoon and by 9 p. m. last night the moon could be seen behind a curtain of haze. The storm then pushed more clouds into the area and by 1:30 this morning rain was falling again.

The rain was accompanied by winds up to 29 miles per hour. The gusty wind roused many Charlotteans from their sleep to close windows and fasten shutters and doors.

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Hazel hit Jeremie, Haiti, before striking Carolinas. (AP Wirephoto).

In Beach Water Problem

City Extends Helping Hand

Charlotte help in restoring the washed-out water supply at Myrtle Beach, S. C., was provided today.

In answer to the plea for help from Myrtle Beach city officials a contingent of Charlotte Water Works construction workers accompanied by a State Highway Patrolman headed toward the coast shortly after 12:30 p. m.

Reports were that the town of Myrtle Beach was completely out of water as the result of a wash-

out of the main distribution lines and help in quick restoration of service was sought.

James P. Vee, superintendent of construction and maintenance in the Charlotte Water Dept., quickly organized two crews of workmen and two trucks with equipment left here headed for the distressed town.

Each of the two trucks carried four workmen experienced in emergency work and restoration of water line breaks.

City Manager Henry A. Yancy, after authorizing the dis-

patch of help to Myrtle Beach, also sent out an alert to all municipal departments and to Charles Cullen, Mecklenburg director of Civil Defense.

He advised all department heads as well as the Civil Defense organization to remain on a standby basis ready for any emergency or help to any other distressed areas in the hurricane's path.

At the same time he told officials to be ready for any emergency locally and be prepared for protection and help that might be needed in Charlotte itself.

More SBI Men

Sent To Graham

RALEIGH—The SBI has ordered four more investigators into Graham County to probe reports that absentee ballots have been openly sold.

SBI Director James Powell said yesterday he ordered the four men into Graham after receiving a preliminary report from Agent P. R. Kitchin of Waynesville.

EVENING PRAYER

Grant us each day, O God, the inner witness that Christ is a living presence in our hearts. Give us day by day increasing fruits of the living Christ as He molds our character more closely to Thy will. We pray in His name. Amen.

'HAZEL' SETS RECORD IN STORM ADVISORIES

MIAMI, Fla.—Hurricane Hazel, as slow moving as an ox cart for most of its life, was the subject for a record number of Weather Bureau storm advisories.

Advisory No. 40 was issued by the Miami Weather Bureau at 11 a. m. today. The storm then passed into the jurisdiction of the Washington Weather Bureau, which will issue No. 41 and any others required.

In addition, five special bulletins were issued by Miami as Hazel bore down on the South Carolina coast.

The first 15 advisories on Hazel were issued by the San Juan P. R. Weather Bureau as the tropical disturbance swung slowly westward through the Caribbean Sea.

Miami took it over and issued 25 others, plus the five bulletins.

The storm was spawned Oct. 5 and traveled 2,500 miles to the South Carolina coast.

Hurricane Rakes Parts Of 2 States

By REESE HART

WILMINGTON—(AP)—Hurricane Hazel, still packing winds of 100 miles an hour, smashed its way northward through eastern North Carolina today after wreaking havoc along 120 miles of the Carolinas coastline.

There were no immediate reports of serious casualties among the well-warned residents of the coast. Most of them sought safer quarters. A few minor injuries were reported from falling debris.

Property damage ran into millions of dollars as the storm tore up coastal installations, washed away houses and snarled communications. Heaviest damage was caused by towering waves generated by the windstorm.

It was moving north at about 27 miles an hour and the Weather Bureau said it gradually would lose force as it moved over the land across North Carolina, Virginia and into the North Atlantic states.

Hurricane and gale force winds will continue for some time, especially to the north and east of the center, the bureau warned. Rains will be heavy over all the states in advance of the storm.

Gales extend about 250 miles east and 80 miles west of the center. All precautions should be taken against dangerous winds and extremely high tides until the hurricane has passed, the bureau continued. All storm warnings were removed south of Wilmington.

The North Carolina state highway patrol reported three freighters broke loose from their moorings at Wilmington and were moving down the Cape Fear River. It was feared they might strike highway bridges in their path.

TROOPS CALLED OUT

Gov. William B. Umstead, from his sickbed in a Durham, N. C. hospital, ordered out three North Carolina National Guard units at the request of Wilmington's city manager.

In response to a radioed appeal from Mayor Ernest Williams of Myrtle Beach, Gov. James F. Byrnes ordered the Conway tank battalion to duty to prevent looting. It is composed of several officers and 50 men. All Myrtle Beach telephone lines were down.

"We're going to have considerable damage along the water front," Mayor Williams said. "That's usually followed by lots of looting."

The tropical storm, which wrought heavy damage and loss of life in Haiti Tuesday, struck the U. S. mainland a severe blow, but towering waves caused more damage along the coast than wind.

The Miami Weather Bureau, hurricane forecasting headquarters, reported in a 10 a. m. (EST) advisory that the storm center crossed the coastline a short distance east of Myrtle Beach at 9:15 a. m.

"Gale to hurricane force winds and extremely heavy rains will continue especially to the north and east of the center as the hurricane progresses northward across North Carolina and into Virginia during the day," the advisory said.

"All precautions should be continued against dangerous winds and abnormally high tides on the North Carolina coast and northward until the hurricane passes."

Thousands of beach homes were torn up and some homes and concession stands washed away.

Associated Press Photographer Rudy Faircloth reported from Myrtle Beach watching a virtually undamaged house with attached garage float majestically out to sea, its weather vane proudly turning.

Dr. Waldo H. Jones, hurricane warning officer at Myrtle Beach, estimated winds there at 100 to 120 miles an hour. He said tides were 9 to 11 feet above normal.

Far up the coast at Morehead City, streets were under water and waves lashed at the seawall protecting the hospital. The water was not to reach the hospital's ground floor.

PIERS WASHED AWAY

Nelson Calhoun, Wilmington Star-News photographer, reported seeing the 40-room, four-story Break-

ers Hotel near Carolina Beach, south of Wilmington, collapse after winds had ripped off its roof.

Reports received at the Star-News said all eight fishing piers in the Wrightsville Beach and Carolina Beach areas had been either washed away or badly damaged.

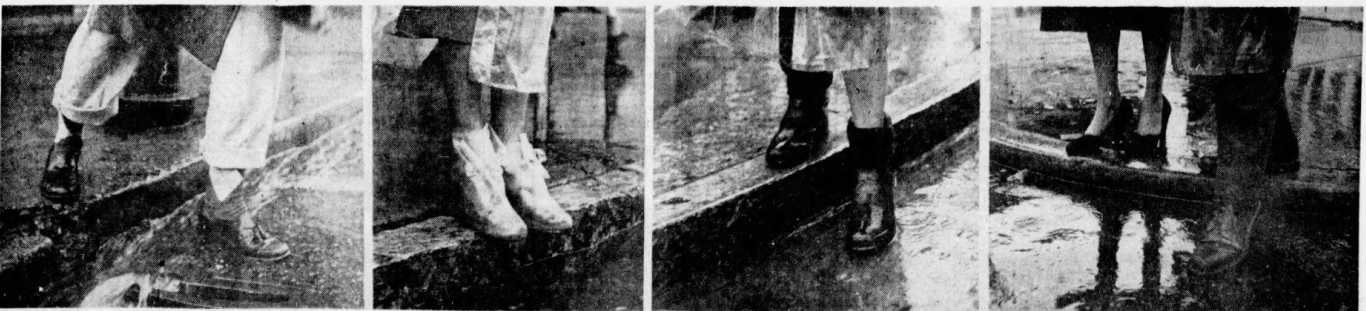
R. L. Frost of the Wilmington Weather Bureau estimated that top wind velocities here were about 86 miles an hour.

Further north, the Atlantic lashed across high sections of the "Outer Banks," a sandy barrier reef lying off most of the North Carolina mainland.

Wireless reports from the Diamond Shoals lightship, its mushroom anchors holding firmly in the treacherous sands 15 miles off Wilmington, reported seeing the 40-room, four-story Break-

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For First Time In Many Weeks, There Were Some Soggy Shoes Around Here Today



Rainy Feet And Sopping Clothes Marked Charlotteans Today. The First Rain Since Aug. 28 Sent Riverlets of Water Gushing Along Streets And Into Outlets, And Made Local Folks Step Lively.

(News Staff Photo by Tom FRANKS—HUNTER)