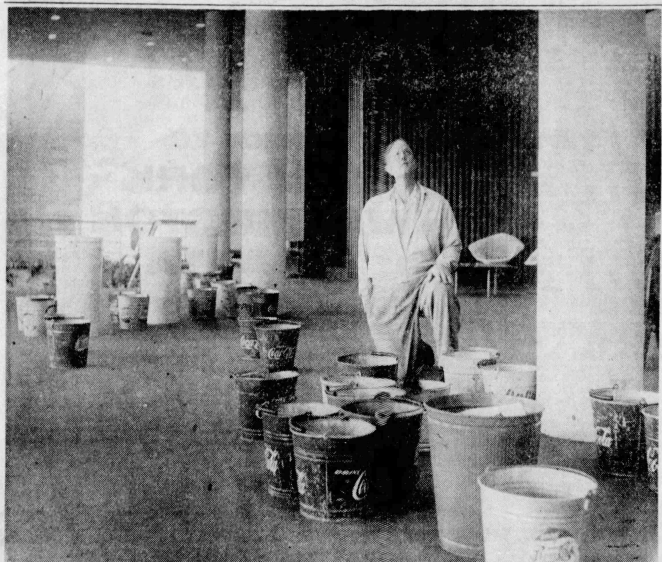




CHARLOTTE MAN DIES IN CRASH OF LIGHT PLANE NEAR AIRPORT



Mr. Hitchcock looks to the ceiling as buckets protect the floor.

Ovens Auditorium Leaks In Wake Of Hurricane

By EMERY WISTER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Ovens Auditorium, the city's pride and showplace, has sprung leaks, at least 77 of them.

Flossy Gets Gaston Pair In Trouble

GASTONIA — (AP) — A preacher and a barber who went fishing yesterday afternoon on the wind-and-rain-swept Catawba River in a paddle boat got into trouble that kept the 15-man Gastonia Life Saving Crew busy until almost midnight.

The Rev. E. R. Tyner and Robert Fletcher, a barber, paddled out on the big river about 1 p. m. When they hadn't returned at 8 p. m., their families became concerned and notified the Life Saving Crew. The boat carrying Tyner and Fletcher had sunk, but both were able to reach the eastern shore of the wide river, on the Mecklenburg County side.

When the Life Saving Crew reached the river's edge they saw flashlight signals across the river. So crewmen Eddie Bowen and Bob Craig took off in a motorboat. But they stranded on a sand bar.

Other members of the crew borrowed a cabin cruiser that cut through the big waves and reached the far shore, taking aboard four very wet men. All turned in after 11 p. m., and were lulled asleep by the sounds of winds and rain of Hurricane Flossie's fringes.

Evening Prayer

O God, our Father, we are grateful for salvation that brings us healing and strength where these are most needed. May that weak point in our lives become the strongest, as we depend upon the love and strength of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

mezzanine into ever-widening circles of moisture.

The rain, coming in as an uninvited guest at the Junior Woman's Club fashion show last night, also seeped on the stage in two places and caused guest star Rita Gam to exclaim, "I need an umbrella."

Early this morning, as the rain continued to fall, there were 52 buckets, waste baskets and giant trash cans catching the water as it dripped from the blue ceiling onto the red carpet. Some containers had several inches of water in them.

NEW LEAKS

Building superintendent W. H. Hitchcock quickly spotted four new leaks and brought out four more buckets to catch the drops.

There were 11 buckets on stage which in spots was sopping wet.

Mr. Hitchcock sent out a hurry up call for help and the Young Co., a roofing firm,

quickly sent a crew to study the situation.

Fred N. Thompson, president of E. H. Thompson & Street Construction Co., which held the general contract for construction of auditorium and coliseum, said he understood the Young Co. purchased the Norman Roofing Co. which had the roofing sub-contract for the building.

TROUBLE SPOT?

Mr. Hitchcock said he believed the rain is coming in where trapezoidal flashing joins roof and wall sections of the building. His opinion was backed up by A. G. Odell, architect for the building.

"This is the first I knew of the leaks in the building," he said when notified this morning. "But, I can tell you the trouble will be cleared up immediately."

Mr. Hitchcock said he understood repairs will be made as soon as the rain stops falling.

Paul Buck, manager of auditorium and coliseum, said he understands the auditorium roof has a 20-year guarantee and that contractors will be liable for damage.

Flashing installation was also blamed for the leaks at the front of the stage. Open fire shutters at the rear of the stage were blamed for the leaks in this area.

"These shutters have been out of order for some time," Mr. Hitchcock said. "We've notified contractors about them but nothing has been done."

"We could expect a few drops of rain to come in in a storm like this," said the building inspector, "but nothing like this."

Some Object On Religious Grounds

Farmers Call Soil-Bank Plan Ezra's 'Vote-Getting' Farce

By SAMUEL LURELL

The much-publicized soil bank plan is regarded by most of the farmers to whom I have talked in recent weeks as pretty much of a "vote-getting" farce.

Some who have had to plough down growing crops to qualify for government payments grumble bitterly that it is "sneaky" and "a defiance of the will of God."

(Third of a Series)

I'd get it, but all my land is good land."

'BENSON'S ACRES'

Agas near Blue Earth, Minn. when I asked Arnold Anderson how he felt about the soil bank he laughed and wisecracked, "You mean Benson's acres?"

When I looked puzzled he went on, "We call it Benson's acres when it's land the government pays you not to grow anything on but which wouldn't have grown anyway."

Some farmers attribute these and other abuses to the fact that the program was rushed into operation so hastily and after crops were planted. Many feel "next year the acreage out should really reduce surplus farm production," \$14.1 billion is general agreement that if the program is to work its administration will

have to be tightened drastically.

The soil bank was pushed through Congress last spring as one of Eisenhower's main answers to mounting protests over low farm prices. But at least in the states I've visited — Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana — the program seems to be hurting rather than helping the Republicans politically.

The storm center of the whole "farm revolt," as was shown here yesterday, is the smaller and usually younger farmer who is trying to meet his debt payments and living expenses, while "farm prices go downhill and our expenses climb." Yet, virtually without exception, farmers agree with one Wisconsin dairyman's lament, "The soil bank is a waste of money."

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K. S. Coe Is Found Near Dixie

By JULIAN SCHEER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A young Charlotte businessman fighting the rainy gusty aftermath of Hurricane Flossy, was killed near here last night in the crash of his light, company-owned, single-engine aircraft.

Kenneth S. Coe, 32-year-old vice president of J. L. Coe Construction Co., apparently died instantly when he failed to complete his final approach to the northeast runway at Douglas Municipal Airport.

The airplane, a Piper Tri-pacer, crashed and burned in pine woods one and a half miles off the Dixie-Shopton Rd. near Dixie, and seven miles from the city.

The young pilot, alone in the aircraft and returning here from Raleigh on a business trip, was found in the plane at 8:15 a. m. today following a search which started shortly after 10:48 p. m. last night when Coe was last heard from.

ANNAPOLIS GRAD

Coe, a native Carolinian and a graduate of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., was cleared for a landing at 10:48 p. m. and Civil Aeronautics Authority investigators set the estimated time of the crash at 11:01 p. m.

An Eastern Air Lines pilot, sitting on the end of the runway on the southwest edge of the airport, first reported the crash. The pilot, awaiting take-off instructions, said he saw a burst of fire in the woods.

An immediate search was launched by the Morris Field Volunteer Fire Dept., Civil Air Patrol personnel, Mecklenburg County Police and others.

A party headed by Lt. Ralph Miller of the Co. searched the wreckage at 8:15 a. m. near Dixie, about one and a half miles behind Neel's store.

HEAVY RAIN

There was visibility of two miles at the time of the disaster, with 90-foot overcast. Heavy rain was falling in the area and wind gusts were reported up to 34 miles per hour.

CNA Safety Inspector Odell Garrison of Charlotte is conducting the preliminary investigation.

Airport Manager Al Quinn said the weather indicated "instrument conditions" but Coe did not have instrument clearance.

The young flier, making a left-hand turn to the runway, apparently hit a large tree on the edge of the Mills and Griffith property off Dixie-Shopton Rd. and crashed 200 feet away in a clump of pine trees. The propeller of the aircraft was found about 30 feet behind the aircraft, and other wreckage was strewn over a 90-foot area.

Coe was apparently killed by the impact of the crash, although the airplane did burn. The heavy rain is believed to have extinguished the fire shortly after it began and kept it from spreading in the area.

NEW AIRCRAFT

The Piper Tri-pacer was a 1956 model owned by Coe Construction Co., and Coe often used it for company business.

He served in the Navy in World War II but was not a pilot.

Following an all-night search

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Our Weather

Cloudy, cool and windy with rain today. Rain gradually diminishing and ending in late afternoon or evening. Clearing and cool with diminishing winds tonight. Sunny and warmer Thursday.

Early today Flossy was some 55 miles northeast of Charleston moving east-northeast at 17 miles an hour. Tops winds were about 25 miles an hour in squalls off shore and northeast of the center. Winds of 33 miles an hour fanned out 250 miles to the north and east.

As the storm moved parallel to the Carolina coasts, the Weather



Pete Davidson of Sharplew Dr., One of The First At The Crash Scene

Flossy Moves Into Atlantic; 15 Dead, Damage In Millions

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Farmer Hurricane Flossy, trailing a wake of at least 15 deaths and millions in property damage, swirled out to sea and parallel to the Carolina coasts today.

Her long overland swipe from the Gulf of Mexico had diminished the storm's top winds to about 55 miles an hour. As the storm moved east-northeast at about 17 miles an hour, winds of 33 miles to the north and east. Tides two to three feet

higher than normal were predicted from Cape Hatteras north to Block Island, N. I.

The Miami Weather Bureau said the season's sixth tropical storm would pick up some force over the ocean but probably would not become a hurricane again.

HEAVY ON GULF

Property damage was heaviest along the Gulf Coast. As the storm moved into Georgia and the Carolinas torrential rains threat-

Two People Killed

Torrential Rains Fall On Carolinas

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two persons died in the Carolinas as the backlash from dying hurricane Flossy dumped heavy rain to moderate rains over both states and brought the threat of local flooding in western areas.

A private plane crashed near the Charlotte airport in gusty winds and driving rain last night, killing the pilot.

Mrs. John H. Coleman, 50, of Coral Gables, Fla., was injured fatally when she was thrown from an automobile that skidded off a rain-slicked highway and overturned 10 miles south of Asheville.

OVER 5 INCHES

Greenville, S. C., was drenched with 5.75 inches of rain in the 24 hours ended at 7:20 a. m. today. It was the heaviest downpour recorded at any Weather Bureau station in the Carolinas.

In the same period Charlotte's rainfall totaled 2.78 inches. Columbia had 2.70, Charleston 1.34, Wilmington 1.41 and Raleigh .46. The flood threat was lessened, however, because of a drought of several weeks that left the ground soak up most of the water.

MERCURY DROP

Along with the wind and rain came a sharp drop in temperatures. Lows last night included 48 at Charlotte and 34 at Columbia and Raleigh.

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ened to cause severe local flooding.

In addition to the death toll, at least 13 persons were missing.

Flossy formed suddenly in the Gulf Saturday, aimed its center for a time at New Orleans, then swerved eastward and slammed the northwest Florida coast with 100-mile-an-hour winds late Monday. The storm's northeasterly journey brought drought relief to Georgia before skipping out over the Atlantic. More than 5 inches of rain were dumped on parched farm lands.

Related reports of deaths and property damage sent both totals soaring. Latest victims listed were Mrs. Vera Daniels, 45, of Columbia, Miss., who drowned when her car plunged into a water-filled ditch; George Stewart, 21, and Robert Washington, 31, who tumbled overboard and drowned when a wind gust hit their tug near Jacksonville, Fla.; and Capt. Robert D. Willerford of Sevaldville, Ga., who died in the wreckage of his plane after it collided with a second jet which crashed into a field and killed a mother and her three children.

HOTEL DESTROYED

The hurricane hit Grand Isle, popular Louisiana vacation resort, destroying the Grand Isle Hotel and many houses and boats on the six-mile-long island. Damage was estimated at several millions of dollars.

Flossy churned high tides in its wake near Panama City, Fla., and caused damage estimated at \$300,000. Damage to oil drilling equipment in the Gulf previously had been estimated at two million dollars.

Still missing were about a dozen fishermen and an undetermined number aboard the tug Rosalie E. Somewhere in the Gulf.

The hurricane lost some of its power when it collided with a mass of dry cold air and the northern side, chief hurricane forecaster Gordon Dunn of the Miami Weather Bureau said last night.

—What's Inside—

Fashions Glitter Despite Flossy And Leaking Hall

DESPITE THE BACKLASH of Hurricane Flossy, women (and a few brave men) poured into leaky Ovens Auditorium last night for fashions done as "Serenade to Autumn." Check pages 2,3B, then call the bank for funds.

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