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SCENE north of SR 83 on the truck by-pass following 5.2 inches of rain. This area, more than a block long, only slowed traffic as the rain water widened from a field on the west, across the road to fields on the east. (Daily Press Photo)

## Giant Clean-Up Job Today For Storm Aftermath

WILMINGTON, N.C. (UPI)—North Carolina coastal residents faced a giant cleanup job today in the wake of Helene, a hit-and-run hurricane now churning away in the North Atlantic.

Helene delivered a roundhouse blow to a wide stretch of the Carolina coast Saturday, then spun back out to sea. The Washington Weather Bureau said the storm was still dangerous and warned shipping to exercise extreme caution.

In its advisory issued at midnight, e.d.t., the Weather Bureau placed Helen's center at about 400 statute miles east-southeast on Nantucket, or near Latitude 39.8 North, Longitude 62.6 West. It was reported moving toward the east-northeast at about 32 miles per hour.

The storm was rapidly losing hurricane characteristics, the Weather Bureau said, but highest winds were estimated at about 110 miles an hour near the center and gale force winds extended over a radius of 350 miles.

A sister storm, Ilsa, was reported thrashing harmlessly northward 265 miles from Bermuda. Weathermen at Miami said it posed no threat to the American mainland or any other land area.

Helene's rapid passage across the Carolina coast inflicted an estimated \$6,827,000 damage on stores, homes, streets and utilities. It banged on with winds up to 135 miles an hour, but residents were warned well in advance and there was no loss of life.



HURRICANE RIPS THE CAROLINAS — A tire sign at a garage near a restaurant hangs dangerously over the sidewalk in Myrtle Beach, S. C., as high winds are ripping the coast of South and North Carolina at a speed of 125 miles per hour, no deaths have been reported as a direct result of the hurricane. Property damage, is estimated in the millions.