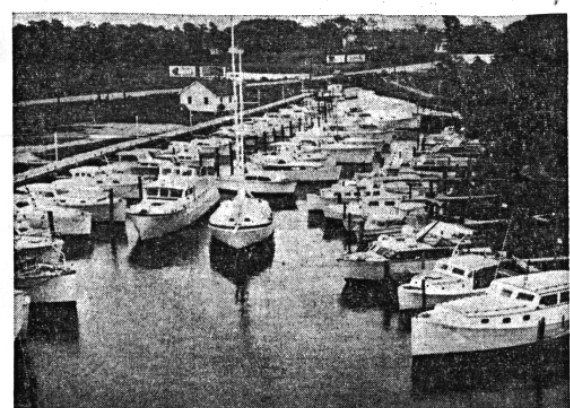
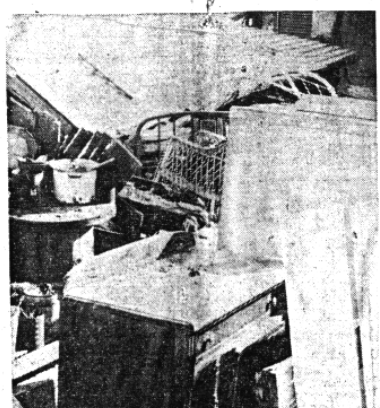


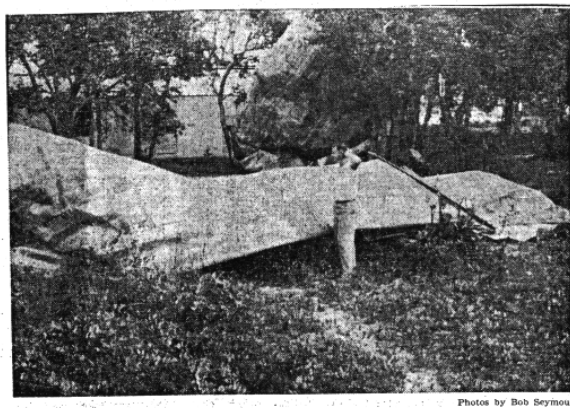
# STORM HELENE CAME A-HELLIN'



Warned of the approaching storm, many boat owners ran their craft into Pelletier Creek, a protected harbor at Cannon's Boatworks west of Morehead City. This shot was taken from the mast of the Flevo, some 50 feet above the surface of the water. Captain of the Flevo is Arved Rosing.



Furniture sat out in the rain and winds after this house on Cedar Street, Beaufort, collapsed. The house was occupied by Mrs. Ida Gose.



Atlantic coach Roy Cockerham scratches his head as he tries to figure out a place for his basketball team to practice. He is standing by the sheet metal roof that blew off the gym.

Photos by Bob Seymour

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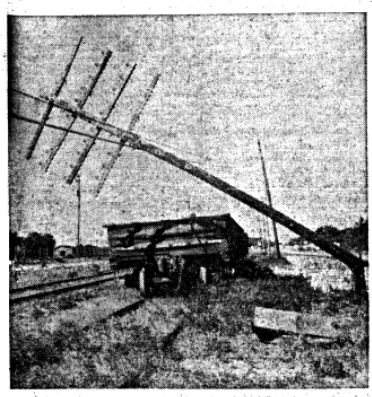
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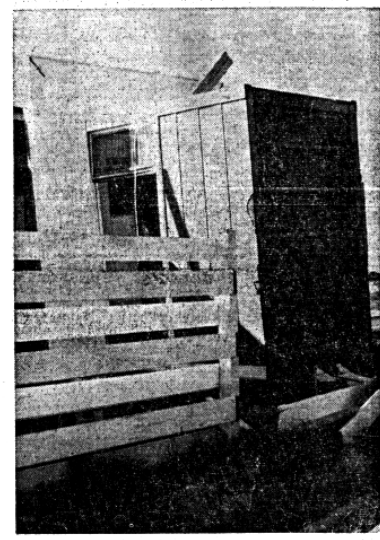
Boats moored along the thoroughfare between Cedar Island and another land, are in deep water. Dead marsh grass was floated across the road and is one to three feet thick on top of the water. The road was blocked for a time by the marsh grass, at some places 4 feet deep on the hard surface.

### Pole Bows to Helene



This telephone pole is one of a string of six poles blown over or broken off along the railroad track near Camp Glenn. The fallen lines had to be repaired before trains could get through.

### Perched Too High



Although used to a lot of air, this broadcast booth atop Don-EI's at the beach couldn't quite take what Helene breathed out. It toppled to the ground, crashing on top of a fence.

### Smilin' Through



Lillie Grace Herbert and Iva Faye Hill, pretty Beaufort High School students, pull a "dress alike" act and show the proper gear to wear while out scouting a hurricane.



Thousands of dollars of damage was caused to the Freeman Wholesale Co. when the roof blew off between 3 and 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Rain then caused more loss by wetting the merchandise stored inside. Part of the concrete block wall collapsed on the west side, shown above, and landed on top of a box car.

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**Tide Table**  
(Eastern Standard Time)

| Tides at the Beaufort Bar |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| HIGH                      | LOW       |
| Tuesday, Sept. 30         |           |
| 9:31 a.m.                 | 3:26 a.m. |
| 9:44 p.m.                 | 3:54 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Oct. 1         |           |
| 10:02 a.m.                | 3:55 a.m. |
| 10:16 p.m.                | 4:25 p.m. |
| Thursday, Oct. 2          |           |
| 10:31 a.m.                | 4:17 a.m. |
| 10:50 p.m.                | 4:55 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 3            |           |
| 11:05 a.m.                | 4:38 a.m. |
| 11:33 p.m.                | 5:28 p.m. |



Mrs. Clayton Fulcher Jr. sits on the bottom of a skiff that washed up on the porch of her Driftwood Motel at Cedar Island. The interior of the motel was not damaged except where a leak in the roof let the rain flood one apartment.

# Damage Exceeds Several Million

## Freeman Wholesale Damage Estimate Nearly \$300,000

place where a dwelling, located in the colored section, collapsed. The town suffered much loss in trees. The local radio station was hampered by intermittent power flow, even though attempts were made to supply power with emergency generators.

A warehouse at Huntley's Hardware was demolished by the wind.

Dan Walker, Beaufort town manager, said yesterday that the loads of debris will have to be hauled from the streets.

Because of this extra work, garbage will not be collected on schedule and the town asks homeowners and business owners to be as patient as possible. They'll get the garbage picked up as quickly as they can.

One hundred persons took refuge in the courthouse and approximately 250 were at Queen Street School. There was no light in the courthouse. Generators were used to supply power to the fire station and to keep radio communication flowing between Beaufort and Morehead City.

Emergency rescue squads with ambulances and generators arrived in Beaufort from Graham and Hickory. They were requested by the Beaufort Rescue squad.

Weather Data according to records kept at Cherry Point 4 1/2 inches of rain at the height of the storm. The heaviest winds were clocked at 6:30 p.m. at 97 miles an hour and the force of the storm was blowing in the same direction as the reports, passed off coast 40 miles southeast of Cherry Point.

Wind was higher at Cape Lookout where Harold Yeomans, officers in charge, reported their anemometer instrument broke at 2 p.m. while registering a wind of 125 knots (134 miles an hour). He believes that winds later exceeded that velocity. The station's log shows a gust of 160 miles an hour. Yesterday, Helene was boiling northward far out at sea off Portland, Me. The next storm, Ilsa, is not until the 10th of October. Hurricane trackers think the two storms may join forces in the North Atlantic in about two days.

**Beach Report**

A. B. Cooper, manager of Atlantic Beach, yesterday roughly estimated beach damage at \$320,000. Most of the damage occurred to porches of the stores, which were blown from their foundations.

There was, however, little reported damage to the sea walls. Mr. Cooper said they not only held the sea back but sand was built against them.

Chas. DeLony, station where there are no extensive sea walls, suffered from wave wash. The "hurricane cottage" built there on an experimental basis by a brick and tile company said Hazel stood up there. There is a sea wall in front of it.

No one was allowed on the beach after 1 p.m. Saturday and all persons living there were evacuated by 2 Atlantic Beach roads were seriously damaged. A town crew, with the help of a state crew, had things cleaned up by Sunday morning when spectators were allowed on the beach.

While the beach was vacated, guards were on duty to see that there was no looting.

Mayor Cooper commended all agencies and individuals who assisted during the storm. "We had the most efficient help we've ever had," he said. "Everything worked smoothly."

**Phone Troubles**

L. A. Daniels, manager of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph, said that Marshallberg and Atlantic toll service was expected to be back to normal by last night.

Between 15 and 20 poles on Highway 70 to North River must be replaced, as well as six poles at Camp Glenn. Extra crews have been at work on the telephone lines. Crewmen have been working night and day.

**Hospital Rides Through**

Morehead City Hospital was supplied with emergency power during the storm by generators from Cherry Point. One generator failed, and the hospital ran on candle power for about an hour. Then a second arrived from the Marine base and was connected.

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At Cherry Point Hospital, two babies were born "by flashlight" when one of the generators there failed. The babies were on the way and Nature wouldn't wait until another generator could be hooked up.

Glenn Adair, Red Cross district

**Preparations Good**

Mayor Dill was pleased with the preparations made for the storm. "We've done things wrong so many times," he added, "that anything we did different would be an improvement."

Beaufort seems to be the only

## Fort Macon Point Hard Hit

The former L&H Motors building across the street from THE NEWS-TIMES will be used as a warehouse until the present building is repaired.

Mrs. Elanda McLahan, Ruth Granham and Walter Edwards saw the roof so, as well as some people staying across the street at the Jefferson Hotel.

The roof was lifted upward several feet from the walls in a terrific roar and then collapsed inside the building. Parts of it went over the west wall and fell on the ground. A truck parked close to the building was damaged.

The business offices were not damaged. But in the warehouse portion, supplies were blown over, soaked with water — cigarettes, flour, sugar — all of it a jumbled mess.

A salvage company is due today to take over salvage operations. The building and supplies in it were insured.

Harry Yetter, assistant farm agent, said that the corn crop suffered. Because stalks have been beaten down, it will probably be impossible to gather the corn with mechanical pickers.

Soybeans and sweet potatoes seem to have come through all right. There has been no report of saltwater flooding farmlands. There may have been some damage, however, to tobacco stored in packhouses, if the packhouses were dented or the roofs were blown off.

No authoritative report on tobacco loss was available.

B. H. Russell, Russells Creek, lost his pecan crop. The immature nuts were blown from the trees. Other pecan trees throughout the county were uprooted. Some farm buildings were blown down.

Sheriff Hugh Salter kept in touch with things throughout the storm and checked on roads before persons in the Beaufort shelters were given the OK to leave. He got to bed at 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

**County Roads**

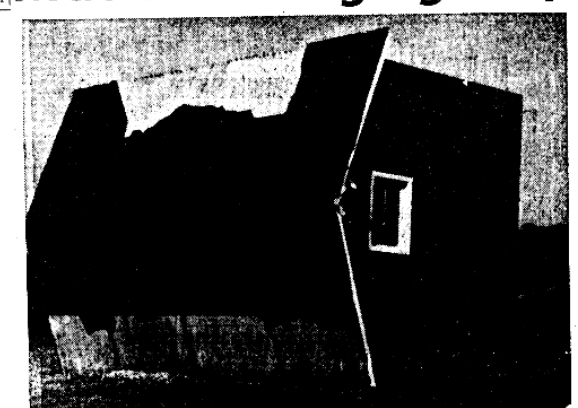
J. I. Humphrey, county road superintendent, said Sunday, "We got out pretty lucky this time." The biggest problem was the Cedar Island road where the tide deposited tons of marsh grass on the highway after 10 p.m. Saturday.

Bull dozers were needed to clear it. One-way passage was cleared by Sunday night.

Three gates blew off at the Atlantic Beach draw, one at the Beaufort draw, one at the Thoroughfare bridge and one at the Morehead City draw.

**Fort, N. C.**

## Made Damaging Trip



## Sequence of Storm

**FRIDAY**

Afternoon — Partyboats were forced to return early due to rough seas offshore.

Night — Most vessels along waterfronts throughout the county had been taken to protected harbors.

**SATURDAY**

10 a.m. — Light rain in squalls, wind in light gusts.

11:45 a.m. — Carora Power and Light reported a few nuisance interruptions in power flow, due to tree limbs hitting lines.

Noon — Rain had increased, wind was blowing 25 miles an hour in gusts.

1 p.m. — Atlantic Beach, Salter Park and all other Bogue Banks areas had been ordered evacuated. Wind was blowing 32 to 38 miles an hour. Rain no longer squally but coming down steadily.

2:30 p.m. — Power in Beaufort, Morehead City area went off. Winds were of gale force. Before power went off, wires on Morehead City fire alarm system were snapping together, causing periodic tolling of the fire alarm.

2:19 p.m. — Rain extremely heavy, being pushed horizontally by winds 55 miles an hour. Gusts so heavy that persons in buildings had the feeling that doors and windows were being blown open (some were).

3:20 p.m. — Day grew darker. Rain lashing against the windows sounded like sleet in a winter storm.

3:35 p.m. — Winds continue up to 75 miles an hour in gusts. Homeowners kept busy mopping at sills and doors where wind blew rain through un-plugable cracks.

3:55 p.m. — Wind still to northeast, as it was all day.

4:20 p.m. — Wind continues to blow at better than 55 miles an hour. Heavy, constant rain. Houses and buildings shake. Limbs torn off trees.

4:55 p.m. — Rain has let up slightly. Wind shifts slightly to north northeast, indicating that storm is passing to the north.

5:25 p.m. — Rain resumes heavily again, being pushed in wet clouds along streets and against buildings.

6 p.m. — Wind continues strong from the north. Eye of storm has passed offshore. Barometer had its lowest point 28.65 and was rising slightly.

6:30 p.m. — Wind still to north, blowing at whole gale force. Rain pelting down. This was beginning of tail-end of storm, commonly known as "back-lash," which frequently brings more damage than first half of storm.

7 p.m. — Shingles blowing on roof sound as though somebody is on roof jumping up and down. Houses tremble, rain heavy.

8 p.m. — High tide. This is full moon and very high tide even without storm conditions. Wind was still to north, however, which served to sweep back water from residential areas facing south. This same wind, however, caused water to sweep forward on areas facing north.

8:40 p.m. — Clouds began to break, hint of moonlight shows through. Wind gusty, to northwest, 25-35 miles an hour.

9:25 p.m. — Wind remains to northwest, blowing in gusts up to 38 miles an hour. Low-hanging clouds send part full moon.

10 p.m. — Wind continues strong in gusts; no rain, but moon has been obscured again.

11 p.m. — Storm about over. Cleaning up the debris will start with morning.

**Helene Pulled Streaky Trick**

Every hurricane always pulls a new one out of its bag of tricks. The peculiarity about Helene was that damage seemed to be caused in streaks, or swaths. For example, just a middle section was taken out of Mom and Pop's fishing pier in Bogue Sound.

The vicinity of Freeman's Wholesale was badly hit, and in other sections of the county, the damage seemed to be caused in strips that closely resembled the path of a tornado.

Ocean fishing piers weathered the blow all right, as did most of the inshore piers.

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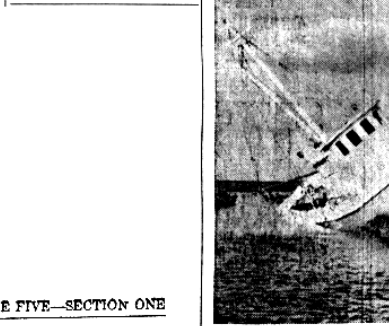
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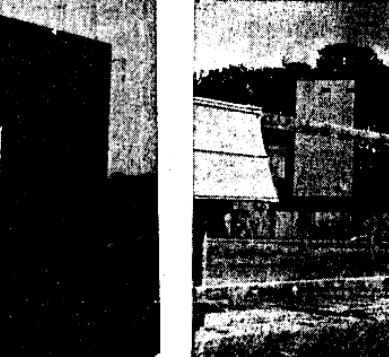
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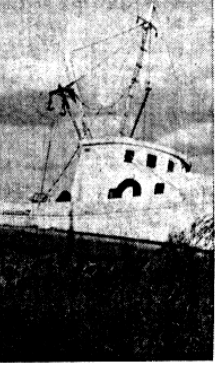
## Temperature-Wind Report Released

The temperature for the past two weeks has remained relatively stable despite a hurricane. Maximum temperatures have ranged from 88 on Sept. 18 to 72 Sunday, according to Stamey Davis, weather observer.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and wind direction follow:

| Sept. 18 | Max. | Min. | Wind |
|----------|------|------|------|
| Sept. 19 | 82   | 66   | NE   |
| Sept. 20 | 80   | 67   | NE   |
| Sept. 21 | 79   | 66   | NE   |
| Sept. 22 | 78   | 67   | NE   |
| Sept. 23 | 76   | 67   | NE   |
| Sept. 24 | 78   | 68   | SE   |
| Sept. 25 | 85   | 74   | E    |
| Sept. 26 | 86   | 73   | NE   |
| Sept. 27 | 80   | 65   | NE   |
| Sept. 28 | 72   | 62   | NNW  |

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# The Roaring Fifties

## Hurricane History

**Barbara — Aug. 13, 1953** — Barbara came in Thursday between 5 and 6 p.m. and continued roaring and raining until early the following morning. Wind velocity was clocked at 80 miles an hour at Cherry Point. Then the wind blew the wind measuring instrument away.

The 295-foot radio tower at WMBL, Morehead City, blew down. Vance Fulford Sr., Beaufort, was knocked unconscious when he fell 14 feet from a roof he was trying to fix during the storm.

Two cement block walls were blown out of the boat storage shed at the Morehead City Yacht basin. Trees, tv antennas, signs were blown down. Seven hundred persons left Atlantic Beach. Then Barbara continued inland.

**Carol — Aug. 30, 1954** — Carol brought 5¼ inches of rain. Roads were flooded, phone lines down, power transformers blown down. The News-Times was 12 hours late going to press because of power failure. Set of bleachers at the Morehead City ballpark was blown over. Ocean Park Drive-In theatre fence, west of Morehead, was blown down.

Heaviest damage in Beaufort was J. P. Harris home, 213 Broad St., where shingles were ripped off west side, sheetrock was soaked and fell. Minimum and maximum temperatures 24 hours before storm hit were 70 and 85.

**Hazel — Oct. 15, 1954** — Luxury liner Stockholm, scheduled to sail from Morehead City to Caribbean arrived at Morehead City 20 hours late due to storm.

In this Friday storm, wind did complete switch from northeast around to southwest, skipping northwest quarter entirely, thus causing extensive damage to boats anchored to take north wind. Barometer dropped to 28. North River bridge was washed out, piers, docks washed away, saltwater damage to vegetation was extensive.

Morehead City skating rink was blown down; front of Heart of Beach apartments at Atlantic Beach collapsed; Atlantic Beach Hotel lost dining room and front porch; numerous waterfront cottages lost front porches and were undermined.

**Connie — Aug. 11, 12, 1955** — This storm lasted through a part of Thursday and Friday. Twelve inches of rain fell. Farm crops were hit the hardest. Road damage amounted to \$60,000; beach damage \$200,000. Parking lot at Fort Macon was under 2 feet of water. Temperatures were 70 degrees minimum to high of 83.

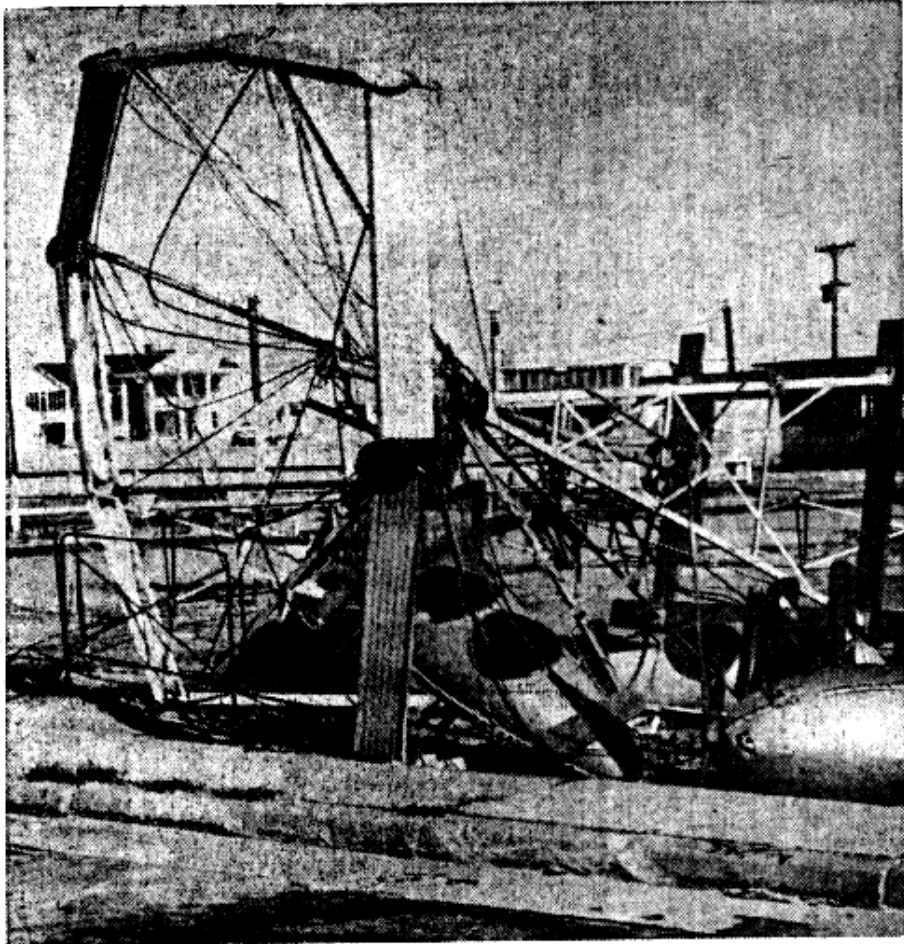
**Diane — Aug. 16, 1955** — This was the second storm in a week. First reports said that the storm would go in on the Georgia coast, but she worked her way north. Gusts of wind were up to 82 miles an hour, rainfall 2.45 inches.

This storm started Tuesday and continued Wednesday. Lowest barometer reading, according to Coast Guard, was 29.28. Agnew Guthrie, 60, Morehead City, died of a heart attack Wednesday, Aug. 17, on way to shore to check his skiff.

**Ione — Sept. 18, 1955** — Third storm in less than five weeks. Started Sunday and passed inland early Monday, Sept. 19. Winds blew at 100 miles an hour. There was no school; many roads were impassable. Total damage to farmers in Connie, Diane and Ione was estimated at \$1,200,100.

**1956 - 1957** — No storms.

**Helene — Sept. 27, 1958**



This kiddie ride at Atlantic Beach was blown over and heavily damaged during the storm. This appeared to be the only ride seriously damaged.

## CARTERET COUNTY NEWS-TIMES

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EDITORIALS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1958

### Why Damage Was Less

Why Helene was not as destructive, over-all, as Hazel can be attributed to several reasons, but one of the most important is that people were prepared.

Since Hazel, the hurricane tracking procedures and reporting of storm warnings has improved, but perhaps the most telling factor is that people heeded the warnings.

Hazel is not so far in the past that we have forgotten. Therefore, when told to get ready for a "dangerous hurricane" most persons did just that. They evacuated beach areas when told to do so.

People on south shores lapped by water consider themselves lucky that the wind was blowing from the north on Saturday night's high tide. This means that oceanfront property on Atlantic Beach was spared considerable damage.

This same wind, however, piled the water higher on property with water on the north. This caused flooding along the Neuse and sections in the northern and extreme eastern part of the county.

Radio and tv reports on the storm,

as it moved northward, seemed to be as a whole, factual rather than hysterical. In one instance a commentator said that waves were reported 9 feet high at a coast south of here. He said that this was the highest "tide" that had been reported.

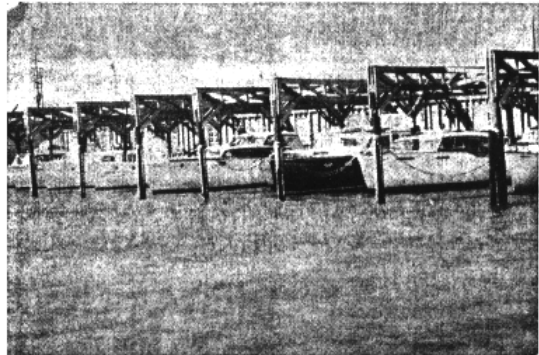
There's a difference between height of a wave and height of a tide. Calling a 9-foot wave a 9-foot tide gives, at the very least, an inaccurate picture of a situation. But such misrepresentations were few.

Grover Munden, radio station WMBL, Morehead City, handled the situation calmly. Those who had portable or car radios heard music and only beach evacuation orders. When the storm is right on top of us it's rather ridiculous to try to get "on-the-spot" news reports of how "bad" things are.

Our regrets go to all businesses and homeowners who have suffered because of Helene. Our thanks go to town and county officials, Red Cross workers, police, firemen, highway patrolmen, the Marine Corps, Civil Defense and the numerous other individuals and groups who helped us weather the blow.

Things could have been worse.

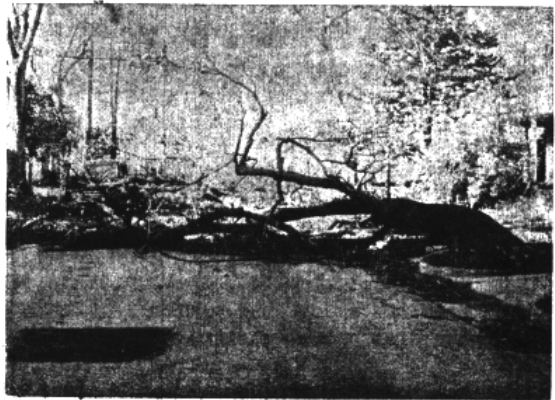
# Season's Eighth Storm Makes Visit to Carteret County



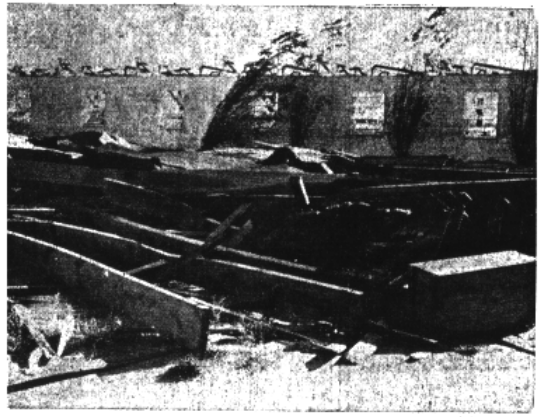
The boat shed at the Morehead City Yacht Basin lost its roof Saturday night. None of the boats pictured here was damaged.



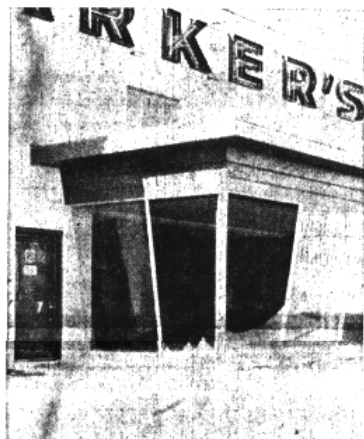
Raymond Duke, owner of Sportsman's Pier, sat on the end of his pier until Helene blew itself out early Sunday morning. This picture was taken on the pier about 2 p.m. Saturday with winds reported up to 80 m.p.h. Mr. Duke sat on the leeward side of the shelter on the pier. He said he "always wanted to sit out a hurricane."



This huge tree fell early Saturday afternoon, taking down power lines and blocking the 200 block of Orange Street, Beaufort.



This rear view of the boat shed shows the roof on the ground some 50 feet from the shed.



Parker Motors, along with several other Morehead City businesses, lost considerable amounts of plate glass. This picture shows the east side of the building.



The crooked wood piling seawall constructed in front of these cottages at Money Island proved its worth during Helene. At no time during the storm did breakers go over the wall.



The Dainty Maid Bread Co. warehouse on the Atlantic Beach Causeway was leveled by the force of Helene's high winds. The large front doors blew open and the wind went through the cement block building, taking nearly everything with it.



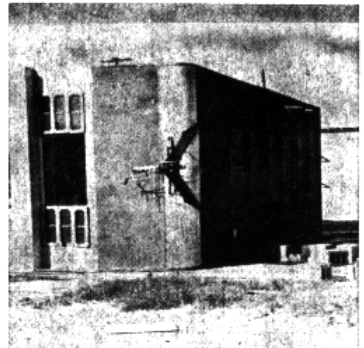
This cement block wall at the west end of the Morehead City High School athletic field was flattened Saturday night.



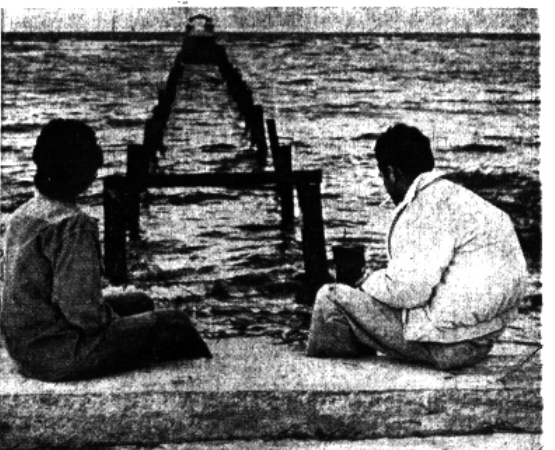
Helene lowered the boom on this house on Cedar Street, Beaufort. The walls collapsed and the roof settled directly on the foundation.



Civil Defense and Red Cross workers congregated at the Morehead City municipal building early Saturday afternoon. Pictured here, left to right, Mayor George Dil, Glenn Adair, Red Cross disaster chairman, Sheriff Hugh Salter and county Civil Defense director John Valentine. In the background is Mayor Dil's daughter, Susan.



This trailer, parked at Fort Macon Road and the Atlantic Beach Road, was blown over on its side.



Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Fulcher Jr. survey the damage to Mrs. Fulcher's pier at Cedar Island. A large percentage of Cedar Island was flooded during the storm.