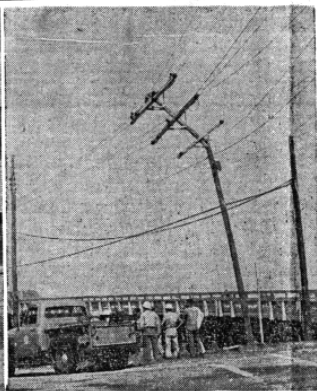
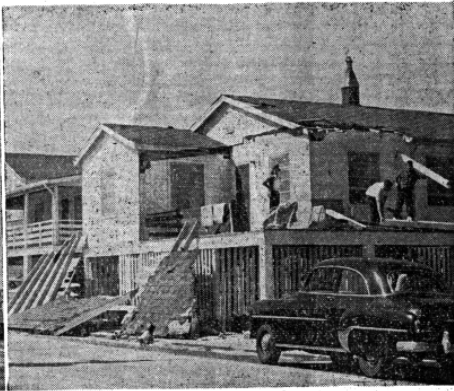


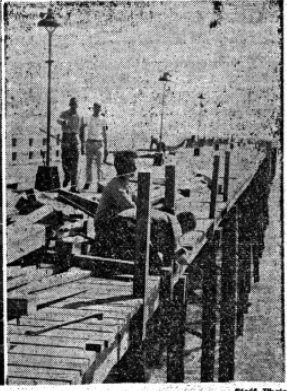
**SAND SHOVELED OFF PORCH**  
Typical Carolina Beach Scene



**CREWS RESTORE POWER**  
Winds Hit Utility Pole



**DEBRIS CLEANED UP IN STORM'S WAKE**  
Beach Residents Busy At Wrightsville



**REPAIRS TO PIER**  
Storm Damage Repaired

# SENcland Communities Clean Up After Storm

## HELENE AND ILSA MAY JOIN

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Hurricanes Helene and Ilsa today gave strong indication of merging into a violent "extra tropical" storm far out in the north Atlantic.

Courses plotted by the Weather Bureau here would bring the hurricanes together possibly in the next two or three days, said forecaster Rollo Dean.

A meteorologist's axiom that hurricanes repel each other and do not merge does not always hold true, Dean said.

He said he was not forecasting a merging but "there is a pretty good chance of it."

Helene today was losing hurricane characteristics but remained a severe storm. Ilsa was expected to decrease in strength from 100 m.p.h. top winds to around 75 m.p.h.

At 5 a.m., Helene was located about 500 miles east of Portland, Maine. It was moving northeast about 35 m.p.h.

Ilsa was located 360 miles east northeast of Bermuda. It was traveling northeastward about 25 m.p.h.

The term "extra tropical," Dean said, is applied to storms generating in temperate zones. They sometimes are as violent as hurricanes.

Both hurricanes threatened shipping in the north Atlantic today and the southeast portion of Newfoundland was told to prepare for winds of hurricane force within hours.

A line of gale force winds stretched some 1,200 miles between the storms today, Dean said.

## Carolina Beach Utilities Are Restored Today

Rapid progress was being made today in the repair of property and utilities as coastal SENcland began to straighten up from the staggering blow of Hurricane Helene.

Cleanup operations, which began early Sunday, were going along at full speed today.

At Wrightsville Beach, many residents returned to their homes last night even though electricity had not been turned on. The Health Department warned them to boil drinking water until the town could chlorinate the water.

Some looting was reported shortly after the storm passed Kure Beach. According to National Guardsmen stationed in that area now, there were crowbar marks on one store window that had been jimmied out. Another store window was broken out by rocks hurled through the glass.

Guardsmen will remain on duty at Kure Beach until civil authorities, who originally requested them, are ready to take over.

Check points were maintained on the highways leading to Carolina and Wrightsville Beaches Sunday to keep out the curious and to assist residents in reaching their homes.

Some 25 telephones were inoperative at Acme and 10 at Bolton.

The telephone company brought 80 additional repairmen into the Wilmington area to assist in restoring service, Hazelton said.

Electric power to Wrightsville Beach is not expected until this evening, as poles were torn down by the hurricane winds.

Service, however, has been restored to the southern end of Harbor Island. Electric service was normal at Fort Fisher and Kure Beach.

Electric power was available Sunday night as far north as Hampstead, Middle Sound and Greenville.

State Highway Patrol Capt. C. R. Williams at Wilmington estimated that damage here alone would run to about \$1 million.

At Beaufort, near Morehead City, policeman M. T. Wade said the water came up pretty high, but did not get into streets.

Long Beach, a small community near Southport was the only coastal area where tides overreached sand dune barriers. Roads in the vicinity eroded, cracked and sank, but were reported still passable.

At Wrightsville Beach, Capt.

## State Considers Storm Aid Call

RALEIGH (AP)—State officials waited today for reports from engineers on the scope to total up damages from Hurricane Helene. While the figure seemed certain to run to several million dollars, it appeared the destruction to coastal areas was far below that left by hurricanes "Gombee," Diane and Ione in 1955, and Hazel in 1954.

Gov. Luther Hodges and Justice Thomas Goodson, regional civil defense director, met with heads of state agencies to chart rehabilitation work. The conferees were expected to decide whether North Carolina will seek federal assistance for storm relief.

After a flying inspection of the coast Sunday, Hodges said wind tides when Helene struck plus a strong west wind which held back heavy seas minimized damages. Utilities, roads and private property suffered from the blow, he reported, but it was impossible to say how extensive the damage might be.

Many roofs were damaged, but few buildings were completely destroyed. Many of the sand fences erected to build up dunes on the Outer Banks were lost to the storm, and the state highway on Ocracoke and Hatteras islands sustained damage.

Civil Defense officials said better preparations for Helene possibly saved lives. Coastal residents who remembered the previous hurricanes needed little persuasion to leave their homes as Helene approached.

The Red Cross said 4,950 persons were cared for at 65 storm shelters.

Russell C. Nicholson, deputy state civil defense director, said improved radio communications kept officials in touch with all coastal sections even at the height of the storm.

Hodges was at Wilmington and Morehead City as Helene's terrific winds brushed the coast.

Harry Brown, the state's hurricane rehabilitation director, accompanied the governor on the inspection flight from north of Hatteras to Myrtle Beach, S.C., then began an auto tour to size up damages.

Hurricane Hazel, the most destructive hurricane in recent Tar Heel history, left damages estimated at 120 million dollars and at least 19 dead in North Carolina.

Comie, Diane and Ione in 1955 caused an estimated 169 million dollars worth of damage, much of it unharvested crops.

## Storm Damage Being Repaired

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power system back in full operation.

Tomlinson said more than 750 persons were evacuated from waterfront and unsafe structures to the Southport High School and Brunswick County Training School just before the storm unleashed its fury on this fishing village.

The mayor estimated damage to private property in excess of \$600,000. He said this was mostly roof and window damage and other destruction caused by falling trees.

Two units of North Carolina National Guardsmen were on duty here from 8 p.m. Saturday until 9 p.m. Sunday. Guardsmen joined forces with local and state law enforcement officers to control traffic entering and leaving the town.

Victims of Hurricane Helene in New Hanover County who think they will need Red Cross assistance to meet their disaster-caused needs may make application for such assistance beginning between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily at 11 So. Front Street, Chapter Chairman W. L. Walker announced Sunday night.

Emil Lewis, director of Red Cross disaster services in the Southeastern area, stated that 30 members of the organization's disaster staff are assigned throughout the area hardest hit by Helene to assist the local chapters accept the applications and to further assist applicants.

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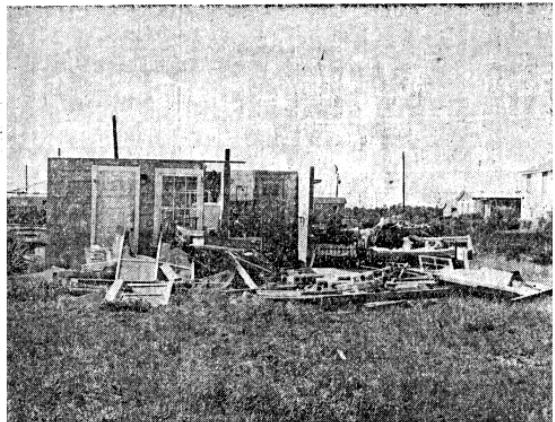
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Electrical power had been restored to many other areas late Sunday and early Monday. Most of the homes still without power were expected to have electricity by tonight. It may be Tuesday before service is restored to some houses.

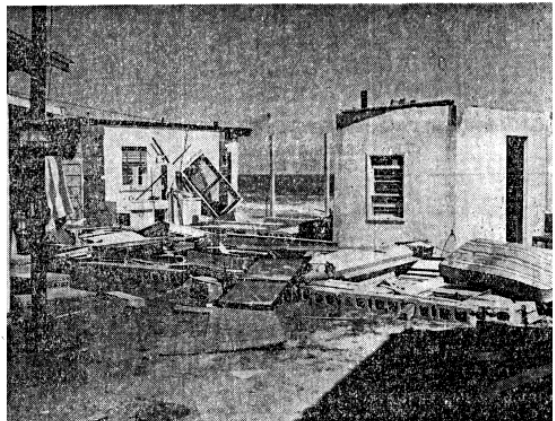
Telephone service was being restored but it is expected to take several days to return to normal efficiency.

Several thousand phones were still out of order today, according to J. L. Hazelton, manager of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

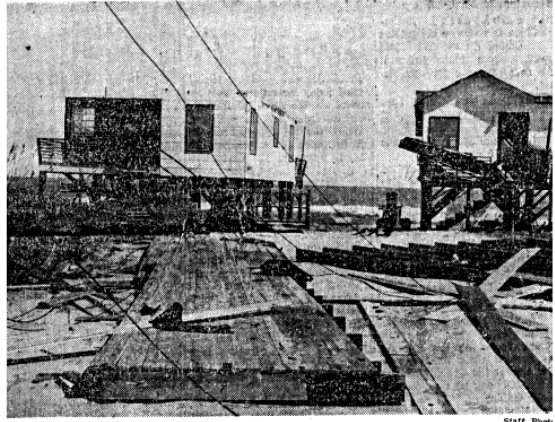
Residents had returned to most of the coastal homes Sunday, but some did not remain overnight because of the lack of utilities.



**WRECKAGE SHOWS STORM'S DEVASTATION**  
House Located South Of Carolina Beach



**ROOF AND WALLS ON GROUND IN STORM'S WAKE**  
An 'Open-Air' Kitchen At Carolina Beach



**COTTAGES HIT BY HURRICANE HELENE**  
Scene Between Carolina, Kure Beaches

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