

Area Staging Huge Cleanup After Storm

The massive cleanup of the wake of debris left by Hurricane Helene's visit was well under way Sunday.

Power had been restored, either fully or in part, in most areas.

Telephone service was still out in large sections, but servicemen were working 'round the clock.

Hurricane Helene lashed the Atlantic coast of Nova Scotia early Monday.

The Halifax weather office reported wind gusts up to 70 miles an hour at Shearwater airport near here. The big blow, accompanied by a deluge of rain, cut wire communications to sections

of the Annapolis Valley.

At Wrightsville Beach, most residents were back in their homes Sunday night, but with the warning from the New Hanover County Board of Health that all drinking water should be boiled, since water could not be chlorinated.

Carolina Beach, more heavily damaged, was taking back some residents Sunday night.

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.

Col. Kenneth Corbett, senior officer in the area, reported Company I of the 119th Infantry had been relieved of duty Sunday afternoon. The only Guardsmen remaining on state duty are 21 members of Headquarters Battery, 252nd AAA Group here.

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

J. L. Haselton, local manager of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., said 4,300 phones in Wilmington were out of order Sunday after repairs had restored service to 1,500. There were 300 phones out at Carolina Beach and a like number at Wrightsville Beach.

Some 25 telephones were inoperative at Acme and 10 at Bolton. The telephone company brought



A VICTIM — Boats moored in beach areas during Helene's visit suffered heavy damages.



LINES DOWN — Wrightsville Beach, isolated when Helene's pounding winds tore down lines and poles.

Doctors Deliver By Flashlight During Storm

CHERRY POINT, N.C. (AP)—Two baby girls — neither named Helene — were born in Naval Air Base Hospital during the height of Hurricane Helene's 90 m.p.h. winds here Saturday evening.

The first arrival was Patricia Sisk, daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. C. S. Sisk of Rt. 1, Kingston, Tenn. A short time later Christine Marie Lahr, daughter of Cpl. and Mrs. M. A. Lahr of St. Marys, Pa., was born.

The Cherry Point Public Information Office said both deliveries were made by base doctors using flashlights as all electrical power was out at the time.

Storm To Cost Southport Sum Of \$216,000

SOUTHPORT — Saturday's swirling winds from Hurricane Helene will cost the town of Southport about \$216,000 for repairs, Mayor Eugene B. Tomlinson Jr. reported Sunday.

He said the larger portion of this amount will be used to pay the municipally-owned electrical power system back in full operation.

Tomlinson said more than 750 persons were evacuated from the waterfront and unsafe structures to the Southport High School and the 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.

All sightseers were turned back Sunday and only property owners, residents and relatives were allowed to enter.

Electrical power and telephone service was restored to almost normal late Sunday night.

"Our power plant was damaged

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80 additional repairs into the Wilmington area to assist in restoring service, Haseon said.

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

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

Wilmington electric service was normal except for street lights, which were not operating Sunday night. They are expected to be on Monday.

Electric power was available

Area Is Staging Massive Cleanup

Capt. Williams estimated damage at Southport at between \$300,000 and \$750,000.

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 dunes over-reached sand dune barriers cracked and sank, but were reported still passable.

At Wrightsville Beach, Capt. Williams estimated property damage at about \$10 million.

A large middle section of a fishing pier at Windy Hill, S. C., was destroyed. Officials at Ocean Drive, S. C., said that two piers in nearby Cherry Grove were damaged.

Ocean Isle Beach — A 300-foot pier and a pavilion reported destroyed.

Harbor Island — Roof damage reported at 50 per cent with an estimate of \$125,000 damages.

Topsail Beach — At least one house's roof gone and another home shored from its foundation.

Kure Beach — Incomplete reports indicate several businesses without roofs.

Yaupon Beach — Not much damage, one or two homes reported without roofs.

Jacksonville—Police Chief C. F. Cook said storm was "pretty rough." Some houses completely unroofed, plate glass windows blown out. One woman was injured when a tree blew trailer in Pecon Trailer Park.

Topsail Island — Two houses reported demolished.

Morehead City — Roof blown from a yacht basin boat shed, several roofs blown off and windows knocked out. No long distance telephone service.

Atlantic Beach—Extensive damage. A bakery's warehouse blown down, concession stand destroyed, roofs blown away and at least two garages down.

Shallotte — People were out Sunday repairing damaged roofs. No major damage except to two filling stations which were hard hit.

"All Red Cross disaster assistance, which is made in the form of outright grants, and never in the form of loans, is given on the basis of disaster-caused needs and consider the inability of the disaster victims to meet those needs totally out of their resources," Lewis said.

He pointed out that disaster victims residing outside of New Hanover County should go immediately to the headquarters of their local Red Cross to make application for assistance.

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at least 80 per cent and it will take a while to restore this to normal," Tomlinson said. He added that auxiliary power was used in the town for several hours after the storm.

The mayor said there was "very little" water damage in the Brunswick County seat town with the exception of the town's municipal launching docks.

Helene smacked the docks soundly, carrying about 40 per cent of the structure out into the ocean. The docks were constructed by the town last spring at a cost of \$67,000. Tomlinson said it would cost about \$20,000 to repair the structure.

Minor damage to homes was widespread with at least 75 per cent of the town's 600 residences suffering some damage. A Negro church — the St. James AME Zion Church — was practically destroyed by the crashing winds.

"At 8 p.m. Sunday the town of Southport is operating normally as if Helene had never struck," Tomlinson declared.

At nearby Sunny Point Army Terminal, a spokesman said damage was fairly light although several roofs were torn up. Also noted was damage to a wharf in the Cape Fear River.

Reports also indicated that a barge and a tug boat, owned by a dredging company now working at the Terminal, was swept out to sea during the height of the storm. No injuries were reported, however.

One veteran observer — remembered in 1934 — summed up the storm damage in a few words.

"Thank God it came in on low tide and not like Hazel," she declared.

The scene was about the same at Long Beach and Holdens Beach where several property owners were without repairing damaged structures.

Houses without roof tops was a common sight along Long Beach's waterfront highway and several small piers were destroyed. No estimate of damages was available.

Yaupon Beach suffered little damage.

At Shallotte, residents were beginning a long clean-up job which will include restoring roofs, cleaning up fallen trees, replacing signs and windows.

A large livestock barn which was open underneath is without a roof, compliments of a strong gust of Helene's 125 mph winds. The roof was snatched from the structure and tossed about 200 yards into a clump of pine trees.

Near Bolivia, Danford and Sons Dairy is faced with the mammoth task of disposing of the carcasses of 55 dairy cattle killed when a roof of a barn collapsed.

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Red Cross Sets Schedule To Aid Helene's Victims

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 Monday and daily thereafter between 8:30 a. m. and 5 p. m., at the Wilmington Chapter, 411 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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MAMMOTH CLEANUP — Areas hit by Helene Sunday faced the backbreaking job of cleaning up. Above, at Carolina Beach, one of the spots hardest hit, a roof was ripped from a building and thrown more than a hundred yards through the roof of this motel. Winds did more damage than water.