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Helene Pounding State Coastal Areas With 100-Mile Winds, Mounting Damage

Voting Continues On Schools

While there was only a sprinkling of sunshine in this area during the morning hours and immediate interest was centered on Hurrican Helene, voters were reported going to the polls in good numbers to cast ballots on the $6.5 million school bond issue.

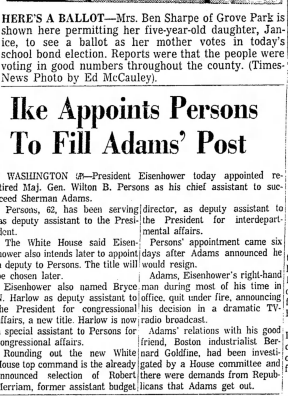
Polls in the county's 20 precincts will remain open until 6:30 o'clock tonight when the County Board of Elections will receive returns from registrars in the courtroom in Graham.

Predictions during the morning were that the threats of Hurricane Helene, striking the state's coastal area, would not cut down to any great extent the county's vote, though there was that chance should winds and rain move into this area by late afternoon.

The only signs of Helene here during the morning came in cloudiness with only a trace of rain.

Most polls in the county were showing considerable activity during the morning hours, but there was no accurate counting available on the number of people voting. There was a good chance, some observers thought, that the vote could reach to 10,000 providing the activity of some early morning hours continued throughout the afternoon and if the weather remained favorable.

While proponents of the school bonds were viewing the turnout as an indication of approval, they were cautious. They were showing fear that there might be a stronger silent vote opposing the bonds than had been made known and were using all their supporters to a maximum in an effort to get out the vote.



HERE'S A BALLOT—Mrs. Ben Sharpe of Grove Park is shown here permitting her five-year-old daughter, Janice, to see a ballot as her mother votes in today's school bond election. Reports were that the people were voting in good numbers throughout the county. (Times-News Photo by Ed McCauley).

Ike Appoints Persons To Fill Adams' Post

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower today appointed retired Maj. Gen. Wilton B. Persons as his chief assistant to succeed Sherman Adams.

Persons, 62, has been serving as deputy assistant to the President.

The White House said Eisenhower also intends later to appoint a deputy to Persons. The title will be chosen later.

Eisenhower also named Bryce N. Harlow as deputy assistant to the President for congressional affairs, a new title. Harlow is now a special assistant to Persons for congressional affairs.

Rounding out the new White House top command is the already announced selection of Robert Merriam, former assistant budget director, as deputy assistant to the President for interdepartmental affairs.

Persons' appointment came six days after Adams announced he would resign.

Adams, Eisenhower's right-hand man during most of his time in office, quit under fire, announcing his decision in a dramatic TV-radio broadcast.

Adams' relations with his good friend, Boston industrialist Bernard Goldfine, had been investigated by a House committee and there were demands from Republicans that Adams get out.

World Bulletins

New Premier

RANGOON, Burma (AP)—Gen. Ne Win, staunchly anti-Communist head of the armed forces, controlled Burma today. He stepped in to halt political feuding that threatened to give Communists the balance of power.

Premier U Nu announced last night that he will resign Oct. 28 so Win can be named premier to arrange free elections.

Win said he will continue Burma's neutral policy in foreign affairs. This little Southeast Asian republic of 19 million persons between Thailand and India has a 1,500-mile border with Red China.

The army seized power early yesterday, moving swiftly to control key points after two days of rumors that a coup was impending. An army communique said the seizure was to preserve law, order and democracy.

Massive 'Yes'

PARIS (AP) — Premier de Gaulle has called for a massive "yes" vote for his new constitution Sunday, saying it means effective government and national unity.

Supplies Landed

QUEMOY (AP) The biggest and most successful Chinese Nationalist convoy of the offshore islands war reached Quemoy today with supplies for the besieged island.

Compromise

WASHINGTON (AP) — British officials are reported advocating a long range, compromise settlement of the Formosa dispute under which Nationalist-held coastal islands eventually would go to Red China.

Heavy Vote Is Seen On Little Rock Issue

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—Election officials predict a heavy vote in today's crucial referendum on the schools.

The ballot offers a choice of allowing Negroes to attend all schools in the Little Rock school district, or none.

There are about 42,000 eligible voters, including 8,000 Negroes.

Tension over the election has been rising during the past few days.

Last night Gov. Orval E. Faubus, who closed the city's four high schools two weeks ago in a move to avoid immediate integration, appealed for a heavy turnout at the polls.

He assailed Little Rock factions that have been promoting a vote for integrated schools. But Faubus said he was not trying to influence the election. "The decision is yours," he declared in a locally televised speech. "As your public servant, I will abide by your decision."

A plea for approval of integrated schools was made last night by four of Little Rock's church leaders. They appeared on a televised program sponsored by a women's group that contends the high schools can only be opened if voters approve integration.

Faubus has proposed a private school plan. He said last night that private institutions would not be subject to court rulings and therefore could be operated on a segregated basis.

"This is the main reason why such a great and determined effort is being made to confuse and deceive the voters of the Little Rock school district," he said.

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Virginia's Case Taken To Court

BALTIMORE (AP) — Virginia's assistant attorney general told a federal appeals court today that no one—not even the local school boards — can say whether Negro students will be admitted to all white schools a year from now.

Judge Morris A. Soper of the three-judge 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, asked Robert D. McIlwaine III whether Negroes would be admitted to Virginia's white schools if the court granted the requested year's delay in integration.

"If you can tell me that you will admit them a year from now, that will help my decision," said Judge Soper.

"If you tell me you're not going to admit them anyway, that too will help my decision."

"I don't think anyone can say what action the school boards will take," McIlwaine replied. "That's their decision."

Soper asked McIlwaine if he

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Vanguard Satellite Fails To Orbit, Lost In Flight

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department said today the Navy Vanguard satellite fired yesterday did not go into orbit and burned up flying in the earth's atmosphere.

A brief announcement said:

"The vanguard IGY satellite vehicle launched yesterday failed to achieve an altitude or velocity adequate to place it in its projected orbit.

"After one or at most a limited number of passes around the earth at very low altitudes, the vehicle reentered and was consumed by friction.

"As further data are reduced the results will be made available."

— Helene's Sidelights —

Red Cross Mobilizes For Emergency Work

WASHINGTON (AP)—The National Red Cross mobilized speedily today to provide emergency aid for persons caught in the route of hurricane Helene.

Thousands of Carolinians took refuge in at least 59 Red Cross shelters operating in an area from Beaufort, S. C., to Wilmington, N. C.

National headquarters said 50 Red Cross staff members were rushed to key coastal points to help chapters evacuate and care for families who might be left homeless.

The largest operation was in Charleston, S.C., where 700 to 1,000 persons were housed in 26 shelters. An estimated 100 volunteers were on duty feeding the evacuees and caring for their other needs.

Other key points were Myrtle Beach, S.C., 6 shelters operating, the main one in the American Legion hut where 500 Negroes were housed; Georgetown, S.C., where all families in the region's low lying coastal sections were evacuated to one shelter; Beaufort, with 12 shelters operating; Southport, N.C., with 11 shelters, and Wilmington, N.C., three shelters caring for 500 persons, most of them from Carolina Beach and the air base at Fort Fisher.

Reports from the hurricane-threatened area were being funneled into Red Cross national headquarters here through the North and South Carolina Emergency Radio Network, made up of ham operators.

Governor Leaves Billy For Helene

CHARLOTTE (AP)—Last night was "Governor's Night" at Evangelist Billy Graham's four-week crusade here.

Gov. Luther H. Hodges was the guest of honor.

But he slipped out during the sermon.

No offense. A great admirer of the Charlotte evangelist, Hodges had explained to the crowd earlier he might have to leave. He flew to the capital at Raleigh to confer with civil defense officials on plans to combat the possible effects of hurricane Helene, then bearing down on the North Carolina coastline.

New Type Cottage Is Facing Test

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — A new-style cottage dotting the South Carolina coast faced its first big test in the form of hurricane Helene today.

The beach houses are built on long pilings, permitting the dwellings to stand 12 to 16 feet above the ground.

The idea is to let water wash beneath them. Residents learned from destructive hurricane Hazel in 1954 that most storm damage comes from water, not wind.

Water spread over the beaches and undermined cottage foundations. Many floated away, later breaking apart.

Winds Open Turntable Bridge

GEORGETOWN, S.C. (AP)—A turntable-type bridge used to allow boats through the Waccamaw River was blown open early today blocking traffic on U.S. 17 from Georgetown to Myrtle Beach.

The 100-foot span, part of the LaFayette Bridge across the Waccamaw River, turns out instead of drawing up to allow ship traffic through.

Winds of Hurricane Helene blew the span open and crews from the State Highway Department were unable to get it closed. They could not estimate when it would be fixed.

The bridge is part of U.S. 17, the coastal highway. The State Highway Patrol said it was impossible to get from Georgetown to Myrtle Beach on the highway

'. . . I Figure It's Time To Leave'

WILMINGTON, N. C. (AP) — A bedraggled figure of a man straggled into the police station here last night, his foot - long white beard and matted hair dripping from the rain outside.

"When it gets up to 80 miles an hour down there, I figure its time to leave," he told Sheriff M. B. Register.

The man identified himself as Robert Harrell, 68, a hermit who has lived for years in a quonset pillbox near the site of Civil War Fort Fisher, 20 miles south of here.

Hurricane Helene had driven him out of his private beach area for the first time since hurricane Hazel did it in October, 1954.

Harrell, dressed in ragged bermuda shorts, a torn shirt and barefooted, said he had walked some 12 miles from his hideout before he was picked up by some teen-agers and brought here.

"I've lived through some blows in my time, but this one looks too bad. I couldn't stay down there. I like to be alone, but not that alone," he said.

Hitchhiker Not Taken Off Course

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. (AP)—You run into hitchhikers in the strangest places. Sometimes even in the midst of a howling hurricane.

While driving on U.S. 17 from Garden City to Myrtle Beach this morning in the middle of Hurricane Helene, I ran into one.

He said he was Homer Addington, headed for Norfolk, Va., to look for a job on a ship.

Ordinarily I don't stop to pick up hitchhikers, but I decided to make an exception since weather conditions were so bad. Addington asked for a lift to Myrtle Beach, and said he had a couple of little packages.

Then he disappeared into the bushes and came out with two large tightly-stuffed canvas bags. Addington, who appeared in his 50s, said he had left Florida because it was too hot. "It's nice and cool here," he said.

Addington related that he had spent the night camped in the woods in his war surplus jungle hammock while the wind howled and the rain pelted down.

"I slept fine and dry," he said.

He was dressed in leather britches. He said he got wet after he got up this morning, so he dug in his bag and hauled out the britches.

I drove him to Myrtle Beach, and left him and his two big bags on Highway 17.

20-Degree Weather In Colorado

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An early autumn chill crept southward across the country today, setting off a belt of thundershower activity from the southern Rockies into New England.

The mercury shriveled to an icy 20 degrees at Fraser, Colo., and temperature drops of 20 to 30 degrees occurred in the Northeast.

A warming trend over the Pacific Northwest was expected to extend eastward into the Northern Plains during the day. Except for the band of thundershowers and the squall area along the East Coast, fair skies were much in evidence.

Early morning temperatures in the 40s and 50s across the Northeast compared with readings in the 70s early Friday. Temperatures in the 30s and 40s were common in north central sections.

Ida Leaves 241 Deaths In Her Path

TOKYO (AP)—Typhoon Ida left death and desolation in central Japan today. Rescue crews worked frantically to clear the damage. National police reported 241 dead from the typhoon's ripping winds and floods, 1,270 missing, and 442,548 homeless.

Almost a half million houses were flooded and 30,000 acres of rice paddies ruined.

The known casualty toll was expected to rise as communications with the disaster areas were fully restored.

A half dozen villages on the scenic Izu Peninsula 70 miles below Tokyo were struck by 100-mile-an-hour winds and raging floods. Newspaper reports said 80 bodies were recovered from the swollen Kano River and 600 were missing. Police confirmed at least 38 killed in that area.

Entire families were reported buried alive in landslides.

In Tokyo, drenched by a record 15½-inch rainfall, police said 23 persons were killed and 14 missing. Four were electrocuted by broken power lines.

Firemen, troops and volunteer rescue crews were dispatched from Mishima and Numazu to the Izu Peninsula. Tokyo's police and firemen worked around the clock and troops were mobilized to mop up damage. U.S. military crews worked with them.

Medical teams were organized in seven major hospitals and 12 health centers, and tetanus vaccine was prepared for 180,000 shots. The Water Bureau issued a warning that city reservoirs may have been contaminated by flood waters.

Skies over the city were sunny this afternoon as Ida, named typhoon No. 22 and classified as one of the worst ever to approach the island nation, headed north still packing 50 m.p.h. winds. The Weather Bureau said the Typhoon may hit Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island, tonight.

The Coast Guard reported 18 vessels sank in the height of the typhoon and eight more were swept away to sea. Twenty-six seamen were listed among the missing.

Japan's railroad traffic was still tangled by flood damage.

Air traffic resumed at the International Airport.

The storm collapsed some houses in Tokyo, crumbled part of the Imperial Palace wall and left thousands of stranded commuters wading up to waist deep in streets lined with abandoned cars.

The Imperial Palace moat overflowed and a police crew was dispatched to catch the escaped royal fish—carp.

Some 50,000 householders sought refuge in schools and public buildings.

There were no casualties among Tokyo's American community or

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Isla Still Threatening Puerto Rico

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Hurricane Isla, showing indications of intensifying, moved within 400 miles northeast of San Juan, Puerto Rico today with top winds of 115 m.p.h.

Hurricane force winds extended outward 100 miles in the northeast semicircle and 50 miles to the southwest, the Miami Weather Bureau said.

Forecaster Arnold Sugg said there are some signs that Isla has intensified or is intensifying. Sea level pressure of 27.52 was reported during the night.

Some increase in size was forecast.

Ships in Ilsa's path were told to use extreme caution. Small craft in the north coastal waters of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the Leeward Islands were advised to stay in port until heavy swells and rough seas subside.

The 5 a.m. advisory located Ilsa at latitude 21.5 north, longitude 61.3 west. It was moving north northwest at 8 m.p.h.

Course Keeps Center In East

WILMINGTON (AP)—Hurricane Helene howled ashore in southeastern North Carolina late this morning with winds above 100 miles an hour.

First reports told of mounting damage but no deaths.

City docks at Southport, port town 30 miles south of Wilmington, washed away, the Weather Bureau said.

The Highway patrol said a few houses at Kure Beach, east of Wilmington, had collapsed under the wind force.

Streets at Wrightsville and Carolina, both widely known summer play spots near here, ran deep with water as torrential rains pounded the coastline.

Hardest reported winds were 120 miles an hour which were clocked at Frying Pan Shoals lightship, off Cape Fear.

The Weather Bureau's 1 p. m., EST advisory located Helene about 40 miles south-southeast of Wilmington, moving northeastward about 10 miles an hour.

The advisory added: "Unusually high storm tides, high waves and heavy seas will flood coastal lands from Myrtle Beach, S. C., to Hatteras, N. C., to heights of seven to ten feet above normal and probably higher in some places.

It is imperative that island beaches and coastal lowlands be evacuated from Cape Fear to Cape Hatteras. Tides north of Hatteras to Norfolk, Va., are expected to rise three to five feet above normal by tonight."

"The expected course and speed of Hurricane Helene will move the center along the southeast of North Carolina, passing near Cape Hatteras at midnight. The highest winds reported so far were 120 miles per hour at Frying Pan Shoals lightship off Wilmington."

This "dangerous" hurricane, her central winds spinning 125-miles-an-hour, was located at 8 a. m. (EST) 40 miles south of Cape Fear, a point of land jutting into the seething Atlantic 30 miles south of Wilmington. The storm's forward speed was 10 miles an hour.

Helene, making the classic turn of Atlantic hurricanes to the north, altered course in the night, apparently sparing South Carolina coastal lands the brunt of her full blow.

Yesterday and last night she had followed a northwest course, but today she swung to the north.

"This would indicate that the center would move very close to Cape Fear late this forenoon attended by winds of 90 to 125 miles per hour in this area and northeastward to Cape Hatteras," said the Weather Bureau's 9 o'clock advisory.

After the 9 a.m., advisory, North Carolina's Gov. Luther Hodges left his Raleigh office and flew to Wilmington, the Cape Fear River port city of 50,000 about 25 miles upstream from the ocean.

Hurricane force winds already had struck the Frying Pan Shoals light ship, which guards the river entrance.

Lesser winds struck beaches east of Wilmington, knocking roofs from lightly built houses. Power lines lay in yards and streets.

Stinging rains poured down, flooding streets and low areas.

Other beaches of the area, particularly Wrightsville and Carolina, were evacuated last night and early today.

Winds of near hurricane force battered beaches near the coastal village of Shallotte, N.C., and blew waves across the beaches. Several persons drowned in this area in a 1954 hurricane.

Whiteville, N.C., a town 35 miles inland, lost its power when 60-mile winds blew down wires.

Myrtle Beach, S.C., a summer playground with a year-round population of 15,000, took on a cheery note as the storm center by-passed it.

"It's looking good here," said Myrtle Beach Mayor W. E. Camfern after a tour along the waterfront. He said he saw only inconsequential damage. Two stores suffered broken display windows. The Civil Aeronautics Administration said Myrtle Beach's hardest winds were gusts of 63 miles an hour.

Hurricane warnings, black and red banners, spanked in the winds northward to North Carolina's treacherous Cape Hatteras coastline and southward to Charleston. Beaches along the 200-mile coast from Charleston to Cape Hatteras were largely deserted.

One death was attributed to the storm, a highway fatality on a rain slicked highway as hurricane fringe rains deluged the coastal areas.

Old hands breathed easier on learning that the highest winds would not hit shore—as feared earlier—at high tide.

But it was scant consolation. Water poured across Seagull Street at Wrightsville Beach, N.C. two hours before high tide.

Hurricane emergency flags were dropped at Charleston, S. C., once directly in the path of the storm and it seemed certain that that city of 200,000 and the threatened area south of there would be spared any serious damage.

The Weather Bureau said winds near the center of the storm will decrease rapidly after the storm moves inland, but the size of the storm—some 300 miles in diameter—will remain the same and gales can be expected. Heavy rains will cover eastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia.

Myrtle Beach is the largest of the beach communities that string almost entirely along the South Carolina and southern North Carolina coasts. It has about 15,000 permanent residents and has been credited with having housed 100,000 during the height of the vacation season. It is the site of the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, a jet fighter base.

One death already was attributed to the storm. Richard Wats, 40, was killed near Whiteville, N.C., when his car skidded on a wet highway and overturned.

The U.S. Weather Bureau made clear very early that Helene was an extremely dangerous storm. It warned that storm tides would be 10 feet higher than normal—perhaps higher in some places. Low coastal areas would be flooded and people who didn't get out before the storm hit wouldn't get out.

With the marks of 1954's Hazel and 1955's Connie, Diane and Ione still visible in some places, beach residents took the warning seriously.

Civil Defense officials, National Guardsmen, the Civil Air Patrol, highway patrolmen and local officials organized swiftly to see that lives—and as much property as possible—were safeguarded.

In some communities evacuation was mandatory. In others only a handful of property owners stayed in the exposed areas.

Only disaster workers and guards remained on Carolina Beach, N. C., a community of some 3,500 permanent residents. A survey showed only five families remaining on Wrightsville Beach, a community of 3,400.

The others sought safety in nearby Wilmington, N. C., some 500 in public shelters.

The same picture was painted along the South Carolina beaches.

Officials feared the storm would

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People Can't Stand People

DENVER (AP)—Dr. Marvin A. Block, chairman of the American Medical Assn. committee on alcoholism, says people are drinking more as a necessary adjunct to conversation.

Among the reasons, Dr. Block says:

"People can't stand each other as people any more."

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throw its biggest punch at high tide.

Red Cross representative Howard Anderson, who witnessed the devastation of Cameron, La., by hurricane Audry last year, said: "The biggest damage is the flooding water. When that water is driven by high winds, it can be rough."

The hurricane shifted slightly toward the north early today. Its earlier course would have pushed the center between Charleston and Georgetown, S. C.

The Red Cross announced in Washington that 48 emergency shelters had been set up along the coast for evacuated families.

More than 50 disaster workers were routed to the area from Beaufort, S. C., north to Wilmington, N. C. It was one of the greatest concentrations in recent years.

An emergency radio communications unit was established at Florence, S. C.

North Carolina's Gov. Luther H. Hodges, attending a crusade sermon of evangelist Billy Graham in Charlotte, N. C., left in the middle of the service. He flew to the capital at Raleigh to confer with Civil Defense officials on disaster plans.

About 15 families on the Isle of Palms refused to seek inland shelter.

Mayor S. V. Sottile said "We pleaded and begged with them to leave but they were determined to sit it out—they want to try and protect their property as much as possible."

Just north of Charleston, on low-lying Goat Island, Henry and Blanche Holloway also refused to leave. The couple, in their 80's, said, "God is going to take care of us all right."

Civil defense operations in South Carolina were being directed from the governor's office in Columbia. Guard units were alerted in 10 South Carolina communities that might fall in the path of the storm.

Such large resort areas as Wrightsville and Carolina beaches in North Carolina, both hard hit by Hurricane Hazel, put their disaster plans into operation early last night.

Helene was the first hurricane to strike or seriously menace the Carolinas in more than three years. But the marks of the killer Hazel in 1954 and Connie, Diane and Ione in 1955 still have not been wholly erased.

Carol and Edna also struck the U.S. in 1954, sweeping on into Long Island and New England and causing some 80 deaths between them.