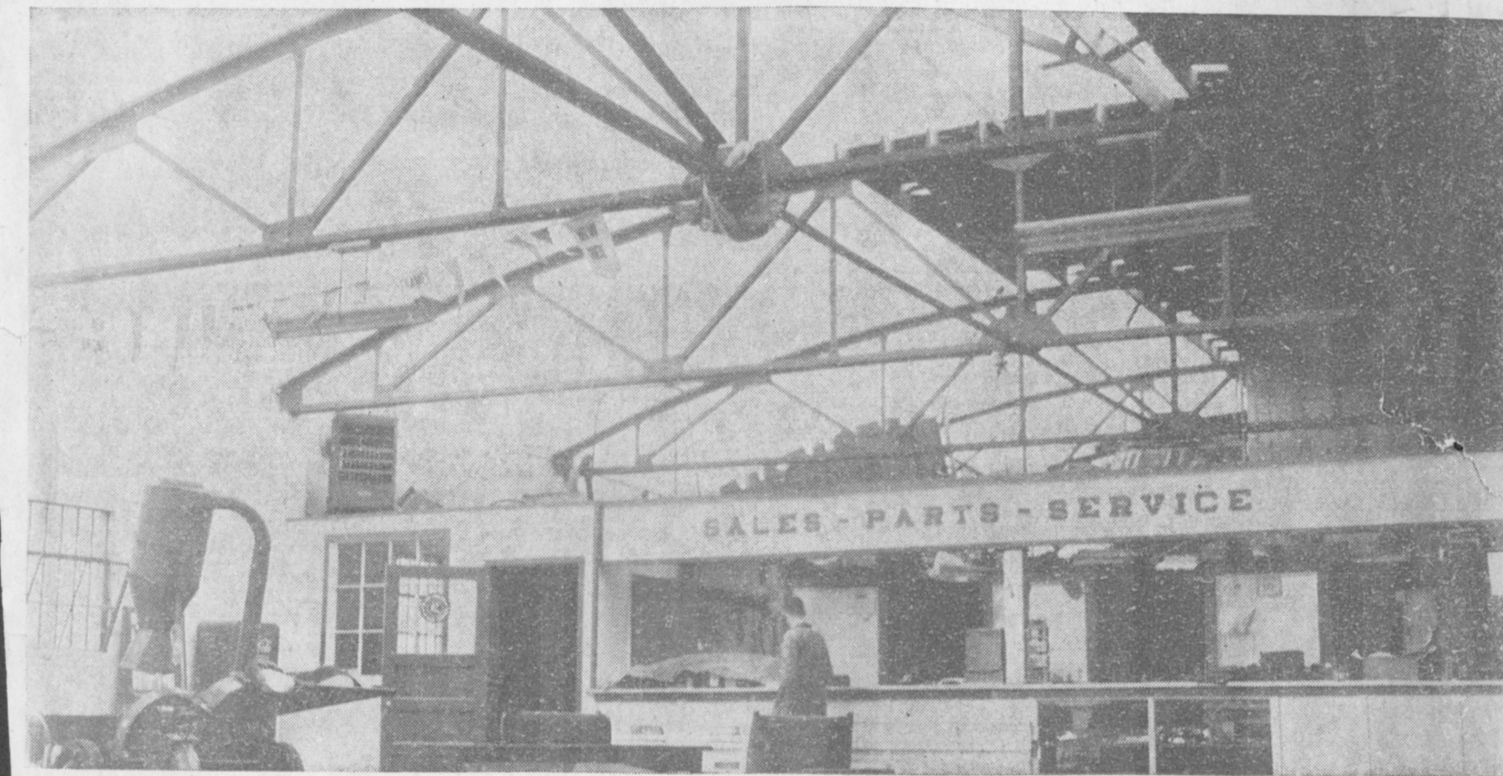


LOSSES HEAVY AS DONNA RIPS THROUGH COUNTY



DAMAGE HEAVY AS ROOF BLOWS OFF AT TALLEY IMPLEMENT CO.



BOATS PILE UP AS WIND, SEAS BATTER DOCKS AT PARK BOAT WORKS

High Winds, Tides Rake Area

Hurricane Donna ripped through Beaufort county in the pre-dawn hours this morning leaving what appears to be a tremendous amount of damage.

Trees were uprooted, power lines blown down, roofs were lifted from buildings, piers were demolished, water gushed into many of the river-front homes and farmers appear to have suffered a staggering loss in corn and soy bean crops.

Heavy rains began to soak the county early yesterday as Donna

weaved up the coast, and a reported one inch of rain pounded the county in a three - hour period last night shortly before the hurricane struck.

At 10:30 p. m. gusty winds began tearing in from the East, and for the next three hours the forward part of Donna pounded the county.

The center of the hurricane appeared to have passed over the county at about 1:30 a. m. and the backside of Donna struck at 2:00 a. m.

The county was taking a solid battering at 3:00 a. m. when the lights first began to flicker, and at 4:00 a. m. winds exceeding 80-miles - per - hour were uprooting trees, tearing down power lines, ripping off roofs and generally laying county property to waste.

Lines at the power plant were beginning to make contact at about 3:00 a. m., resulting in short circuits that caused huge flashes of fire that appeared to city residents to be lightning in the sky. At 4:10 a. m. city power was cut

off to save lines and cut down the hazard, and as a result of this many residents had electricity before 8:00 a.m. today.

At noon most of the nearby circuits had power, but the more distant circuits could not be repaired until the nearer circuits are restored. City workmen will continue making repairs today, tonight, tomorrow and probably Wednesday before full power is restored.

Meanwhile the schools in the county are closed, and there is

little hope that the schools in the lower part of the county will have power tomorrow.

As the Pamlico gushed over its banks to wreck River Shore property, a late report shows that at least five summer homes at River Acres were all but demolished, the streets here in the city were flooded when the river circled the dam, but at noon the water was receding at a noticeable pace, and all streets appeared to be