SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

Thomas A. Edison Said

"There is only one Fort Myers

# Federal Assistance Promised County; Damage in Florida Nears Billion Mark

## Donna Dwindles To Rain Storm In New England

**New York Whipped** By Winds With Some Flooding

BOSTON, Sept. 12 (A) - Hurricane Donna, born in the Caribbean sea, blustered ashore in New England tonight and was dwindling to a rain storm after smashing the mid-Atlantic coast with relentless savagery.

Considerably subdued after spreading death and destruction To Take Typhoid along the coast, Donna moved through northern New England on a northeasterly course with maximum winds of 75 m.p.h.

Donna came ashore near Bridgeport, Conn., and sprawled out on a 120-mile front extending from Connecticut to New Hampshire. The Blue Hills Observatory near Boston reported gusts up to 140 m.p.h. and Block Island, R. I., had gusts to 125

inland, Donna's power was dimin- Joseph Lawrence, health director, termed relatively small. 20 Dead in U.S.

Killed by the storm were 135 persons, 20 of them in the United

well-in-advance alert to its shrieking winds and surging 10-foot Lawrence said was "shoulder-high tides kept damage and loss of on my public health nurse," de- damage,

States of emergency had been ords in the office here. declared for Rhode Island and Massachusetts in advance of the being tank-trucked in, Dr. Law- no communications, storm. But dangerous flooding rence said. A shipment of 600 failed to materialize as peak tides gallons from Fort Myers in a fire tration in Washington designated subsided before the full brunt of truck had to be turned back be- 27 Florida counties as disaster

the hurricane was felt. New York Flooded In New York City, more than

evacuated from 11 public schools age plant to get it working again. surrounded by flooded streets, Nearly 300 additional students to reduce chances of contaminawere marooned without food or tion. Chemical toilets were brought electricity in two other schools, one of them an island in four lieve the disaster conditions. feet of water. But the youngsters were rescued well before night-

The hurricane blustered along at a brisk forward rate, moving at about 40 m.p.h. up the coast. As the hurricane eased its grip on New York in late afternoon, weather bureau Chief Ernest J.

Christie announced:

"This will go down in history as one of the biggest hurricanes that ever hit New York and the metropolitan area. This is the highest I have ever seen the tide

Up to eight inches of rain poured down from dirty, gray skies. It was driven almost laterally by hurricane winds in excess of 80 m.p.h. - outriders of the 130 m.p.h. force of the big storm. Estimates of the damage in- Western Union

flicted from end to end of Florida flicted from end to end of Florida rose to nearly a billion dollars. Slowed by Donna making it the most destructive storm ever to hit that state. But great hurricanes.

The fringe of the storm hit (Continued on Page 5-A)

#### Negro Wants Name Off of Relief List

At the end of a long day of hearing requests for emergency aid and processing the applications of those who were left desthey were, Red Cross workers at the Civic Center yesterday got around to a Negro man who had been waiting patiently for his

"My wife came here without my knowing it and we don't need this help. I've been working take our names off and give the help to those who really need it." His name was not made public.

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### Cape Coral Home Sold Despite Donna

A couple from Akron, Ohio, who had bought a lot in Cape Coral and were on their way here to see their property when the hurricane hit arrived yesterday - and ordered a home to be built immediately. They were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gor-

. It was the first post-Donna sale of a home in the big development on the north bank of the Caloosahatchee River. Cape Coral ,though hard hit by the storm, was back in business.

# Residents Urged

**Everglades Plant** And Supermarket Mired in Mud

(Special to the News-Press) EVERGLADES, Sept. 12-Practically all residents of Collier wake of Hurricane Donna.

Dr. Lawrence said there is a cause the sewage treatment plant at Everglades is not operating- Naples," Dunn said. Weather experts, in marking it's under a foot of mud left by a

life to a surprisingly low level. stroyed all the public health rec-

The only potable water here is

the water. County Sanitarian Bill Clark is 2,000 pupils were successfully attempting to pump out the sewer-It will be cast on an outgoing tide in from Dade County to help re-

> Mud in Supermarket There is no food shortage here but the supermarket has a foot of ard, Martin and Palm Beach, mud covering the floor and can not be opened until water starts flowing through the mains to wash out the mud. Dr. Lawrence said a truckload of food will be shipped in after the store is cleaned out, shores fully exposed to wind and He reported food supplies from the wave, store stashed in a warehouse by

Residents of Everglades, Ochopee, Marco, Goodland and Immokalee and areas of Naples stroyed by far milder storms. where septic tanks are in general by Dade and Broward County tremendous tidal waves that hit 10 times as much at one load.

Commissioner J. M. Davidson had

as a killer it fell short of other 10 hours behind in receiving and pair equipment into the Florida transmitting messages as a result of Hurricane Donna, Manager Robert M. Donaldson said yesterday. About noon the crush of business abated and the office Charlotte High School, Sally

> and St. Petersburg and put our time, James B. Lawless, director bookkeepers on as operators," he of public instruction, announced

## Warnings Help **Cut Death Toll** Down to Nine

**Boom in Keys** May Be Ended By Hurricane

MIAMI, Sept. 12 (AP) - Hurricane Donna's death toll in Florida rose to nine today while damage estimates soared close to the billion dollar mark.

The body of Mrs. Hanson Cutler, 57, was found on the shore of the Halifax River at Daytona Beach. Her husband said she went out to view the storm at its height and presumably was hurled into the river by the wind. On the west coast, rescue workers located the body of George Brainerd at Bonita Beach. In addition a Bonita Beach man was listed as missing and presumed dead and three Fort Myers area men died of heart attacks

during the storm. Warnings Heeded

Chief Storm Forecaster Gor-Within six hours after heading County today were advised by Dr. don Dunn said the respect Floridians showed for the hurricane ished sharply and damage and de- to get typhoid shots as a precaution prevented a high death toll. struction in New England was against a possible epidemic in the Thousands evacuated the Florida Keys before the storm.

"If they had ignored the warn-"potential danger" of typhoid be- ings, we could very easily have 500 dead in the keys and around In property destruction, Donna

it's under a foot of mud left by a it's under a foot of under a foot o - did only 75 million dollars

Estimates at this stage were largely guesswork. Many hardhit areas still were isolated, with

The Small Business Adminiscause there was no place to store areas, enabling owners of homes businesses and charitable institutions to apply to the agency for loans to repair damage.

The counties were Charlotte, Collier, Dade, DeSoto, Flagler, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Hillsberough, Lake, Lee, Manatee, Monroe, Okeechebee, Orange, Pinellas, Polk, St. Johns, Sarasota, Seminole, Volusia, Osceola, Indian River, St. Lucie, Brow-

Keys Boom Broken The hurricane apparently broke the building boom on the Florida Keys, where many pretty homes had been erected on low-lying

There is no hurricane building code in the keys such as in other South Florida areas and many of the structures torn to pieces by Donna would have been de-

Even the strong Miami homes, exposed beaches in the Keys, Experts were agreed that real estate and resort development on the Keys will come to a stop and will not be started again for a

long time. Air Force planes flew Army Western Union was as much as engineers and heavy bridge re-(Continued on Page 6-A)

CHARLOTTE SCHOOLS PUNTA GORDA, Sept. 12 was lagging only about one hour. Jones Elementary School and "We got some extra help in Baker Academy will be in opfrom West Palm Beach, Tampa eration Tuesday at the regular

titute by the hurricane, or said New Hurricane May Develop

## Turbulent Area Found "I want you to take our name off the list for help," he said. Near Leeward Islands

SAN JUAN, P. R., Sept. 12 (49) from a beating administered eight steady for 14 months without ered today in the Atlantic north- were warned to be alert for later missing a day. I want you to east of the Leeward Islands and bulletins and stand by for quick surrounding conditions were "fav- should take place. hurricane."

Kitts and Guadeloupe.

A hurricane hunter airplane in- taken by Donna. vestigated the area this afterwas planned tomorrow,

..... 7B ward Islands, still mopping up ter conditions.

- A turbulent area was discov- days ago by Hurricane Donna, weather forecasters at Miami said action if hurricane development orable for development of another . Thunderstorms were reported

throughout the Leeward and The squally area, with highest northern Windward Islands, The winds about 30 miles per hour, is storm, which will be known as northeast of the islands of St. Ethel if it develops into a hurricone, is just north of the path

Gilbert Clark, Miami weather noon and further reconnaissance forecaster, also said a low pres- gaining hard ground. sure trough in the Gulf of Mexico The Weather Bureau said no was under observation. He said night," said Brown, " and the center or eye to the storm has dry, cold air in the area would silence was complete." been found. There was some evi- likely prevent development of a to form in the upper portion of to move across southern Florida, will be resumed two days earlier mounted posse were on patrol at truck, which announced the cur- homes. however, bringing rainfall which because of the midnight trek of Bonita Beach. Chief Deputy J. few. Water, off for a short while, No announcement has yet been People in the northern Lee- would aggravate present high wa- the four volunteers through the Howard Greer and Deputy Bill was coming through the faucets made as to when classes will re-



Congressman Paul G. Rogers flew here yesterday to inspect hurricane damage with view to federal assistance and conferred with officials at disaster headquarters. Left to right are Bill Owens, assistant civil defense director; Rogers, Sheriff Flanders Thompson and Willard Boyce, disaster co-chairman.

## Insurance Schedule **Drafted for Repairs**

### 3 Million Seen As Storm Losses For Charlotte

Estimated 1,220 **Homes Damaged** In Punta Gorda

By DOROTHY ROUNTREE

PUNTA GORDA, Sept. 12 -Residents of Charlotte County today set about repairing hurrimated would run at least three million dollars, including an estimated 1,220 homes damaged and 18 demolished in Punta Gorda.

The city water in Funta Gorda, Port Charlotte and Cape Haze was declared safe to drink. Some lights and telephones were restored and officials said most should be back by Tuesday. Schools were suspended pending clearing of roads and repairs to school buildings which were dam-

it will take \$40,000 to \$50,000 and six weeks to clear the debris rapuse were advised to get the typhoid built to withstand mighty winds, to buy a chipper, a machine that shots. Serum was being sent here couldn't be expected to endure the will grind up the debris and take

Already the streets are lined with piles of trees, limbs and smaller shrubs but there is still a lot more to be done. Some people cut the tops or "cabbage" Miami, "We were big enough to from the fallen royal palms to build Lee County and now we'll eat and found it good.

Seek Migrant Labor James H. Simmons, Civil Defense director, said an effort is (Continued on Page 2-A)

#### Men Start Tough Job of Restoring Immokalee Power

(Special to the News-Press)
IMMOKALEE, Sept. 12 Four men walked a dragline through the dark solitude of Corkscrew Swamp last night to rendezvous with power company men at daylight and begin the job of bringing power back to Immokalee.

After an aerial line survey by the power company, Buddy Carter, Chester Walker, Joe P. Brown and a dragline operator identified only as Roscoe set out through the swamp. They had with them a jeep, truck and lowboy and other equipment to help resettle six broken power poles and downed lines on the 66,000volt line to Immokalee. Brown the four waded through said waist deep water, forded seven road washouts, and at times had to winch out the jeep and tow the truck and lowboy before re-

"The darkness was real this

Although Immokalee won't isolated swamp.

#### **Appraisers Meet** With Contractors: Miamians Ousted

By JEWELL DEAN

Efforts to work out prices for hurricane repairs which will run into millions of dollars in Lee County had rough going as tempers exploded yesterday afternoon at a meeting of insurance appraisers and contractors. But an understanding was reached last night and restoration work here is expected to proceed quick-

ly and smoothly. The flare-up took place after an unidentified Miamian, who said cane damage which officials esti- he was a member of accredited contractors' organizations, asserted prices being read off as acceptable here were too low.

Robert Kuehn of Shouse Construction Co. took the floor to say that the hurricane damage "will for later."

The statement brought another "up here to help you out."

idly being piled in front of homes to Miami," asserted Dean Jaye, a island took a beating. in the city. Plans are being made local contractor, "then in three

Back to Miami "Go on back to Miami." declared James Bingham of Castle Homes, addressing a dozen from

put it back together again." The Miamians left. They were not the only ones to

break into the reading of a price for some particular repair and assert that it was less than what the contractors would have to charge. Early in the informal session at the Morgan Hotel George

#### Beach Residents Show Fine Spirit

Fort Myers Beach residents were knocked to their knees but they're picking up and showing great spirit" Sheriff Flanders (Snag) Thompson reported.

"I've never seen the like," Thompson said. "They're working up and cleaning up and helping each other." He said Fire Chief Walter C.

Thomas, in charge after Joe Busta was injured in the storm Saturday night, commented, "We're building back and doing it right." the local unit, 18 volunteer Beach to hit this area. firemen and two deputies were by boat.

Sheffield were in charge there. again.

## **End of Captiva** Largely Washed Away by Storm

New Entrance to Blind Pass Cut; Islands Hard Hit

(Editor's Note: The general mana-ger of the News-Presa delivered the first papers since the storm to Boca Grande by plane yesterday and then made an aerial survey of the Lee County islands from there to Bonita Beach. This is his account.)

By CHESLEY F. PERRY

The lower end of Upper Capthe hurricane.

washing over the island yesterday what will doubtless become new from the air, conferred with of- rector, called a "pretty pink burst passes in the area one mile north ficials here and announced he of lightning." was cut through the island by a with the federal programs being headquarters and the police station storm many years ago.

A new entrance to Blind Pass draw jackleg contractors in here, was cut on the Gulf side only oneand I've seen evidence of sub- fourth mile from the Blind Pass standard work taking place today bridge. Water was flowing freely which property owners will ex- through this opening into the pect insurance companies to pay Gulf and it appeared navigable for small boats.

From the air it appeared that Miamian to the floor bristling. He the South Seas Plantation on the City Manager C. C. Ryan said defended Miami contractors as northern tip of Captiva Island withstood the storm well. But a "You put a roof on and go back couple of miles farther south the

There was a breach in the seayears when it goes bad we here wall in front of Gulf View Inn In Big Demand get the blame and have to do the and one beachfront residence appeared largely destroyed. Dozens of big Australian pines were down on Captiva and beach ero-

sion was heavy. Sanibel appeared to have fared better than Captiva with little water damage. There were a lot of houses with roofing materials torn off but over half appeared undamaged from the air. Only one (Continued on Page 6-A)

> COUNCIL TO MEET The City Council will hold a

special meeting tonight at City Hall to approve vouchers and discuss the hurricane cleanup. Mayor George M. French requested those against dogs to stay away as that discussion will not be reopened at and Florida generally, along with

Power Returning to City

## Curfew Would Bar Thompson said. "They're working like a bunch of beavers, picking up and cleaning up and halans." Any Naples Looting

NAPLES, Sept. 12-Civil De- though supplies were limited. Six national guardsmen from dig out from the worst storm ever opened.

fense authorities, wary of pos- Roofing, badly needed, was in sible looters in hurricane-torn Na- short supply. Glass to repair ples, imposed an 8 p.m. curfew blown out windows was on its last night as residents began to way. Some businesses have re-Many large Naples estates were

Grocery stores opened today al-

No one was able yet to estimate hit hard by the hurricane all the keeping guard to prevent outsid- the damage in terms of money, way back to Naples Bay. Water ers from getting on the island but in terms of ruined homes, de- in the Crayton Cove area reached and looting broken houses and molished businesses and inter- a depth of 30 inches. The Collier trailers, and the Coast Guard rupted lives it was overpowering. County News building was knee Auxiliary flotilla had boat patrols | Power was resumed in most deep in water, a combination of out to prevent access to the beach sections last night but telephones rain and bay water. Mud was were still dead in many areas, everywhere and residents were Thompson said a crew of boat- Communications were maintained busy clearing out the jumble of dence of a circulation attempting hurricane. The trough was likely have power for about a week, it men and six members of his within the city by a loudspeaker debris from sidewalks, yards and

sume at the schools.

## Disaster Area **Proclaimed Here** By Eisenhower

Low Interest Loans to Be Available; Rogers Here to Push Program of Aid; City Makes Progress in Cleanup Work

By PETE PACKETT

Lee County was designated a major disaster area by President Eisenhower yesterday, along with other hurricane-hit sections of the state, and federal aid was promised swiftly as residents set about cleaning up and repairing damage so widespread that officials still could not estimate the total.

The federal aid came on three fronts:

1. The presidential disaster designation, at Gov. Collins' request, makes federal money available to help repair publicly owned facilities such as roads, bridges, public buildings and sanitation and waters

Service in Sight

For Pine Island,

Power was restored to about 65

Co.'s 17,000 customers last night

and Lee County Electric Coopera-

Inter-County Telephone Co. said

75 per cent of the phones in Lee

County were in working order as

While restoration was being made

as the flash and roar startled wit-

power company did not know the

The Way Lines Go

Power and Light said, "We're hop-

ing to have everybody back on

-"You may have power down one

side of a street and not have it on

the other side, the way our lines

He could give no figures on the

number of poles and transformers

to be replaced. "It's not important

how many we lost," he said. "We

survey crews and what is import-

Lee County Electric Cooperative

go," Sanders said.

service by Wednesday night.

truck driver killed when his truck | There were many scattered areas

went off Edison Bridge Satur- where power had not been restored

Manager J. L. Sanders of Florida

of riorida Power & Light

Lehigh Acres

systems and remove debris. **Power Restored** 2. The Small Business Admineistration declared 27 counties including Lee, Collier, Charlotte **To Many Sections** and Hendry a hurricane disaster area. This makes low-interest loans available to businessmen Of Fort Myers and home-owners to repair damage. An SBA field office will be

set up in Fort Myers. 3. The Agriculture Department similarly designated 32 counties including Lee, Collier, Charlotte

Two full pages of hurricane pictures from this area are published on Pages 4-B and 5-B.

and Hendry a disaster area, en- tive hoped to restore service by abling hard-hit growers to obtain midnight to about half of North rehabilitation loans at low in- Fort Myers and Pine Island. terest from the Farmers Home

Administration. Collins Delayed

Collins, scheduled to visit Fort repairs on Hurricane Donna's damtiva Island north of Captiva Pass Myers yesterday, was delayed age were pushed. has been largely washed away by at Marathon in the Keys but plans to fly from Miami today to elsewhere, a power line at First Water, at normal tide, was Naples, Fort Myers and Lakeland, and Carson Streets serving the City Congressman Paul G. Rogers Hall block burned up in what Bill in at least three places, creating flew in, inspected damaged areas Owens, assistant Civil Defense di-

of Redfish Pass, Redfish Pass would "do what I can to help The lights went out in disaster set up." Meanwhile the bodies of two nesses at about 10:30 p.m. The victims of Hurricane Donna were recovered. Searchers found the cause of the trouble immediately, body of George Brainerd, Bonita Beach grocer, a half-mile from his demolished building. Electric company linemen located the

body of J. H. Jackson, Tampa

## News-Press Issue

Yesterday's issue of the News-Press carrying full accounts of had them all spotted on the map by the hurricane and its destruction in Fort Myers and the rest of ant is to know where they are. Southwest Florida, along with three pages of pictures, was in such de- was waiting for Florida Power & mand that the pressmen had to be Light Co to bring in a 69,000-volt called in to print 5,500 extra copies highline from the Punta Gorda subduring the day. Only about 200 station to supply North Fort Myers

were left. Most of those seeking extra copies mailed them to friends and relatives in the North. The issue carried separate stories detailing the hurricane damage in Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach, Sanibel - Captiva, Bonita Beach, Punta Gorda, interested in the ordinance Naples, Everglades, Immokalee, Estero, Pine Island, Lehigh Acres other hurricane news.

#### with power, said Manager Homer T. Welch. No Power Yet That would provide service to

Pine Island as far as the cable break at St. James City, he said, and give partial service to North Fort Myers. "We have restored a lot of lines but no power," Welch

#### Dry Ice Rushed Into Fort Myers

Sixty thousand pounds of dry ice to help meet refrigeration needs was brought into Fort Myers yesterday through the Civil Defense organization, Willard D. Boyce, disaster vice chairman, reported. He said it meets an urgent need to help prevent food spoilage. The dry ice may be nurchcased from Manatee Ice Co.

#### The Weatherman Says:

Partly cloudy with few widely scattered afternoon showers. low 74-78, high near 90, south westerly winds 10-15

miles per hour. East Gulf marine forecast: Small craft warnings displayed Naples northward to Cedar Key, west and southwest winds 15 to 25 knots except winds occasionally up to 30 knots in scattered showers, winds becoming northwesterly extreme north portion. Partly cloudy

with scattered showers. (Full weather report P. 2A.)