

Debbie Brings Rain To Area

First General Rain Since July Falls In Rockingham

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The area of the Shenandoah Valley received its first general rain since late July yesterday and last night as Gulf-born Hurricane Debbie moved northward with little wind and welcome precipitation.

The Dale Enterprise weather station measured .75 inch at sunset last night, the most for any day since .83 was registered on July 23. Yesterday's rainfall was more than three times the .23 inch reported there for the entire month of August.

Two Day Total

The Rawley Springs weather station, west of Dale Enterprise, reported .70 to bring the two-day total to 1.58 inches. Madison College measured .58 inch, also the most since July.

While the rain appeared general from the early morning until late in the day, Elkton reported that the fall there was not as heavy as in the Harrisonburg area.

Many communities have benefited from showers since July 23 but few of the showers fell at Dale Enterprise. This station registered .10 inch Saturday. In August, there were only three showers, the heaviest being .12 inch on the 26th. Madison College reported

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Debbie Brings Some Rainfall

FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla., Sept. 8 (AP) — Tropical storm Debbie moved inland in the Fort Walton Beach area today without causing any reported damage.

Eglin Air Force Base north of here recorded sustained winds slightly in excess of 35 miles an hour and 1.6 inches of rain between midnight and mid-morning. There were no reports of property damage at Pensacola, Panama City and Port St. Joe.

The Weather Bureau at New Orleans said the storm would continue moving northeastward with possible rains of up to five inches spreading into Georgia during the day.

Small craft were warned to remain in port from Mobile Ala., east and south through the Florida Keys until winds and tides subside.

Scattered squalls were expected over most of northwest Florida and over the extreme northeast portion of the Gulf of Mexico throughout the day.

Debbie's winds pushed damaging high tides against the Gulf Coast of peninsular Florida and dumped up to an estimated five inches of rain on that area.

Workers saved a house from being washed into the gulf during a flood caused by tides at Clearwater. Neighbors, city workers and jail prisoners fought with sandbags against a washout that threatened to sweep away a beachside home.

A Pinellas county commissioner said rainfall must have reached five inches in upper Pinellas.

Tides two to three feet above normal washed out a seawall at St. Petersburg, also in Pinellas county. Winds in gusts to 52 miles an hour damaged Tampa business buildings' roofs to the extent of \$5,300, police said.

State Road 60 between Bartow and Mulberry, was flooded for a mile to a depth as great as three feet.

Power interruptions occurred in Tampa, Clearwater, Dunedin, Largo and parts of Jacksonville.

Tropical Storm Moves Inland

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A tropical storm—called Debbie by the Weather Bureau—moved into the southeast Sunday night with steadily diminishing vigor.

Debbie was not as fearsome as weather observers forecast and failed to produce expected high-velocity winds. Strongest gusts were reported at Jacksonville, Fla., where the wind reached 60 m.p.h.

What Debbie lacked in wind she made up in rainfall.

Two to four inch rains accompanied the storm across most of northern Florida into Georgia. The area of rainfall extended from Georgia into the Tennessee Valley across the Carolinas and into Virginia.

Meanwhile, scattered showers marked cloudy weather that rules the eastern third of the country. Rain fell in New England and the Ohio Valley.

Fair, cool weather dominated the Mississippi Valley and west of the Central Plains to the Pacific Coast.

The Midwest had cool refreshing autumn air. Limited shower activity was reported in eastern New Mexico and the mountains of Montana.