

Another major flood occurred in the James River in September 1944, The crest at Richmond was

22.4 on the 21st.

The wettest month of record was July 1945 with a total rainfall of 16.08 inches.

Of this amount, 5.72 inches fell in a 24-hour period on the 17th-18th.

High water in Gillie Creek weakened a bridge on Government Road near the Weather Bureau

Office so that it gave way under a loaded bus, and three lives were lost.

During this period there were hundreds of complaints of flooded basements in the City.

Sept. 14, 1944, the "Great Hurricane": Heavy rain and high winds lashed the Virginia Beach area, producing extensive damage along the coast. The wind reached 134 mph and gusted to 150 mph at Cape Henry.