

AUBURN, ALA. – At 3:33 p.m. Tuesday a tornado touched down on College Street in Auburn resulting in one fatality. The Weather Bureau at Auburn University had become concerned earlier in the afternoon because of ideal conditions for a tornado and released a tornado watch at 2 p.m.

Evelyn Morrison was on her way out of the Big Band Record Shop to her car when she was hit by a falling limb. The coroner listed the cause of death as severe brain trauma. She was a teller at Regions bank since retiring from Cary Woods Elementary School. No funeral arrangements have been set at this time.

Several businesses along College and Gay Streets received minor damage. No damages or injuries were reported at Auburn University.

Several homes were damaged, however. Mayor Bill Ham's house and two other homes on the 1200 block of College Street were damaged. Ham's house had the roof torn off and the other homes reported minor damage from flying limbs.

"Thank goodness the tornado hit when it did," said Clyde Plenty, vice president of Regions Bank. "We had closed up about 3 o'clock, and nobody was in the building." The bank was temporarily being housed in a mobile home while the permanent building was being built. The building was not damaged, but the mobile home was destroyed. Some of their records were destroyed, but nothing that could not be replaced.

The A&P grocery store and the record shop did not fare as well. At least four people had to go to the hospital. According to officials, two people were treated for minor cuts and released, and one more is being kept overnight because of more serious cuts. He is listed in good condition. One person had major injuries after being buried by an aisle of canned goods at the A&P. Yesterday at 8 p.m. she had just come out of surgery and was listed in critical condition.

In all, the damages from the tornado were estimated at about \$150,000. "That part of College Street looks like a bomb has been dropped on it," said Ham.