

more serious to be expected than "shifting easterly gales."

The Cooperative Weather Observer in Bridgehampton, the late Ernest S. Clowes, decided to call the New York office of the Weather Bureau, and on the basis of what he was told telephoned the newspapers in the neighboring villages to spread warnings.

The hurricane was first reported some 500 miles east of Florida early in the week. Florida was carefully warned and prepared for it, but the wind veered to the north along the coast about 100 miles out to sea and headed north.

Trains made attempts to bring people off Montauk, but were able to reach only Napeague, where the tracks were completely washed out. They returned to Montauk, where the passengers were put up at the Montauk Manor.

Southampton's only casualties were two women, Mrs. Della Johnson and Mrs. Florence Hunter, who were on their way to the hospital where Mrs. Hunter's daughter had recently given birth. They were caught by the fury of the wind and tossed into the lake, where they drowned.

Southold Town historian Wayland Jefferson, writing in The Greenport Times, remarked that "locally we look on the blow of 1938 as being the king of them all."

"Fifty years ago there were people who considered that the September gale of 1869 was the supreme monarch of the winds. But going back to the 23d of September, 1815, the reports indicate that there has been nothing in violence and damage to match that storm."

Across the sea, at that time, another great storm was brewing in Europe. President Eduard Benes of Czechoslovakia ordered the general mobilization of the army as Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain sought a last-minute reassurance from Adolf Hitler, to no avail. World War II was on its way.



Wreckage of the Harris House in Southampton. Loaned by Mrs. Virginia M. Curtis.



The Henderson House, part of which floated across to the Meadow Club. (Curtis)



St. Andrew's Dune Church, which was badly damaged. It has been restored to its former condition through the devoted efforts of its parishioners. Loaned by Alice Bishop Corcoran.



Remains of the Donahue indoor swimming pool. (Corcoran)



Where the Atlantic Ocean flowed into Lake Agawam. (Corcoran)



The E. M. Byers house seems to be floating on air, and very nearly was, with much of its foundation washed away. (Corcoran)



South Main Street in Southampton, where many stately elms were knocked down. (Corcoran)

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