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29 TOLL OF HURRICANE DEAD HERE

23 Bodies Recovered, Six are Still Missing

Death by the hurricane, most grim of reapers, took a heavy toll in Westhampton Beach when 29 people lost their lives, of which number six are still missing. From early that fateful Wednesday night until yesterday morning the waters one by one disclosed more victims of Nature's destructive fury when wind and sea are aroused. The first body to be recovered, that of Mrs. James L. Pinks, was taken to the Country Club, which became the makeshift morgue. There flashlights and candles gave an even more eerie atmosphere to the already gruesome scene as distraught relatives came in to identify the bodies. Through that night and the succeeding days the bruised and battered bodies were brought in to await some one to claim them before the last sad rites could be performed.

The body found most recently was that of Robert Melvin, the colored bartender at the Surf and Dune Club. Mr. Melvin was 35 years old and made his residence at 530 Third Street, West Palm Beach, Fla. He remains were found floating in the Yacht Basin. On Wednesday three other bodies had been recovered, those of Miss Agnes Clelland, aged 65, maid of Mrs. MacFarlane, and Thomas Fay, Jr., and Charles Lucas, Jr., of Quogue. Hopes are gone that any of those recorded as missing will turn up alive. It is feared that further bodies will be discovered underneath the wreckage and may be in unrecognizable condition. Further fears have been expressed that some of the victims of the catastrophe have been taken far out to sea and may never be found. In spite of the awful number drowned there were many who would have been taken had not the valiance of rescuers and the calm actions on the part of the marooned cheated death.

Many are the stories of thrilling rescues and escapes. Chief of Police Stanley J. Teller and Officer Timothy J. Robinson helped rescue 17 people who became stranded in Mrs. Frances B. Stebbins' house, which was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. T. Martin.

Teller got a call for aid from the beach during the storm and started up along Beach Lane in one of the village police cars. On the way he met Robinson in the other police car and called to him to follow. They arrived at the dune house of Mrs. Herbert J. McCooney, and got the occupants into the next dwelling east, the Martin home, where other neighbors also gathered. The party included three McCooney children, Richard and Robert, six-year-old twins, and John McCooney, aged 9, the McCooney chauffeur and maid, Mr. Martin and two maids, Mrs. Carl H. Kappes, her daughter, Miss Eleanor Kappes, and a maid; Mrs. Frances B. Stebbins and a maid and an unidentified young couple.

The party went to the top floor of the house, which was taken off its foundation by the waves. After staying afloat through a hectic and frightening ride across the bay, the building finally lodged in the rear of the Breeze Lawn House in Quogue, its cargo of human lives safe. Several of the people were taken to the Quogue school for first aid.

Wallace H. Halsey of Southampton, who was returning home on the Dune Road, was with the group at first but did not get in the house and was swept away by the sea. He managed to stay afloat with the aid of wreckage and got safely to shore.

Adrian Ball, shop foreman of the Hampton Chronicle, helped Mrs. Annie Robinson and her daughter, Miss Hilda Jane Robinson, from their home in an apartment above the Chronicle office, and later in the afternoon waded and swam to an island in the meadow at the foot of Potunk Lane and rescued two unidentified women, who were standing up to their necks in water.

Louis Green, who was working on a plumbing job at the Dune Deck when the hurricane struck, performed an outstanding feat of heroism when he brought Mrs. Thomas J. Brennan and her colored maid across the bay to safety. He does not know how to swim.

When the water began to threaten the dunes, Mr. Green saw Mrs. Brennan and the maid coming down Dune Road towards the Dune Deck, because their cottage, directly west of the hotel, had begun to shudder and strain at its foundations. Mr. Green ran to meet the pair and took them with him to the small gas station across the street from the hotel.

Soon the gas station became unsafe, and as the water came thundering over the dunes, Mr. Green put the couple on a piece of floating boardwalk and then scrambled aboard. Huge pieces of wreckage, including a tank, which finally came to rest behind the Country Club on the first green, threatened to smash the frail raft. Because of this Mr. Green changed rafts midway across the bay in favor of a more substantial piece of wreckage. The three finally came

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MAYOR BISHOP PRAISES WORKERS

Mayor Ernest H. Bishop told the Hampton Chronicle reporter that he is deeply grateful for the way all agencies have co-operated to expedite the relief work in the stricken areas of this village.

"All organizations have co-operated one hundred per cent in every way," said Mayor Bishop. "The WPA boys, the County Welfare Department, the Mosquito Commission and the county D. A.'s office have all spared no effort to return Westhampton Beach as quickly as possible to a near normal state. County Sheriff Jacob S. Dreyer and his office have been of inestimable aid."

"I want to express my appreciation especially to the volunteer Naval Reserve Radio Communications detail from Riverhead, composed of Means, Snell and Stivers; Captain Gaffney and Lieutenant Gay of Troop K, Hawthorne, N. Y., who are in command of the State Police here, and Captain Flynn, of Troop L, Babylon; Chief Boatwain Mate James Ketcham and all Coast Guardsmen, particularly Surfman John Avery; Walter 'Frog' Chapman of the Suffolk Airport and his assistant pilots; Fire Chief Aubrey F. Jessup and his entire department of volunteer firemen; the local chapter of the American Red Cross under the direction of Mrs. Edward H. Stevens, local chairman; legionnaires, Veterans of Foreign Wars, volunteer firemen and police from over Suffolk County; Hermon F. Bishop, Harry Tutill and Lee Dennison, and the entire personnel of the Suffolk County Highway Department; the Civilian Committee, which filled a very vital need during the first hours of the disaster; Coroner Morley B. Lewis, Dr. Leray B. Davis, Dr. Seth Ransom Jagger and Dr. Donald R. Keller and their assistants; the Salvation Army, Postmaster Mabel B. Williams and her assistants; all Federal, State, county and town departments, all employees and officials of public service corporations."

"I wish particularly to thank the volunteer group of ladies, who on their own initiative, set up on Thursday morning the relief kitchen now run by the county at the Dress Circle, Inc., in the Heelbarp Building. Father Joseph S. Siomski, the Rev. Messrs. Arnold M. Lewis, Thomas Coyne and George Y. Flint and Father Gordon Wadhams have helped by their courage and by pitching in admirably. And to George W. Percy and Basil O'Connor, who worked long hours in the Village Office, we all owe a debt of gratitude."

"Chief of Police Stanley J. Teller and Officer Timothy Robinson did the heroic work we expected them to do. I wish to commend the fine spirit, co-operation and courage of the residents of this community, many of whom, despite their loss of loved ones and property, shelved their own troubles and pitched in to help for the public good."

"To all of these and to everyone else who showed such fine spirit in these dark days for Westhampton Beach, I wish to express my personal appreciation. Of course, at this time it is practically impossible to mention all the people not connected with any department or organization who have done excellent work for the general cause."

Mr. Bishop did not mention his own sleepless hours and his efforts at coordination of agencies. He did all in his power to aid the village he serves. On Friday Mr. Bishop received a personal telephone call from Governor Herbert H. Lehman, in which the Governor offered all possible assistance to the village.

SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE DECLINES WPA AID

The Village Board of Southampton on Monday voted to decline an offer of WPA aid in cleaning up after the hurricane. Many trees were blown over and considerable damage was done to the ocean waterfront.

After the Village Board meeting Mayor Albert P. Loening said:

"The Village Board has declined WPA aid in cleaning up the highways and for other rehabilitation work in the village. In Southampton we have always been able to handle our own affairs in the 300 years of our existence. The Village Board appreciates WPA offers of help, but the members feel that the sister communities of Southampton, which sustained greater damage, should receive whatsoever assistance would have gone to us."

As part of his contribution to relief work, "Frog" Chapman, operator of the Suffolk Airport, used 600 gallons of gasoline, plus oil and time, in planes he sent over the bay in search of bodies and stranded refugees.

- LIST KNOWN DEAD**
Westhampton Beach
- Bailey, Beulah, Maid at Surf and Dune Club.
 - Beagaw, Mrs. Katherine, aged 53, of 722 Berkeley Ave., Orange, N. J.
 - Bragaw, Miss Carolyn, aged 18, daughter of the above.
 - Brown, Mrs. Peggy, aged 21, wife of Peter C. Brown, of 50 Montgomery Place, Brooklyn.
 - Clelland, Miss Agnes, aged 67, maid in household of Archibald MacFarlane.
 - Dalin, Carl E., aged 67, of 44 Hawthorne Ave., Williston Park, L. I.
 - Dalin, Selma M., aged 64, wife of Carl E. Dalin.
 - Dougllass, Payson Stone, aged 53, of Llewellyn Park, West Orange, N. J.
 - Flagge, Mrs. Marianna Bishop, aged 76, of New Rochelle, N. Y.
 - Foley, Mrs. Leo, aged 50, of 426 Clermont St., Brooklyn.
 - Jarvis, Mrs. William, aged 63, of Westhampton Beach.
 - Jenkins, Lena, colored, aged 44, of Charleston, West Virginia. Employed at Gunning Point House.
 - King, Mrs. John L., aged 60, of Westhampton Beach.
 - Lee, Mrs. Edward P., aged 52, of South Orange, N. J.
 - Lewis, Warren G., aged 55, proprietor Surf and Dune Club.
 - Lewis, Frances, aged 63, wife of Warren G. Lewis.
 - Melvin, Robert, colored, aged 34, bartender at Surf and Dune Club.
 - Mudford, Mrs. Katherine, aged 65, of 840 Union St., Brooklyn. Hostess at Surf and Dune Club.
 - O'Brien, Mrs. J. F., aged 30, of 381 Central Park West, New York City.
 - Pinks, Mrs. James L., aged 55, of 909 Park Avenue, New York City.
 - Schlater, Mrs. Charles W., aged 51, of Washington, D. C.
 - Seeley, Anna, aged 37, colored, of 35 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn.
 - Williams, Mrs. Alberta Rivers, aged 44, of Quogue.
- QUOGUE**
- Fay, Thomas, Jr., aged 21, of Quogue.
 - Luca, Charles, Jr., aged 20, of Quogue.
- EASTPORT**
- Hawkins, Marshall, aged 25, of Eastport.
 - Raynor, Oliver, aged 45, of Eastport. Both bodies found south side of bay.
- MASTIC**
- Manafeld, William O., of Hollis.
- SOUTHAMPTON**
- Johnson, Mrs. Delia Lee, colored, drowned.
 - Hunt, Mrs. Florence Lee, colored, drowned.
- BRIDGEHAMPTON**
- James, Alex, killed when car went through Sagaponack bridge.
- EAST HAMPTON**
- Grace, Dominic, killed when garage caved in.
- MONTAUK**
- Edwards, Capt. Samuel. Body found floating near Block Island.
- SHELTER ISLAND**
- Griffin, Roy P., drowned after sinking of fishing steamer Ocean View.
- GREENPORT**
- Starvis, David, colored, of Reedville, Va. Deckhand on steamer Ocean View.
- SOUTHOLD**
- Young, Emmett, aged 36, died from injuries received when he was blown off the roof of a building.
- SAYVILLE**
- Green, Frank W., aged 57. Body found floating in Great South Bay.
- CAPTREE ISLAND**
- Tooker, John, aged 60, drowned.
- SALTAIRE**
- Bazinet, Mme. D. V., drowned.
 - Davis, Mrs. Walter, drowned.
 - Hans, Mrs. Mae, of Brooklyn, drowned.
- MISSING**
- Westhampton Beach
- Brown, Judith, aged 7 mo., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter C. Brown.
 - Jarvis, William, of Westhampton Beach.
 - Jefferson, Eloise, colored, maid at Connolly's.
 - Johnson, Mrs. Mary N., mother of Mrs. J. F. O'Brien.
 - Melvin, Mrs. Ethel, maid at Bragaw's.
 - Schlater, Charles W., of Washington, D. C.

IMPRESSIONS

The countless tales of heroism on all sides and the modesty of the heroes.

Many of the victims of the storm not knowing the names of those to whom they owe their lives.

The patio, storm headquarters, with the Bradleys trying to take care of everyone and doing a wonderful job; with Jack doing his part putting in a consoling word to those frantically worried people.

At the Jessup Cottage—also taking in all and serving a hot dinner by some miracle.

The ever-increasing line of people at the Village Office. And as the night wore on the great white light they set up, making the scene ever more nightmarish.

The pitch blackness of Main Street with guards posted every few feet.

Mrs. Burkhardt arriving at the side door of the Howell House in a bathing suit, having swam across the bay. The party of refugees sitting around the fire in the main lounge all night waiting word of missing relatives and friends.

The Moorland, also a haven for victims of the storm. Mr. Kenny helped many people out of the water on Beach Lane.

The buses that came from Riverhead to take people away—waited several hours and went away empty.

The night seeming to grow even blacker as the wind died down.

The arrival of the State Troopers. The parade of huge trucks loaded with boats that arrived at 4 A. M.

The army of newspaper men that arrived at 5.

Photographers getting shots of that silent sea by the Village Office.

Searchlights showing havoc.

The tales of those who drove from

New York. A dark, wild, harrowing ride through the night. Always facing the hazard of fallen trees on the road. Praise on all sides for the job done by the authorities at Riverhead on reporting everything possible of what was happening here. Names of all persons seen alive after the storm being turned in at the Henry Perkins.

Dawn coming and with it the slightest breeze which tautened nerves already strained to breaking point.

Dawn and devastation. Devastation even worse than had been feared through the night. Devastation but not despair. Westhampton, like some stout old ship, had come through the hurricane badly battered but with the courage of her crew unquestioned.

ST. ANDREW'S DUNE CHURCH AT SOUTHAMPTON RUINED

Among the vanished landmarks is St. Andrew's Church on the Dunes, the beautiful Protestant Episcopal edifice on the dunes at Southampton. The church lies in ruins, its south and west walls having collapsed. Parts of the valuable organ and the pews and other furnishings were scattered over an area of a mile.

An inscription on the church's east wall, which remains standing, lends a touch of bitter irony. It is a verse from the Psalms and reads as follows: "Thou rulest the raging of the sea; Thou stillest the waves thereof when they arise."

The 150 families from the fishing village of Montauk are still being cared for in the Montauk Manor Hotel. The Red Cross and the Suffolk County Welfare Departments under Welfare Commissioner Irving Williams are supplying them with the necessities of life. Their homes have been entirely wiped out.

Hurricane Damage Here Two and a Half Million

VILLAGE BOARD ACTS PROMPTLY

The Village Board held a special emergency meeting Friday afternoon and passed a number of resolutions for the protection of the devastated areas in the village. The board also passed resolutions to appropriate emergency funds and requests for Federal aid, etc. Following are the minutes of the meeting:

Those present: Mayor Bishop; Trustees Slattery, Froeb, McKnight and Raynor; Superintendent of Public Works Bishop, Attorney Percy, Chief of Police Teller, Justice of the Peace Ludder, Mr. Basil O'Connor. (Attorney Percy representing both village and the Town of Southampton.)

After a general discussion of situation prevalent in Westhampton Beach and vicinity, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, vote being polled, by the Board of Trustees:

RESOLUTION

That the following streets leading into the Village of Westhampton Beach be blocked and all people turned back:

Mill Road at Depot Road, Lilac Road at Montauk Highway, Oak Street at Montauk Highway, Sunset Avenue at Montauk Highway, Beach Road at Montauk Highway, Aspatuck Lane at Montauk Highway (also known as Aspatuck Brook Road), Main Street at Quantuck Bridge, Seafield Lane at Main Street, Beach Road at Main Street, Library Avenue at Main Street, Potunk Lane and roads south of Potunk Lane at Potunk Neck, Baycrest Avenue at Little Oneck Drain, South Road at Oneck Lane, Oneck Lane at Mill Road.

FURTHER RESOLVED

That the only official entrance into the Village of Westhampton Beach shall be on Montauk Highway at Depot Road.

RESOLUTION

That the entire section of Oneck and Oneck Point situated south of South Road and west of Potunk Lane and Jessup Lane to the southerly and westerly incorporated limits of the Village be blocked off and that no persons whatever be allowed to enter this area, with the exception of persons holding official permits and persons residing within the said area.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That all village officers and officials be authorized and directed to strictly enforce these resolutions and that the New York State Police and the Sheriff's Office be requested to co-operate by strictly enforcing these resolutions.

RESOLUTION

That the Superintendent of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to contact the proper Federal Authorities to obtain necessary assistance.

RESOLUTION

That all broadcasting stations be requested to announce at regular intervals that all people are requested to stay off Long Island, particularly Westhampton Beach and vicinity, and that Westhampton Beach is closed to the public, in order to aid the authorities in this area.

RESOLUTION

That Village Counsel George W. Percy is hereby appointed a committee of one to issue all official statements to the press and news agencies.

RESOLUTION

That the Mayor, the Superintendent of Public Works, the Chief of Police and the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department are hereby authorized to use any and all village funds available to employ persons and retain services deemed necessary to meet the present emergency.

RESOLUTION

That Superintendent of Public Works Bishop and Village Counsel George W. Percy are appointed a committee to represent the Village at a meeting of the County Board of Supervisors to be held this afternoon.

The Mayor ordered that all permits and passes shall be issued through the Chief of Police and his aides and that all such passes shall have on them an impression of the official village seal.

The meeting was herewith adjourned, with the agreement that the Board will re-meet at 6:00 o'clock this evening.

LILLIAN E. WITT, Village Clerk.

The follow-up meeting of the Village Board convened to discuss ways and means of clearing wreckage and to map a campaign of salvaging property. Those who met in the candle-light room included the Village Board, the County Highway Superintendent, Mr. Howe and Mr. Simms, the directors of WPA, the

The center of the tropical hurricane which pounded the northeastern seaboard late on Wednesday, Sept. 21, struck the vulnerable Westhampton Beach resort section with all its fury about 3:00 P. M., and two hours later departed, leaving in its wake a terrible toll of dead and a sickening array of twisted wreckage, hammered by sea and wind, causing a total of property damage in this village conservatively estimated at two and a half million dollars. Forty per cent of the assessed valuation of the Village of Westhampton Beach is wiped out and about one-third of the assessed valuation of the school district will have to come off the tax roll.

The storm, which originated east-northeast of Puerto Rico, followed low-pressure areas up the coast and the center did not strike until it reached Long Island. The usual path of hurricanes is blocked by unusually high barometric pressure and the death-dealing cyclone was forced inland. No warning was given to those in the Westhampton Beach dunes that this was anything but the last blow-out of the regular September storm which brings heavy rain and wind every year. Gales came, as expected, and by three had felled trees in the village and blown down some wires and poles. The lights went off at 2:40 P. M. Up until this time the wind, unusually strong but not dangerous, had been from the east. Then as suddenly as it had stopped during a brief lull, the wind shifted to the southwest. The seas began to pile up to the water to such alarming heights that persons in cottages at the top of the dunes evacuated and sought shelter in other places. Efforts were made by some to escape by automobile, but the rising waters stalled the vehicles. Some time in the vicinity of 3:30 P. M. waves began to break through the dunes and houses began to move unsteadily toward the bay. Shortly before 4:00 the dunes gave way before the terrible force of the roaring surf, houses collapsed, cars were tumbled like leaves, some of the stauncher houses were floated intact and whirled crazily in the core of the hurricane. Geography was changed as new inlets were pushed through by the angry sea demanding an outlet for its force. For over two hours there was no difference between the Atlantic Ocean at its worst and the usually placid Moriches Bay, as the latter was swollen by the inrush of lashing water. The wind shifted many times, changing the course of the wreckage and the path of the refugees. Many had taken to boats to seek higher ground. Brief respites gave occasional rest to those floating on the savage sea, but the wind returned again and again with renewed vigor, overturning boats, sending flood floats hurtling through the air and menacing victims trying to keep heads above water.

Some idea of the fury of the elements may be obtained from the facts that before the tropical hurricane struck the summer colony there were 179 houses between the Moriches Inlet and the Quogue village line. After the waters and wind subsided it was discovered that only 26 in recognizable form remained. Some of these are only shells. It has been estimated that not over a dozen will ever be habitable again. The complete list of owners of houses standing or partly standing between Moriches Inlet and Quogue is here given: Joseph A. Williams, William F. Zimmer, Frederick D. Burrell, George L. Hatheway, Mrs. Carrie B. Rogers, Demarest C. Rogers (home and part of bathing station), Foster Crampton estate, Miss Elizabeth Gair, Williams Cochran, Country and City Corp., Major Joseph W. Geary, Frederick Brown (formerly E. C. Lynch), Dune Deck (eastmost house, containing bar and office), Charles E. Thurston estate, Roy C. Hollis, Mrs. Martha Irvin, James L. Pinks, Dune Construction Co. (one and a half houses), Stanley Jones, Norvin R. Greene and Heelbarp Corp. (two-thirds of a house). The rest of the houses were carried before the southwest wind and cast up on the mainland, far in from the normal edge of the bay.

The mingled bay and ocean rose to unprecedented heights, completely flooding Main Street, and the waves struck Montauk Highway at Cook's Pond, where it left a large yacht high and dry when it receded. The highway was inundated to a depth of several feet. The Oneck section and the Beach Lane and Library Avenue portions of the village were jammed with wreckage from the disintegrated houses, which had stood on the dunes. All inlets and canals rose to unbelievable heights. Stores on Main Street show water marks reaching six feet from the sidewalk. Many houses on the mainland were washed away. The chief damage was done at Apauck Point and Oneck Point, but in other areas houses were undermined, cellars flooded, windows smashed, and property ruined beyond reclamation. A fringe of driftwood skirted the slight rise of ground on which the Country Club house stands, marking the height of the water at that point. Yachts

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