

33 DEAD IN STORM AREA

BOARD LIFTS SCHOOL FEE TEMPORARILY

Conference To Decide Future of Tuition Plan

Trustees of school district No. 4, Tampa, agreed yesterday to suspend the \$4 monthly fee charged children residing in other districts of the county and attending grade and junior high schools in the Tampa area, until members of other district boards work out an equitable joint financing plan to support the institutions.

Maintaining their duty was to safeguard interests of taxpayers of the Tampa district, and expressing the desire to assist in any possible way to enable non-resident children to enjoy the facilities of Tampa schools, the trustees, through Charles F. Blake, chairman of the board, stood pat on their original resolution imposing the fee. But the charge will not be made until after the other district boards meet at the board of trade building and reach a definite agreement on co-operative financing.

The meeting of outside district trustees will be held under auspices of the educational and tourist bureau of the board of trade as soon as accurate figures are available showing the actual number of non-resident children attending fourth district schools. The data cannot be obtained for at least a week and possibly 10 days. Consequently, non-resident children will not be required to pay the monthly fee for at least this length of time, and the fourth district trustees are hopeful the board of trade conference will result in the permanent settlement of financial problems.

Chairman Blake issued the following statement after yesterday's conference: "Representatives of the tourist and educational bureau of the Tampa Board of Trade met with the trustees of consolidated special school tax district No. 4 and John G. Anderson, Jr., for the purpose of discussing the resolution recently adopted by the trustees of said district by which resolution it was proposed to make a charge for tuition of \$4.00 per month against each non-resident pupil attending the grade and junior high schools of the district.

Storm Kills 300 In French Islands

PARIS, Sept. 17.—(A.P.)—Gaudeloupe, French West Indian island, struck by the hurricane last Thursday, emerged today from its isolation with reports of deaths and damage that, proportionately, place it at the head of places devastated by the storm. Its governor reported tonight to the minister of colonies that 253 bodies already had been recovered and that the toll would reach 300.

The Weather

Showers Tuesday, Generally Fair Wednesday, Moderate to Fresh Northerly Winds

Hourly Temperatures Yesterday table with columns for time and temperature.

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Kidnapers Threaten To Send Boy's Head To Frantic Father

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—(A.P.)—Confident that they have in custody three of the six men who kidnaped 10-year-old Billy Ranieri, 12 days ago, police tonight were engaged in what they termed a race with death—an attempt to find the other three abductors before they carry out their threats to kill the boy and send his head to the frantic parents.

POLK LOSES 50 PCT. OF GRAPEFRUIT

Walker Says More Than 1,500,000 Boxes Gone

WINTER HAVEN, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—At least 50 percent of the grapefruit crop and 10 percent of the orange crop in Polk county was destroyed by last night's tropical storm, Allen E. Walker, president of the Florida Citrus Growers Clearing House association, announced here this evening. In terms of boxes this loss is expected to mean from 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 boxes in this county alone, he explained, the figures representing early estimates of the total crop. Polk county handles between 40 percent and 50 percent of the state's entire grapefruit crop.

UTILITIES AND CITRUS HARDEST HIT ON RIDGE

Damage from the storm in Bartow was limited to blown down trees and poles, wrecked roofs and smashed windows, it was reported here yesterday by W. T. Curtis, Tribune agent in that city, who drove to Tampa, leaving Bartow at noon. The peak of the storm struck the Polk county capital between midnight and 3 o'clock in the morning, he reported. Plate glass in the windows of business houses was shattered and signs were blown down. Many roofs and chimneys were damaged.

Governor Smith Offers Help to Storm Sufferers

GOVERNOR SMITH'S TRAIN ENROUTE TO OMAHA, ELKHART, Ind., Sept. 17.—(A.P.)—From his presidential campaign train as it crossed Indiana into Illinois this evening Alfred E. Smith, ex-governor of New York, appealed to the people of his state to tender aid to hurricane-stricken residents of Porto Rico and Florida. He made his appeal in a formal statement, and at the same time dispatched telegrams of sympathy to the governors of Porto Rico and Florida and inquired what specific assistance was needed.

Work on Ridge Wires

The telephone company was working last night to get communication through to Winter Haven, Lake Wales and territory south of Lake Wales, and hoped to have some circuits closed before morning, Carl D. Brocien, general manager, said.

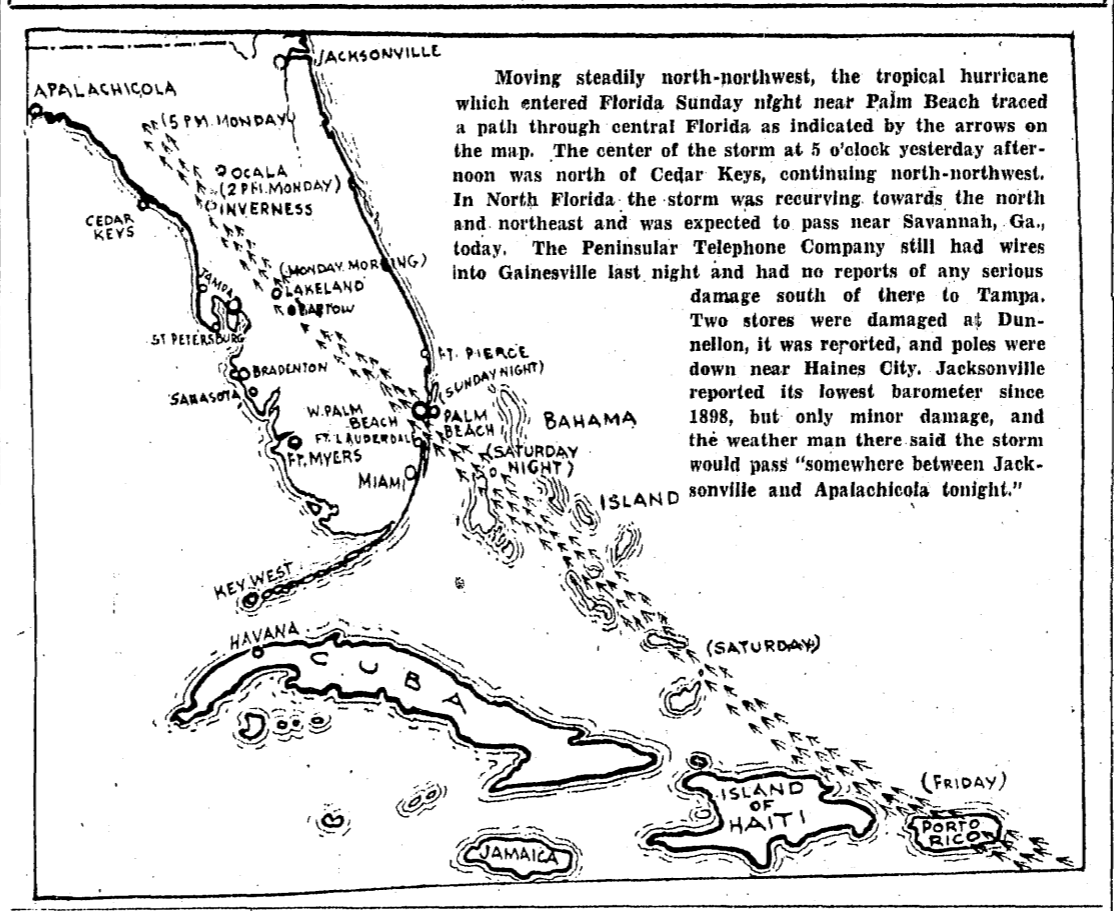
Waring Checks Losses

W. L. Waring, Jr., general manager of the Lyons Fertilizer Company, returned last night from a survey of Polk county, and reported figures of damage that jibed with those issued by Allen E. Walker of Winter Haven. Mr. Waring said his figures were based on a thorough survey and included an estimate of damaged fruit still on the trees.

Some Groves Escape

Many groves lost from 60 percent to 75 percent of their grapefruit crop, the association president said, while others, located fortunately in spots almost untouched by the freakish wind, lost considerably less than this. An accurate estimate of the damage done throughout the fruit belt probably will not be made for two or three days, he said, but as soon as compiled by the clearing house results will be announced immediately.

Storm Course Moves North Towards Georgia



Moving steadily north-northwest, the tropical hurricane which entered Florida Sunday night near Palm Beach traced a path through central Florida as indicated by the arrows on the map. The center of the storm at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon was north of Cedar Keys, continuing north-northwest. In North Florida the storm was recurring towards the north and northeast and was expected to pass near Savannah, Ga., today. The Peninsular Telephone Company still had wires into Gainesville last night and had no reports of any serious damage south of there to Tampa.

Senator Robinson Heads Relief Party Into Storm Section

MIAMI, Sept. 17.—(A.P.)—(Via Tropical Radio to Atlanta, Delayed.)—A relief train arranged for by Miami citizens to aid in the hurricane stricken area north of here pulled out at 7 o'clock this morning, carrying water, milk, food and medical supplies to those in need.

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Crew of Fishing Smack Swims Mile To Shore After Storm Wrecks Craft

Forced to abandon the fishing smack Wallace A. McDonnell after she ran aground on a sand bar off Pine point, yesterday morning, and began to fill with water, the seven members of the crew donned life belts and for two hours fought the adverse winds and tide before they managed to reach the shore, a mile away.

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Crew of Cuban Boat Rescued Off Boca Grande

And eight members of the crew of the shipwrecked Cuban schooner Isabel Alvaro, which was lost in the gulf off Boca Grande Sunday afternoon, were in hands of immigration officers awaiting orders to come to Tampa when they will be deported, Eugene Kessler, immigration officer, said yesterday.

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Storm Passes Out Of Florida Into Georgia to East

The local weather bureau received the following advisory from Washington last night: "Advisory 9:30 p. m., northeast storm warnings ordered north of Georgetown, S. C., to Virginia Capes. Warnings displayed gulf coast, Key West to Mobile. Hurricane central 8 p. m. between Cedar Keys and Jacksonville but nearer Jacksonville and recurring toward north and northeast. Its center will likely pass near Savannah, Ga., in about 12 hours. Intensity of storm considerably less than when it reached Southeast Florida coast."

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East Coast Loss Set at \$1,000,000; Storm Moves Northward

First confirmed reports of deaths in the tropical storm that moved up through Central Florida towards Georgia yesterday sent troops and Red Cross workers into the stricken areas last night. At least 33 persons are known to have been killed and scores were injured in the hurricane that turned northward yesterday morning after sweeping across the state from the East Coast.

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