

# 33 KNOWN DEAD IN STORM AREA; TROOPS TO AID

### Loss on East Coast Set At \$1,000,000

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juries, and three of them were reported in critical conditions.

Those said to be in critical condition were:

Mrs. F. L. Porter, West Palm Beach, both legs broken, lacerated head and internal injuries.

Robert H. Collins, West Palm Beach, internal injuries.

Ike Smith, Lake Worth, broken leg and lacerated head.

Twenty-five persons were under treatment for various injuries at the Gulf Stream hotel and the fire station at Lake Worth, nine miles south of West Palm Beach.

#### School Collapses

Twelve persons, most of them children, were injured at Boynton, 15 miles south of Palm Beach, when the high school building in which they were taking refuge was struck by the wind and collapsed.

A Herald representative after a careful survey of the stricken area reported that the list of dead and injured would amount as officials checked various small towns and cities.

The survey revealed that Delray Beach, Boynton and Lake Worth had the most serious damage. Here, military control was reported to have been established to prevent looting while the injured and homeless were crowded into temporary hospitals and shelter.

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During the storm, approximately 150 men, women and children huddled in the darkened corridors and rooms of the county courthouse at West Palm Beach, while across the lake the city hall at Falm Beach was reported crowded with people seeking safety from the lashing fury of the wind. Larger hotels were crowded to capacity with citizens seeking a haven, while many drove to points further up the coast.

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Train service from Miami north was paralyzed. A 10-car freight train leaving Miami northbound at 11:30 a. m. yesterday was wrecked at Boynton, lying up further northbound for hours, while a southbound passenger train which left Jacksonville Sunday night was believed tied up by the storm at West Palm Beach. The Havana Special from New York, due in Miami at 2:15 a. m., yesterday was hours overdue and was believed tied up north of West Palm Beach.

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# Heads Relief Party



COL. S. L. LOWRY, JR.

that struck the lower Florida East Coast yesterday.

Possible loss of life, injury to many persons, scores rendered homeless and tremendous property damage were reported by unconfirmed radio advices which brought the only direct word from the storm swept area.

West Palm Beach, across Lake Worth from the exclusive winter resort, was believed to have been the hardest hit on the basis of these advices, with only one store on the chief business thoroughfare having escaped serious damage. Here, military control was reported to have been established to prevent looting while the injured and homeless were crowded into temporary hospitals and shelter.

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oranges 15 to 20, grapefruit 50 to 60; Sebring, oranges 15 to 20, grapefruit 50 to 60.

Mr. Waring said he noticed little other damage in the sections he visited.

# Citrus Losses Light in Orange and Lake Counties

CITRUS losses in Orange county and Lake county are light, according to reports received by the Florida Citrus Exchange. L. A. Hakes, Orlando, sub-exchange manager of Orange county, reported that very little, if any, damage had been suffered by citrus in Orange county.

J. O. Merrill, of Leesburg, manager of the Lake county sub-exchange, reported that citrus damage in that county was about 10 percent, and orange damage not to exceed 2 or 3 percent. Slight damage was reported to the exchange from Manatee county.

W. E. Lee, grower, reported that damage in Pinellas county would not be large, but that damage to groves in Polk county was "considerable."

The citrus exchange was unable yesterday to get authoritative reports from any considerable part of the fruit section on account of highways cut off by telephone poles and other debris. The field personnel of the organization was sent instructions to make a thorough survey rather than to send in premature estimates.

# \$50,000 Damage Caused To Lakeland Property

LAKELEND, Sept. 17. (Special.)—Severe property damage but no loss of life marked Lakeland's share of the tropical hurricane that swept Florida this morning. Wind that at times reached an estimated velocity of 70 miles an hour sent gusts into the city that ripped roofs, tore down trees and upset virtually everything that wasn't firmly anchored. Damage within the city was given an early estimate of \$50,000.

Southern college on its opening day for the fall term lost a portion of its gymnasium, the north end being blown in and part of the roof lifted. Other college buildings suffered less severely. The 52-acre citrus grove in which the college is located was badly lashed and lots of fruit lost. The college, however, is going right ahead with its initial work for the year.

The city hospital suffered damage and today the operating room was for a time out of use. The city forces were active all night in protecting the institution. Only three teachers and a dozen pupils reported at the high school this morning, and Superintendent DeWitt F. Rollins lost no time in calling it a day.

Any number of business houses suffered during the night.

# Red Cross Officials Place Storm Damage Higher Than in '26

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17. (A.P.)—The hurricane destruction at Palm Beach and West Palm Beach was described tonight in a message to the Red Cross from the organization's leading officials in those cities as likely to "surpass the Miami disaster" of 1926.

The message which came from Howard Shelby, chairman of the Palm Beach Red Cross chapter, and George W. Parr, chairman of disaster relief work in the cities, said that preliminary reports indicate the wind velocity and barometer records appeared to have exceeded by 10 percent those of the Miami storm. "Fully three-fourths of the homes have been damaged, a large portion being total wrecks," the communication read. "Practically every business house has been gutted or totally demolished. Loss of life is undetermined. Two-thirds of the cities' hospital capacity out of commission."

"Doctors, nurses, medical supplies and serum needed to cope with the situation."

# Arcadians Attend Colleges in Many Parts of Country

ARODIA, Sept. 17. (Special.)—Gordon McSwain, who was graduated from Davidson college, North Carolina, in June and spent the summer touring Europe, left Monday for Cambridge, Mass., to enter Harvard university medical department for a five-year course. He is a son of Dr. and Mrs. D. L. McSwain.

Other young men and women of Arcadia who have left and are to leave this week for colleges are Misses Elsie Shelton and Thelma Welles to Boston, Emerson school of Oratory. They will be seniors in that institution, where Miss Shelton was chosen president of the senior class in June. Miss Mary Frances Bell will also attend Emerson this year.

Rupert Smith and Dean Stevens will attend Southern college at Lakeland, Atwood and Elliott Dunwoody, Lann Markett, William Platt, William Dishop, Tom Bell, Harry Milbrath, B. F. Welles, Jr., Harry Fenton and Tom Preston are attending the University of Florida.

Misses Mary Elizabeth Treaswell, Donella Ralls, Gertrude Baloch, Dorothy Russ, Norma Seward and Letha Gulm are attending the Florida State college for women. Miss Margaret Hickman had gone to Rollins college, Virginia; Miss Mary Morris to Wesleyan college, Georgia; Miss Grace Smith to Bessie Telf, Forsyth, Ga., where she will be a senior, and Miss Glenn Shelton will attend a school of journalism at St. Louis.

# Utilities and Citrus Hard Hit by Storm Along Ridge

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eral manager, said. He hoped to be able to reach Haines City today. Wire trouble was general between Haines City and Orlando, but Polk county seemed to have suffered most the company's territory. Beyond Dade City and Brooksville lines generally were down, and reports had not been received here as to the extent of damage, these lines being operated by other companies.

Two hundred telephone poles were reported down between Sebring and Lake Wales, equivalent to five miles of poles. It was expected that telephone service would be established today with most towns of the ridge section.

Advice to the telephone company yesterday said that damage in the ridge section, seemingly hardest hit by the wind, was limited principally to citrus fruit and utilities facilities. The Western Union yesterday had wires working into Lakeland, Bartow and Winter Haven.

# Moore Haven Escapes

P. E. Lundy of Moore Haven reached Tampa yesterday afternoon from that city, having driven here by way of Sebring and Ayon Park. He brought a message from the Moore Haven Democrat saying that town was safe and little damage had reached the storm, though the wind had reached a velocity estimated at 100 miles an hour early yesterday. The direction

of the wind took the waters of Lake Okechobee away from Moore Haven, thus preventing a possible recurrence of the disaster there in 1926.

Mr. Lundy said considerable damage to property and citrus groves was apparent along the ridge. At Sebring a filling station and several homes were damaged and at Ayon Park a large garage was wrecked and several houses damaged. Trees and poles also were blown down at those places and at Lake Placid.

J. S. Roberts, truck driver who carries The Tribune to Southwest Florida, rain or shine, got through as usual yesterday, making his delivery route an hour late but delayed 10 hours on his return to Tampa.

Roberts felt the first wind about 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning, he said, as he drove south through Paducah road to get around fallen poles. "I thought sometimes it would blow my truck off the road," he said.

He got to Sarasota and Arcadia all right but struck trouble turning north from Arcadia through Zolfo Springs, Bowling Green and Wauchula. Trees and poles blocked the highways. He chopped his way through most of them but was forced three times off the road to get around fallen poles. The height of the storm passed through Wauchula, Port Meade and Bowling Green between 3:30 and 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning, he said.

Roberts said he noticed roofs damaged and trees down in that section and considerable citrus blown off the trees.

# Smack Aground, Schooner Sinks During Storm

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Dispatch company came in from Frontera, Mex., with a cargo of bananas. The ship arrived off the quarantine station in lower Tampa Bay Sunday afternoon and anchored. She was brought to port yesterday afternoon. Officials of the Philip Shore Shipping Company, agents for the ship, said she had encountered heavy seas, but none of the crew was injured nor was the ship damaged.

Two banana ships which left Sunday morning, continued out to sea without anchoring off Egmont key. The Louis Garcel, owned and operated by N. Gerard and Company, local produce dealers, headed for Honduran ports, while the Worden of the Gulf Dispatch Company continued on her way to Frontera. The steamship Alamo of the Mallory Line, which departed here at 8 o'clock Sunday morning, continued on out to sea, bound for Charleston, S. C., while the tug Bafshee with barge Pure Lubwell of the Seaboard Oil Company's fleet, which left Port Tampa Sunday, are riding at anchor in the lower bay.

#### Other Ships Due

Ships due to arrive here yesterday, besides the Tampa were the Commercial Quaker of the Commercial Line, from Philadelphia, and the W. E. Munson of the Munson Line, from Galveston. Neither of them had been heard from last night, but the agents here expressed the belief that they had "made to" and were riding out the storm.

The banana ship Florida, operated by the Banana Distributing Company of Tampa, is en route here from Baracoa, Cuba, but was due off Key West yesterday at noon. It is thought that in that vicinity the ship was too far south to feel the effects of the storm.

All ships in port weathered the storm without damage, as extra hawsers had been run out to the docks as a precautionary measure.

# Shipwrecked Crew Swims in Rough Sea To Land, Mile Away

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list dangerously and we decided to make a raft and leave the boat.

All Take to Water

"We rigged up a raft out of spars and sails and tied a line around the edge. Then we fastened all our clothes in the center of the raft, put life belts on, and took to the water, each of us hanging to the line.

"The current was all against us and the wind was picking up steadily but we stuck to it until, two hours after we left the smack, we touched bottom and waded ashore. We found an automobile and got a fishing truck and went back and got my pals. We got back to Tampa early tonight."

"The last we saw of the Wallace A. she was listing so far that her masts were barely above the water. She's gone to pieces by now. I believe."

The other members of the crew, as Kelley knew them, were First Mate Joe Stokes, Joe Gross, Julie Jones, "Ben," and another man whose name he could not recall.

# Deaths and Funerals

#### WILLIAM J. WALKER

Funeral services for William J. Walker, 35, of 1002 Twenty-first avenue, who died at Otten, N. C., Saturday afternoon, will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock, from the Tampa Heights Presbyterian church, with the pastor, the Rev. Wallace Oliff, officiating. John D. Boring, No. 15, St. & A. M., and the American Legion will have charge of services at the grave. Interment will be in Woodlawn cemetery. Mr. Walker is survived by his father, Robert Walker; a sister, Mrs. H. S. Weber; a brother, Robert K., and an aunt, Mrs. Ellie Keenan, all of Tampa.

#### MRS. MARGUERITE PURSLEY

Funeral services for Mrs. Marguerite Pursley, who died in Jacksonville Saturday morning, were held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, from the chapel of B. Marlon Reed. Interment was in Myrtle Hill cemetery.

#### ATTENTION MASONS

All members of John Darling Lodge No. 154 F. & M. S. of All Master Masons are requested to meet at the lodge hall Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Brother William J. Walker.

#### HENRY DOLIVE, W. M.

B. C. MCCONNELL, Sec'y.

# RUIN GENERAL IN PORTO RICO AFTER STORM

### Shaky Economic Structure Topped

The following summary of conditions in storm-stricken Porto Rico was sent to the Associated Press by Major J. R. McKay, U. S. trade commissioner in the island. It pictures the helplessness and the needs of the population.

By MAJOR J. R. MCKAY  
U. S. Trade Commissioner in Porto Rico

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Sept. 17. (Associated Press.)—Before the tropical hurricane struck Porto Rico four days ago, the economic situation was bad. The island now presents a picture of physical and economic ruin and badly shaken morale as a result of the 12-hour storm of an intensity and duration unparalleled here in modern times.

The insular and municipal government were in debt up to or beyond their legal limits and ability to pay readily. Sugar, tobacco, and coffee farmers were in like or worse conditions and San Juan importers were loaded with paper of retailers in the interior.

Collections were difficult and slow, but they had shown some improvement in recent weeks at the beginning of the harvest of a tremendous coffee crop of fine quality. There was hope, too, for sale in December of the remaining tobacco stocks. Only the fruit and dairy farmers and the needle industries were fairly prosperous.

The storm is known to have caused great destruction in the eastern section of the island and two-thirds of the central portion. Authentic information has not been received from the west, but the indications are that the damage was less there than elsewhere.

#### Inc calculable Loss

According to dependable information there has been incalculable damage to crops, livestock and buildings in the northern and central regions as far as Humacao. It is safe to say that the coffee crop was largely lost and the trees severely injured. Citrus fruit trees were stripped of their fruit and foliage. The younger trees generally escaped other injuries but many of the older ones were broken off or uprooted.

The few canning plants which escaped destruction are unable to handle the fallen fruit. They operate by electric current and that has been cut off. Mountain oranges, coconuts, bananas, plantains, maize and other minor crops, important in the subsistence of the people will not be available for months.

Root crops were probably less hurt than others. The damage to sugar cane is probably not so great as recent plantings were too small to fail. While the taller cane was blown flat, it will "knee up" and produce a crop.

#### Sugar Mills Flattened

A traveler arriving from Humacao said that several sugar mills were flattened and authentic information stated that several towns in the central region showed only a few houses

standing. One large farmer from Ocales reported that his 60 buildings, including tobacco and dairy barns, fruit sheds and tenant cottages, had all been destroyed. This region also reported large loss in dairy and other livestock which was drowned in overflowing streams.

Complete information as to loss of tobacco in storage is not available. It is known, however, that these losses were large.

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A serious shortage of food stuff has been reported from the interior. Information is not yet available as to the extent of food destroyed in collapsed or unroofed warehouses. Retailers are showing some disposition to profiteer, especially in coffee which jumped overnight from 45 to 60 cents or more a pound.

A pressing need exists for an incalculable amount of construction materials, furniture, clothing and other equipment to replace losses to the government, industries and people. The ability to buy and pay for these remains unguaged.

#### Will Take Years

Such disasters generally uncover unsuspected resources. To what extent this will be true for Porto Rico remains to be seen. It is, however, safe to say that much of the damage will not be repaired for years because of lack of means to do it earlier.

The general situation is complicated by the state of the public finances. The loss of crops and the crippling of commercial and industrial efforts will cause a decline in tax revenues and force a curtailment in government activities. The necessary repairs to roads, bridges, hospitals and schools will so burden the government that they will not be able to extend more than temporary relief to individual sufferers.

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# NOBODY'S IMMUNE

Mr. and Mrs. T. Fay Eldredge, 113 West Fowlhawk avenue, are the parents of a son, born Sept. 14, whom they have named Charles Thomas.

# Crenshaw Rites Will Be Held From Home Today

Funeral services for John A. Crenshaw, 63, will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the residence on Tampa Bay boulevard. Services were to have been held yesterday at the same hour but were postponed. The Rev. C. Summers, pastor of the First Methodist church, of which Mr. Crenshaw was a member, and the Rev. H. F. Toole of Lakeland, former pastor of the church here, will officiate.

Honorary pallbearers will be C. L. Knight, J. F. Swanson, C. C. Whitaker, J. R. Griffin, H. J. Watrous, C. G. Hilderly, Frank Diaz, Henry Giddens, W. A. Adams, John H. Drew and J. B. Seefeld.

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