

## New England's Hurricane Of 25 Years Ago Recalled

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 BOSTON (AP)—All afternoon, it had been oppressively humid. Strong gusts of wind whipped trees, signs, people and the waters along New England's coasts.

It was Sept. 21, 1938.

As the afternoon waned, sheets of rain rode in on the now-windless wind. The sun, blurred all day, gave up and was lost behind thick, rolling clouds.

Something unusual was going on but New Englanders didn't pay much attention—it was the season for his storms, anyway.

About 6 p.m., the full fury of the storm—a hurricane—struck and death and destruction were everywhere.

Federates drowned in the streets of downtown Providence, swamped under 15 feet of salt water, substantial homes along the shore whirled away in wild ocean waters; boats of all sizes were smashed to bits; children were snatched from the arms of panicked parents, and then the parents, in their cases, also lost their battle with wind and wave.

### 25th ANNIVERSARY

That was southern New England—from Connecticut, through Rhode Island, into Massachusetts—30 years ago when the first recorded hurricane in more than a century struck the six-state area.

When the murderous storm moved away late that night, stunned residents of the battered area began counting their losses.

At least 600 dead—the true figure obscured since more were swept out in sea or buried under tons of sand hurled on to beaches by the waves accompanying the hurricane. And property damage came to around \$500,000,000.

The storm extended into Canada, too, killing one person and causing undetermined property damage in Quebec and Ontario. The lone victim was Robert A. Darwin, 25, who was struck by a falling power line in Montreal.

The gales disrupted communication and power services in Quebec's Eastern Townships as well as on Montreal Island. In Sherbrooke, Que., roofs were ripped off some small residences by winds that reached peaks of 60 miles per hour, driving sheets of rain before them.

The U.S. Weather Bureau—which then lacked the elaborate hurricane-hunting systems of today—said the day before that the storm would "probably pass considerably to the westward of Nantucket." Nobody paid too much attention.

### REPORTS LATE

There was a long lapse in information about the onrushing hurricane. Ironically, it was the weather bureau warning that caused the lack of continuing information—ships steered out of the course of the storm after the first warning, and in 1938 ships were the chief source of data about ocean storms for the weather bureau.

That's why there was no boarding-up of windows, beaching of small boats or hurried leave-taking from shore.

### BALTIC

On Tuesday evening Mrs. David Cousins entertained the members of the Malpeque and Baltic unit of the U.C.W. of Princeton United Church at their September meeting with the president Mrs. Riley presiding. The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Wilton Ramsay and the program by Mrs. David Cousins. Delicious lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. William Cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Adams, of Sea View is spending a few days with relatives and friends in Charlottetown.

Herbert Ramsay of Darnley and formerly of Malpeque is improving after his recent illness. Mr. Ramsay is a patient in the Prince County Hospital.

Mrs. William Mann, Miss Bertha Ramsay, have returned home from a most enjoyable motor trip around the Cabot Trail. They were accompanied by Keith Mann, Elmer Mann and Master Kenneth Mann of Indian River.

Miss June Ramsay was returned to her home in Hamilton, after being a patient in Prince County Hospital.

Mrs. Earle McKay, Sea View and Mrs. William Mill of Malpeque left on Sunday morning for Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Crozier, Baltic, attended the Crozier-Heffell wedding at Summerside on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Bearsto and two children Joy and Pamela of Kensington left by motor Friday morning for a holiday in Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. John Milton left Saturday morning for their home in Malden, Mass., after spending a pleasant vacation with Mrs. Milton's sister, Mrs. W.C. Donald and Mr. Donald of Kensington.

Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Cameron and family of Summerside were weekend visitors to their summer home in Baltic.

Mr. and Mrs. Kieth Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mease of New Annan were motorists to Charlottetown on Friday.

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lages so common today when the weather bureau speaks the word "hurricane" and "storm" struck with winds of such force that none of that generation could remember any so strong. There were gusts up to 186 miles an hour recorded at Blue Hills Observatory near Boston.

The hurricane swirled across Massachusetts into New Hampshire and Vermont. In its wake New Englanders found themselves without electricity, telephone service. Most railroad lines were smashed, bridges gone, and in some areas there was no drinking water.

The cleanup job took weeks.

### ROBBERY TIP REDDENS FACES

AYLESBURY, England (Reuters)—Red-faced police investigating Britain's £7,000,000 great train robbery found that a "hot tip" has resulted in their following a woman police officer for almost a week.

Among the hundreds of telephone tips from amateur sleuths giving information in connection with the robbery, one tip told of a dark-haired woman driving in central England with a poodie in her car.

When the description reached the Buckinghamshire police headquarters here, where the search for the robbers is centred, a policeman realized the mistake.

The dark-haired woman proved to be woman police inspector Mary Danby, who was driving with her poodie to a police training school.

There was no indication as to how police were now proceeding in their efforts to round up the gang which stopped a Scotland to London mail train near here Aug. 8 and escaped with more than \$7,000,000.

Nine persons, three of them women, have been charged in connection with the robbery.

### Scotland Yard Official Dies

LONDON (Reuters)—Scotland Yard's most brilliant post-war investigator, deputy commander Reginald Spooner, has died after a long illness.

Spooner, 60-year-old head of detectives in the London area, became a policeman purely by chance.

As a statistician with a London insurance company he had made an inquiry in connection with a false claim. It turned his thought to full-time detection and set him on the way in Scotland Yard.

He eventually became top detective in the west London borough of Hammermith and played a large part in the conviction of Neville Heath, hanged in 1946 for the brutal murder of two women.

Spooner later became chief of the flying squad, the most famed body of Scotland Yard detectives, with a "rowing com-

## Sugar Price Is Advanced

MONTREAL (CP)—Three major sugar refineries have announced a 30-cent increase in the wholesale price of refined sugar, bringing it to \$17.80 a 100-pound bag.

The price is determined by the level of raw sugar prices on the world market in London.

The price of refined sugar has changed 68 times since Jan. 1. It increases and 22 decreases. Last May 23 the price was the highest since 1920, \$17.25 a 100-pound bag. It was \$9.19 Jan. 1.

### Baby's Insides Are Re-arranged

TORONTO (CP)—A baby whose insides were mixed up when he was born 14 days ago, went home safe and sound.

Kevin Laffan Jr. was born with the right side of his diaphragm missing and his stomach and liver squeezed over on the wrong side against his left lung and heart.

In the first successful operation of its type performed at the suburban Scarborough General Hospital, the baby's insides were put in their proper place and his breathing was normal 12 hours later.

Hospital officials say this situation is so rare, only three similar cases have occurred in 4,300 births at the hospital during the last year. The other two cases did not survive.

Kevin's mother, Shirley, 18, said: "It's a miracle. Kevin weighs six pounds, three ounces and is on a normal formula and feeding schedule. He weighed six pounds at birth. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Laffan Sr., celebrate their first wedding anniversary Sunday.

mission" extending over London's entire metropolitan police district. While he was in charge the squad made a record number of arrests.

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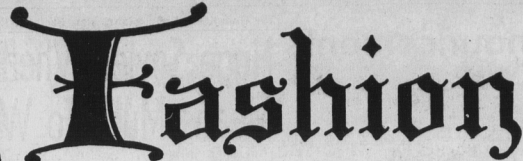
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