

7 Lose Lives As Windstorm Lashes State

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that the wind began gathering strength early yesterday afternoon and the lake over-ran its shores about 2:30. At 4 o'clock, he and Robert Zwerg of Appleton, working in water hip-deep in some places, managed to get a boat to the cottage occupied by Mrs. Fannie Schaller, 81, Menasha, bringing the elderly woman to dry land. Her son, Edward Schaller, then drove her to Menasha.

Mrs. Clarence Schroeder and her three children, the youngest two years old and the oldest seven, were in a cottage at Lakewood beach when the storm rolled up across the lake. Clarence Schroeder was out of town and unable to come immediately, but his brother, Elmer, 1319 Rogers avenue, drove out to bring the mother and youngsters into Appleton. Unable to drive farther than the railroad tracks, he borrowed a pair of hip boots and carried the four people to a car.

Mrs. Schroeder reported that the water level at the time she left was near the floor of the cottage. Roofs of one cottage and a number of sheds were blown off. Timbers from piers, benches, and other objects were scattered about.

Schroeder and Zwerg found a Doberman Pinscher, Sally by name, belonging to Rud Fischer, sitting on a floating door and brought it to safety. The two men changed clothes three times during their work. The wind was so strong they were hardly able to push a small rowboat about the Waverly beach area.

Keels Float Away
The water encircled the Waverly beach tavern operated by Fischer. Beer keels piled outside floated away. Small trees recently planted were destroyed, wires were blown down or broken by falling trees.

In one of the storm's most curious antics, a cottage at Waverly beach was moved back about 60 yards and turned around to face the north, coming to rest against a small tree. The building suffered little damage.

A skate sail would have provided fun at Waverly this morning as the storm transformed the resort into one vast sheet of ice. A man who has resided in that vicinity 20 years said the storm was by far the most violent he has witnessed.

Men who battled the gale yesterday said that the wind this morning was "just a little breeze." But this morning the wind was still churning Lake Winnebago into an angry maelstrom, with waves of dirty white water pounding the shores and lashing against ice-sheathed trees. Within 15 minutes after the wind kicked up yesterday, the Waverly beach area was flooded.

A flock of restless seagulls swooped over the lake shore this morning, riding the heavy swells of wind. Boats that stood near cottages had floated yards back, many of them coming to rest on the road that runs between the lake and the railroad tracks. There was other debris thrown about, leaves, limbs, firewood, signs, and steps. Few cottages were badly damaged, but the edges of roofs were torn off and porch screens dismantled. Along the shore in front of the George H. Schmidt cottage everything was coated with ice.

At Lake Park, there was a similar scene. A bank of big trees on the shoreline in front of the Kenneth Dickinson cottage were blown down, their limbs looking like queerly-shaped icicles. Another big tree was down behind the Roy Get-

schow cottage and here again, frozen spray coated everything it touched.

The Wisconsin Michigan Power company reported this morning that damage to poles and lines was extensive throughout its territory. A transformer failure due to the gale shut off power at the Wisconsin Tissue Mills at Menasha for several hours yesterday. Most of Appleton's street lighting system was crippled last night. Falling trees and limbs took wires with them.

West of Seymour, the storm damaged the Lawrenceville sub-station, knocking out the power on a rural line. Poles that toppled at Hortenville closed off the line to Hortenville last night.

The wind ripped off a tin roof on the Mortenson and Fabricius meat market at Waupaca at 8:30 last night, the roof falling to the street and wrecking two cars belonging to Ray Jensen of the Wisconsin Veterans Home and Clarence Parish of Waupaca. The chimney and part of the concrete on the Atkinson's Federated Store at Waupaca crumbled and fell to the street.

The Appleton Theater sign was moved by the wind last night and had to be reinforced. Windows were broken at Morgan school and the Appleton Y.M.C.A.

\$7,500 Fire
Fire last night destroyed the Charles Gamsky Construction company building at Menasha, with a loss of \$7,500.

Winds averaging 60 miles an hour, once reaching a top of 80 at the Milwaukee county airport, lashed the state, unroofing houses, crumbling chimneys and signboards, shattering windows, uprooting trees, and flattening communication lines.

The car ferry, City of Grand Rapids, of the Grand Trunk Western railroad, docked at Milwaukee at 6 a. m., 12 hours behind schedule.

Coast guardsmen termed the lake storm the worst in 20 years.

In Milwaukee the temperature dropped 41 degrees in twelve hours—from 57 at 11 a. m. to 16 at 11 p. m. Three hours later the mercury was down to 14.

Southeastern Wisconsin—Milwaukee, Kenosha and Racine counties—were hardest hit, but the entire state suffered damage.

Bike Rider Hurt
At Kenosha a bicyclist was injured when he was blown into the path of an automobile. The roof of the armory was lifted off, and many chimneys shattered. Farm crops and buildings were destroyed throughout the county.

Soon after the wind of high velocity began, Appleton firemen began getting calls, most of them for chimney fires. Eight runs were made from 3:50 yesterday afternoon until 9:45 last night.

The first run was made to the Myron Anderson home, 228 E. Harris street, when sparks were noticed flying about the roof. The firemen found no fire. Six minutes later a run was made to the Roy Anderson home, 622 E. Grant street, but no fire was discovered. At 4:20 in the afternoon a chimney fire was put out at the E. Nabbefeld home, 323 N. Locust street, and at 7:30 in the evening a chimney fire was put out at the Howard Knaack home, 725 W. Franklin street.

Firemen Busy
Firemen went to S. Lawe street at 8:15 to put out a fire that started in a seat cushion in the car of Noel Franzen, 515 N. Clark street. A cigaret is believed to have caused the fire. At 8:45 a chimney fire was put out at the Roman Plach home on West avenue, and at 9:45 a chimney fire was put out at the Eric Fileen home, 920 N. Durkee street.

At 7:40 in the evening the wind broke a tree at 909 W. Fourth street and a large section fell upon the Edward Lemke home. Firemen were called when occupants feared

the branches would break windows in the home.

The wind caused its share of trouble in New London last night. A falling awning broke the front plate glass window of the Crispy department store on North Water street late in the evening and required police vigilance all night.

Fallen electric wires played havoc with the lights in the city the early part of the evening and the first break in the main line from Appleton, about 8:30, lasted 15 minutes and the city's stand-by auxiliary unit at the power station was pressed into service. Intermittent breaks occurred for several hours disrupting night activities and theater pictures.

Small sections of the city were in darkness for brief periods when local wires were broken by falling tree branches on Mill and Waupaca streets but the city repair crew was kept at emergency work all evening and quickly restored service.

The New London fire department was called out at 9:50 with some misgivings in the high wind but the call was nothing more serious than a chimney fire at the home of Mrs. Mary Cousins, 1013 Jefferson street, and no damage resulted.

Lake Front Damaged
The gale lashed Lake Winnebago onto the waterfronts in Neenah and Menasha and caused considerable damage along the lake front and banks of the Neenah and Menasha branches of the Fox river to boats, bathhouses, lawns, gardens and docks.

The waves flooded over the banks and seawalls in the yards and streets all along the waterfront, reaching the highest level that old timers can remember.

Walter Haufe, 414 Oak street, Neenah, narrowly escaped drowning at 3:30 in the afternoon when his skiff was swamped while he was hunting ducks on Lake Winnebago off Lime Kiln point. Three men in Jack Kimberly's boat rescued him. At least two other hunters were caught on the lake when the storm struck, but they were in the weeds near shore and were able to paddle to safety.

Three trees, as many electric light poles and one telephone pole as well as five electric wires were blown down yesterday afternoon and last night. Neenah was in darkness for about 15 minutes when the electric light system failed.

Walnut and E. Canal streets were barricaded to traffic because bricks from a Meyer Burstein company building smoke stack were being blown down by the wind. Super-structures of some homes under construction were blown down.

Within 15 minutes the lake rose 20 feet to the doorsteps of homes on Lake road, Menasha, leaving rocks on the lawns and washing away several feet of shoreline. Riverway in Menasha also was badly flooded.

At the William Kellett home at Brighton beach, a heavy pier was piled up in the yard. One canal gate at Neenah and one at Menasha were opened yesterday.

High water accompanied by a strong wind flooded homes on Brighton drive and Lake road in Menasha Monday afternoon and showed the Fox river over its banks. One block at the extreme east end of Nicolet boulevard was under

Study Willkie Plans for GOP

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advance notice that he intended to continue an active figure in Republican party affairs—perhaps even more so than Herbert Hoover did after his 1932 defeat or Alf M. Landon after the 1936 rout.

"I shall not be silent," Willkie promised his supporters, "and I hope you will not be."

Whether such an interpretation be correct, the belief was that the Republican party would marshal the type of opposition for which Willkie called. Capitol politicians pointed out that Willkie had polled the greatest total of votes ever given a Republican presidential nominee, victor or vanquished, and they called attention to the fact that unlike 1932 and 1936, the 1940 election postmortems had not been concerned about whether the Republican party had any future, or whether it could survive.

Senators Taft (R-Ohio), Vandenberg (R-Mich) and Townsend (R-Del), all said they favored the general principles enunciated for the party by Willkie.

"I think his statement of the general position of the Republican party is excellent," Taft said, and Vandenberg declared the speech was "in accord" with Vandenberg's own conception of his party's functions.

Senator Minton of Indiana, the senate's Democratic whip, declared, meanwhile, that Willkie's speech in defeat was the "best one I've ever heard him make."

water and all of Lake road was covered by a foot or more of water. Homes at Brighton beach also were surrounded by water. Along the Memorial building and Keyes street the Fox river was over its banks and several lots were flooded.

Along the shore near High Cliff, a number of boat houses were broken up by the waves. High Cliff residents said the storm was the most vicious in their experience.

Kaukauna came through yesterday's and last night's "big wind" with comparatively little damage. Police reported the usual fallen branches and several large limbs, while a section of the railing on the second story of Hotel Kaukauna was blown down.

The Kaukauna fire department was called to put out a blaze in a rubbish pile near the sewage disposal plant late in the afternoon, the fire threatening a log pile and some buildings.

An example of the wind's force was found in reports from Fond du Lac, at the foot of Lake Winnebago. At Fond du Lac, one could walk 500 to 600 feet out into what ordinarily was the lake, and not get wet feet—the wind had pushed the water that far from the normal shore line.

The thermometer stood at 13 above in Appleton at 7:30 this morning, the 24-hour low. It had fallen 40 degrees since early yesterday afternoon. It stood at 15 above early this afternoon.

Preservation of Democracy Topic of Armistice Address

Clintonville—The Armistice day address was given Monday morning by the Rev. E. C. Westhouse of this city. The pastor pointed out what could be done in a practical way by the individual to help his country in the preservation of democracy.

In observance of Armistice day, the tables and the dining room were decorated with flags and patriotic colors. Robert Olen of this city was a guest at the luncheon. A boutonniere was presented by F. J. Long to D. J. Rohrer, a past president of the club, whose wedding anniversary occurs Nov. 16.

Mrs. Jack Hart of Conover arrived here Sunday for a few days visit with her daughter, Mrs. Isla Hamilton and children.

Leonard H. Rohrer, post office clerk, is confined to the Bellin Memorial hospital, Green Bay, where he underwent a major operation Friday. Relatives from this city who visited him Saturday and Sunday were Mrs. Leonard H. Rohrer and daughter Sally Ann, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Long, Mrs. L. O. Rohrer, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rohrer and daughter, Elaine.

The program opened with the playing of "America" by the high school band, after which the Rev. W. H. Wiese gave the invocation. A vocal solo was contributed by Abner Fredenberg and "God Bless America" was sung by the assemblage.

Another speaker on the program was Prof. F. C. Mayer of Marquette university, Milwaukee, who talked especially to the student body on the part that a high school education plays in the defense program.

The Armistice day program opened at 11 o'clock, with a period of silent reverence. The program was transferred from the armory to the high school because of the inclement weather. Classes were dismissed for the afternoon.

"Chemistry and its Relation to the Defense Program" was the subject of a talk to the Rotary club Monday noon at Hotel Marson by Prof. Mayer. He was introduced by Superintendent of Schools Harley J. Powell. Prof. Mayer reviewed the situation during the World war when the United States was dependent on foreign countries for a number of necessary materials.

Among these were dyes, which were imported from Germany. It took several years of experimentation by chemists here before they had fast dyes equal to those formerly imported.

During a time of need, great strides are made in the field of chemistry, Prof. Mayer said. He explained what is being done now in the manufacture of synthetic rubber, various kinds of explosives and poison gases, all of which are vital products in case of war. He also talked on the improvements in medicine.

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Rain Delays Work On Municipal Pool

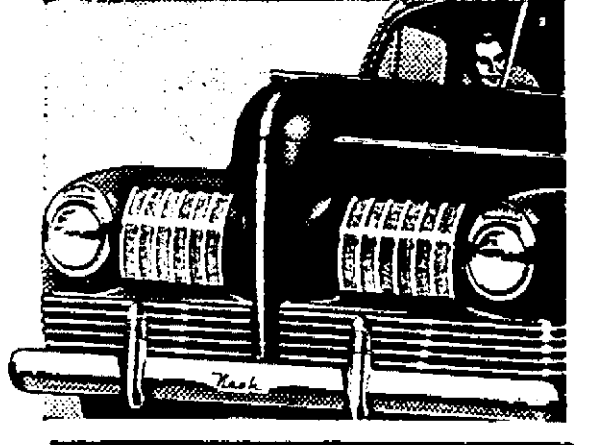
Rain delayed work on the municipal swimming pool yesterday at Erb park. Concrete for the major part of the pool bottom has been poured and will be completed within a week.

The Charles A. Green and Son company has been given the contract to excavate for the foundation of the bathhouse and filtration plant. The firm's bid was 35 cents per yard.

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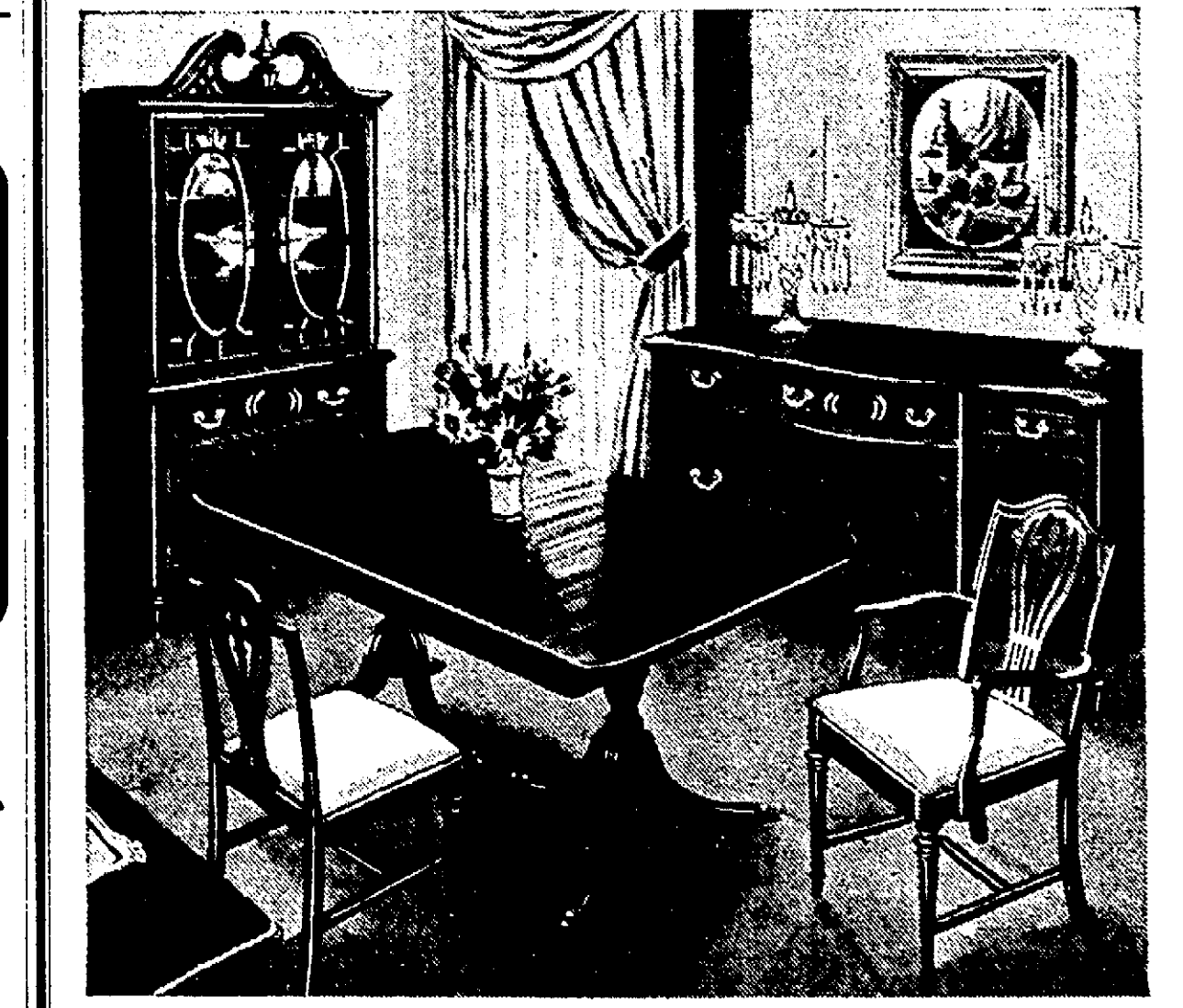
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