



SIGHTSEERS BY THE THOUSANDS JAMMED STREETS IN THE CITY AND HIGHWAY 61 ON THE WEST SIDE Sunday. This view, looking south on Highway 61 toward Independence street, was made in front of what was the Airline.

Some Pathos, Some Humor in Wake of Cape Storm

One of the most unusual happenings fit the multitude of uncanny things since the tornado hit Cape occurred at the Earl Nanna residence, 1500 Pemiscot street. In some manner, Mr. Nanna said, the tornado in picking up the five-room house, turning it around and sitting it down on Missouri avenue, changed a portion of the bed clothing on two beds. The quilts on the two beds in twobedrooms, separated by a hall five feet long, were interchanged, and while the bed-changing job was not a tidy one, the almost unbelievable event was accomplished, he said. Mr. and Mrs. Nanna were downtown when the storm hit, but their children, Earl L., 18, and Joan, 16, and their friend, Donna Collins, took to the basement. The house was lifted from above them, and none was injured. A huge apple tree in the back yard, the trunk of which was 3 feet in diameter, was blown completely away, and Sunday afternoon Mr. Nanna said he had been unable to find even a branch of it.

Scoutmaster C. A. Welker of Jackson had an entire Boy Scout troop here all day helping with the salvaging, clearing debris, giving aid to the walking injured, and helping others get to their damaged homes.

Childs Grocery and the adjoining apartment, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Walker G. Childs, at 514 Emerald street, in an area hard hit by the tornado, were completely flattened, but Mr. and Mrs. Childs and a clerk, Charles Staab, were uninjured. Mr. Walker estimated the damage at \$40,000, including the building, recently remodelled, store and house furnishings and a new Jeep Stationwagon in the basement. The building was a one-story one, a frame structure with a brick front.

The old American custom of going to town on Saturday night probably saved the lives of several Girardians, and spared many from injuries. Reporters, asking residents of the stricken areas about neighborhood happenings in the storm, time and time again got the answer: "Oh, my wife and I and the kids were downtown," or: "We didn't know how bad our house was damaged until the storm passed and we came home from town."

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Low, 801 Perry avenue, were at the movies and when the current went off they returned home to find the dwelling completely wrecked. It was a two-story house, but the entire upstairs was taken away, as were the back porch, the lower side walls, and the windows. Mr. Low's car, which was left standing by the side of the house, was badly damaged.

Mrs. Marion Holland, 1521 Rand, stated that she was standing on the corner of Broadway and Main waiting for a bus and could see the funnel-like cloud in a distance. She boarded the bus and found that they could not go far because the storm had already hit her-home area. She walked the rest of the

way home to find her house completely demolished, and her husband, and two daughters, Evangeline and Virginia, injured. The daughters stated that when they heard the sound, one thought it to be an airplane and the other thought a train. They, with the father, went to the back door to see and all three were blown into the back yard. The girls received minor injuries and were dismissed from the hospital, but the father was seriously injured.

At Southeast Missouri Hospital, Mrs. Robert G. Brady, a patient, viewed the storm from her window on the third floor as it hit on Perry avenue. She stated that she could see it as the wind swept from Broadway up across the hill-top on Perry. She saw houses, trees, autos, and unidentified objects go whirling through the air.

When Mr. and Mrs. Burton Gerhardt, 750 Perry avenue, saw the storm approaching they, with their five-year-old son, Tommy, dove to shelter under the traffic bridge. After the storm had passed, they returned to find their attractive modern home and lovely flower garden demolished.

AUTO, TWO TRUCKS THROWN IN RIVER.

Lloyd Trickey, employe of the government's boat fleet near Cape Rock, was injured and temporarily marooned on a boat when the gang plank blew down. He was alone at the fleet at the time. He was treated at St. Francis Hospital. Mr. Trickey's automobile and two trucks, all parked near the river, were thrown by the wind into the river. They were still there Sunday. The trucks belonged to the U. S. Engineers. Two of the boats, all tied up, also were badly damaged. Parts of the auto and one of the trucks were left sticking above the surface of the water, but the second truck had gone out of sight. The fleet is based where the angry storm chose to depart from Missouri.

The hospitals had to call for extra supplies. St. Francis, for instance, telephoned to drug firms for added drugs an hour after the tornado hit. The second and third floors of that hospital were centers for the injured and members of their families. Doctors and nurses came and went to work. Many women and even girls volunteered and all were put to work. Men helped handle injured. One doctor, who had been working, came in his short pants and went to work.

Lowery B. Miller and Irvin Richmond, went to Fredericktown for a supply of blood plasma to use on patients who were in need. Fred Wolfe, whose wife works at the hospital, was dispatched to Cairo, Ill., for tetanus serum.

Supt. Herbert S. Wright of Southeast Missouri Hospital said he foresaw a tornado from the appearance of the sky and hurried to the hospital as the storm appeared to center on the city. He said, doctors, nurses and hospital personnel

reported almost immediately, realizing that a major disaster had occurred and their services would be needed. Dr. Carter of Portageville, east hospital shortly before the storm, pitched in to assist. The DeLisle ambulance of Portageville, which had brought the patient, stayed on to assist local ambulance workers in handling injured. In addition to doctors and hospital personnel, private duty nurses and nurses and doctors' assistants reported to help in the work.

Ambulances from Charleston, Portageville, Lutesville, Jackson and Ilmo came here to help in rescue work when a report—no one knew its source—got out that as many as could be mustered were needed. By the time they arrived the situation was in hand. Dr. M. J. Hughes of Grand Tower, Ill., learning of the disaster, also came here to help.

Mrs. Robert L. Beckman, 119 South Sprigg street, Mrs. Robert D. Harrison, 213 Themis street, and Mrs. Herbert S. Wright, 31 North Fountain street were on duty throughout Sunday at Southeast Missouri Hospital. Seated at a desk at the entrance with a list of storm patients and a chart of their condition, they gave information to visitors and kept all but close relatives from the rooms of those critically hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Vogel were doing some redecorating in a dwelling at 908 North Boulevard they planned to move into shortly when the tornado struck. Mrs. Vogel was waxing a floor and Mr. Vogel, the county prose-

cutting attorney, was painting in another room when Mrs. Vogel's attention was attracted by a motorist blowing his automobile horn continuously while driving along the street. About that time she heard the noise of the approaching storm and then saw some debris flying through the air. She grabbed their young son, John, called Mr. Vogel and the three of them ran to the basement and crouched behind the furnace. The storm caused several large cracks at various places in the house. One double window frame was entirely gone and the house was splashed on the inside with large pieces of mud. A new automobile parked outside was covered with small scratches and the top dented by a piece of sheet metal.

Mrs. John Crowe, 1521 Themis, who helped administer first aid at Southeast Missouri Hospital, stated that the calmness among the patients was most unusual. The patients were brought to the basement and then treated in turn on the third floor. Even the small children were exceedingly calm. One child, about two years old, had no clothing on and every square inch of his small body contained broken skin.

While viewing lots in Brucher Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Goddard accompanied by their two small children, Hal and Helen, noticed the cloud approaching. Thinking they might beat it to their home at 2000 Thilenius they started there. Soon they saw that the storm was traveling at a terrific speed toward them, and driving in the car they might run into it. They stopped the car and

watched, after seeing that the storm wasn't coming their way. As soon as possible they went to their residence and found the east wall was completely gone from their house, as was the garage on the west side. All of the furniture from the living room was jammed into a small hall, the baby beds were in the yard as were articles of clothing, toys, books and magazines.

Police Judge Lee Roy Friday, who managed the communications desk at police headquarters, related that a number of mobile power units were set up to provide floodlights during rescue operations. He reported that he got a call that there was no wire on hand to make connections. "What?" he said into the telephone. "I thought there were wires down all over that section." "Oh sure," came the reply. "We hadn't thought of that."

Charles W. Boutin, head of the telephone company, said a fine golf bag, but empty, flew into the yard at the Boutin home, 1100 Woodland. It is being held for the owner.

At police headquarters more flashlight cells, for use by regular and special officers, had to be ordered. There had been 60 used up before Sunday midnight. Chief Wm. Mills had praise for the hard working officers.

Pete Low, a youth living on Perry avenue, had some of his clothes and about \$100 cash in savings blown away. The top of the Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Low's dwelling was ripped off.

Ford Sturm, state parole officer, serving as a special officer, related he heard many reasons or excuses why this person or that should drive into the storm struck area. About the best, he said, was the man who said he had to "go on up the street to have my saw sharpened." He did not get permission. Almost everybody worked long hours to help keep traffic something like normal. An example was Leo Miller, who helped in rescue work Saturday night, then worked at the North Sprigg-Emerald intersection through until late Sunday.

That the storm was worse than anything he saw while serving in the Navy in the South Pacific was expression of Jess McClard, 29, a driver for the Southeast Missouri Lumber Co., who sustained fracture of both ankles. The McClard home at 1530 Rand street was demolished. When McClard and others saw the storm approaching he grabbed the small daughter of a neighbor, Coleen Schlegler, in one arm and dove for the ground holding to a wire fence. He said he (Continued on page 12.)

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