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SEAWALL FALLS IN LASHING GALE; DAMAGE IS HEAVY

New Wall In Danger

Boats, Power Lines Hurt by Gale

A privately owned sea wall protecting the shore property at South Hyannis, owned by C. D. Johnson of Worcester, was washed out by Saturday's storm, toppling a small playhouse and miniature lighthouse into the pounding surf.

Attaining gale proportions, the winds and surf smashed Johnson's seawall into bits while the waters undermined the front lawn of the property. Informed of the damage, Mr. Johnson came here yesterday to look over his property.

The same seawall endangered the new wall adjoining the Johnson property, erected by the State Department of Public Works. The western end of this recently completed cement wall, protecting a line of shorefront cottages, cracked about 20 feet from the end. Erosion of sand behind the bulwark minimized protection for this section and added to the danger of the wall breaki-g up under another storm.

Thousands of dollars worth of damage was suffered by electric and telegraph lines along the Cape as unabating winds swept the Cape with a torrential downpour. In Falmouth alone, damage to the Cape and Vineyard electric lines was estimated by Manager Forrest M. Eaton at $6,000. Telegraph lines between Hyannis and Harwichport and Hyannis and Provincetown were broken by the storm disrupting Western Union service until emergency crews made repairs.

The highest tide in many years was reported in Cotuit Bay where rising waters flooded the small office building occupied by Congressman Charles L. Gifford.

An estimate placed the total precipitation at two inches with the unceasing rains damaging many places along the Cape. Rain soaked through the walls of the Town Hall in Hyannis and leaked into the Selectmen's offices.

In Provincetown the gale reached a maximum velocity of 60 miles an hour. The Southeaster raged most of the day and churned up ocean-like seas in Provincetown Harbor, damaging the town wharf.

Coast Guards on the lower Cape were kept busy patrolling the shoreline where small boats broke adrift and were damaged.

FIRE DESTROYS SCREEN HOUSE

Cranberry Structure In Wareham Burns With $10,000 Loss

WAREHAM, Oct. 19.—Leslie B. Handy's screen house was destroyed by fire late last night with a total loss of $10,000. This figure included building and cranberries stored within the structure. The building was insured but not the berries.

TEATICKET MAN HIT BY TRUCK

TEATICKET, Oct. 19.—Anthony Souza, 27, chain store clerk, was taken to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Souza of Dorchester, after receiving injuries when he was struck by a truck while crossing route 28 here last night.

Souza was treated by a local physician for injuries of the head and legs after the accident. He was the victim of a truck owned by Chester E. Wright and operated by Edward E. Gaggett, Souza has made his home here for two years, living with his sister, Mrs. Marion Zylinski.

PARTRIDGE FLIES THROUGH WINDOW

HARWICH, Oct. 19. With the upland gunning season scheduled to open tomorrow, a Harwich partridge committed suicide here yesterday by flying through the front door window at the home of Town Accountant and Mrs. Franklin L. Underwood. The bird, a large female, was found by Mrs. Underwood, lying in the living room in a litter of broken glass, after she had investigated a loud crash heard during the dinner hour.

NEW EDITION IS IN CHARGE OF VETERANS

Long Experience With Cape News, Feature Of Staff

The Cape Cod Standard-Times begins publication in Hyannis with a staff of veteran newspapermen, veterans not only in their chosen profession but in that field on Cape Cod.

The paper will be circulated by Cape Cod carrier boys, many of them carrying routes that older brothers have delivered before them. A number of Standard-Times routes on Cape Cod are being served by the third or fourth member of their families.

These boys are directed and aided by Del Poirier of Hyannis, circulation district man on the Cape for the last ten years; by Vattier Snyder of Falmouth, on the Cape for several years; and by Walter Ormerod of Orleans, who has been working in the Lower Cape district for the last few years.

The news department is headed by Cornelius F. Hurley, Cape Editor of the Standard-Times for the last three years, Cape rewrite man in the office for a year or two before that, and a staff reporter on Cape Cod assignments as long ago as 1928.

In Hyannis, Edward Teran, Upper Cape staff reporter for the last four years with previous Cape Cod experience, will continue to report the news of the mid-Cape area.

William J. Corcoran of Orleans, Lower Cape staff reporter, and veteran of eight years for the same newspapers covering Cape Cod, has charge of the news in his section of the County.

At Provincetown, John C. Johnson, veteran correspondent in that town takes over staff duties for the extreme lower section of the Cape.

Arthur G. Dickey of Dennisport, staff reporter at Martha's Vineyard for several years, recently transferred to Falmouth, is covering news in that corner of the Upper Cape.

The business department is in charge of George A. Riley, assistant to Basil Brewer, publisher of The Standard-Times Mercury, and The Cape Cod Standard-Times.

Edmund Otis, descendant of one of the oldest families on Cape Cod, and Daniel Gaylord are handling th advertising department.

Fred Millner is mechanical superintendent. George H. Atwood is in charge of the photo-engraving department.

Police Search Cape Visitor In Torso Murder Case

PROVINCETOWN, Oct. 19.—Donald Hise, 40, a photographer and world traveler, was back at his work today nonplused by questions asked by police this week-end.

Ernest Bradford, a state detective, and two State Patrolmen, came here and with Police Chief Williams, went to the home of Bert Cook where they interviewed Hise, who is 40 years old, a visitor from New York and a stranger to Provincetown.

After asking Hise if he had ever been in Quincy and receiving a negative reply, police searched his room. They then showed him a clipping from a newspaper on which they had covered everything except the picture of a full-faced, blond young man. Hise stated he had never seen the man and was then asked if he could give police a picture of himself. Hise obliged by setting up a camera and allowing a state patrolman to photograph him. Police then confiscated the roll of film on which there are pictures of Provincetown dunes and beaches waiting to be developed.

Rumors began to spread throughout the village. People declared a local angle to the Weymouth torso murder had been discovered and stated Hise must be the missing John Lyons.

"Is Provincetown the port of missing men. Are all men in the middle towns potential suspects. The one thing I am hoping is that the police return my roll of film. There should be several good pictures on that roll and I ought to receive $10 for them," Hise phil-

Police stated the investigation began when a woman from the East End wrote to State Police and warned them about a "suspicious stranger."

MEDICAL GROUP HEARS LECTURE ON ARTHRITIS

Dr. J. N. Barr, of Harvard, Speaks at Meeting in Cape Cod Hospital

Arthritis—its diagnosis and treatment, was the subject discussed yesterday afternoon by Dr. J. N. Barr, Instructor of Orthopedic Surgery at Harvard Medical School, before more than 20 members of the Barnstable District Medical Society convening at Cape Codd Hospital.

The lecture marked the opening of the fourth annual post graduate extension course and was the first of six discourses on disease and it treatment which are to be delivered on successive Suundays at the hospital.

Illustrating his theme with X-ray pictures of evisting arthretic patients, Dr. Barr resented his lectube in the form of advice to physicians regarding proper methods of diagnosis, recording of complete case histories an dthe performance of thorough physical examinations.

In discussing the psychological as well as the physical questions of arthritis, the lecturer advised the medical society to put patients at their ease and to be certain they are not suffering unnecessarily. Dr. Barr recommended complete recording of symptoms and discussed methods of patients receiving proper rest.

"Everyone may have some form of arthritis before he dies," Dr. Barr declared, "Especially those who are living in New England clumate. There is nothing certain however, that damp clumate causes this disease. Many have gone to the drier climes of our western states, such as sanitoriums in Arizona, and while they have received relief, there is no positive proof that a cure has been ewwected."

"Many patients worry about being crippled for life when they may have a form of arthritis in one joint. It is the duty of the physician to ease his patient's mind, instruct him in diet management and impress upon him the necessity of obtaining rest.

"Some who are afflicted with arthritis believe they should use their limbs to keep them limber. The limb is similar to a piece of machinery. It can be used so it will be completely worn within a month or with carewl use it can last a life time. Therefore, the limbs should be used carefully to prevent undue strain upon them. They are a piece of mechanism and as such it is possible for them to wear out.

After completing his discourse Dr. Barr conducted an open forum during which he answered quuestions of pyhsicians who wished points of medical proceure elucidated.

NEW BEDFORD PLANS RALLY

NEW BEDFORD, Oct. 19.—Plans for the visit of President Roosevelt here Wednesday were almost complete today, with various committees preparing a rousing reception.

Labor leaders announced that approximately 20,000 workers would take a voluntary labor holiday as a result of the New Bedford Textile Council's action in declaring he holiday after they said that New Bedford Manufacturer's Association refused to hear a request for closing the mills during the President's visit. Spokesmen for the manufacturers could not be reached today for a statement.

History of Old Bell in Barnstable Court Began With Ship Wreck

Masters Widow Bought Piece As Memorial

Considered by some authorities the oldest church bell in the United States a bronze bell occupies a corner of the Barnstable County Courthouse law library where it attracts the attention of visitors, particularly Summer tourists.

About this bell is woven a romantic story of the sea. It survived the Courthouse fire of Aug. 22, 1827. and for many years its resounding peal announced to villagers the opening of court.

On March, 12, 1697, a vessel was wrecked off the coast of Sandwich and all hands, including Captain Peter Adolph of New York, were lost. The storm-tossed waters of Cape Cod washed the bodies ashore all that day and the inhabitants of Sandwich, the first town settled on Cape Cod, collected these bodies. The victims were carried to the First Parish Church where the following day the parionishers held a burial service for them and provided respectable interment for them in the Old Burial Ground

Letters found by the villagers in the captain's pocket revealed his identity. The minister of the parish sent an account of the accident with words of comfort to Captain Adolph's widow.

Out of gratitude to the minister and the people of his parish the widow purchased the bell and presented it to Sandwich.

In 1703 the bell was thought not large enough for church purposes and it was voted ata town meeting to authorize Benjamin to sell it and purchase another for the church. The bell was acquired then by the justice of the Sessions, as the courts were then known, to be hung in the Barnstable County Clerk of Courts offices, the Registry House.

Fire destroyed the building on the night of Aug. 22, 1827, but the belfry, where the bell hung, fell away from the burning building Picked up by villagers the bell was when the underpinning gave way. found to be damaged but slightly.

Upon completing the present Courthouse in 1833 the authorities hung the bel in the cupola where it rang at the opening of the Court morning and afternoon as the judge walked from his hotel to the courthouse.

In 1872 "the boys" of the village while celebrating The Fourth of July decided the bel would be an ideal noise-maker. From the village blacksmith they obtained a heavy hammer with which they struck the bell. It stood the pounding for a few minutes but finally cracked under the treatment.

The County Commissioners two years later purchased a new bell for the courthouse and voted to hang the "Old Bell In Memoriam" in the Clerk of Courts office. Later a place was provided for the bell on a pedistal in a corner of the law library where is still is displayed.

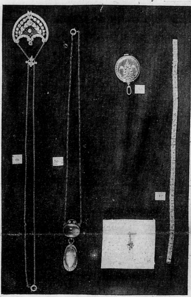
The tarnished relic with its visible crack is said t ohave been cast in 1675. A Boston authority who inspeted it believes this is the oldest church bell in the United States. It is about 18 inches tall, has a simiilar dimension in diameter and measures 32 inches in circumference

Arodnd th bottom of this old and faithful piece, now pensioned to a peaceful existance, is inscribed in Latin: "If God Be For Us, Who Can Be Against Us?"

Miss Anne Bacon of Barnstable admires the old Courthouse bell.

POLICE PURSUE THEORY JEWELRY WAS STOLEN

$3,100 Worth of Jewelry



Jewelry value at $3100 was found n the pocket ofAlfred S. Backus of Centerville when he was arrested on a drunkness charge. He maintains the jewelsare his property, but police are continuing the investigation, believing they may belong to Summer resi-dents.

LETTERS MAILED

Backus Stories Dissatisfy Chief

Seeking a solution to the puzzling "jewel case" Police Chief William B. Fleming of the Barnstable Department is conducting a widespread search to determine ownership of $3,100 worth of jewels found on the person of a Centerville man arrested for drunkenness.

Working on the theory the jewels belonged to some wealthy Summer resident in the Centerville or Osterville colonies, Chief Fleming mailed 40 letters Saturday to residents of these commuunities asking them to check their jewels. His policemen during the last ten days have checked more than 500 Summer homes and camps but none have been broken into since their owners closed them for the Winter.

Meanwhile, the indictment of Alfred S. Backus, 32, of Centerville, in whose pocket the police found the valuables, by a Barnstable County Grand Jury ofr grand larceny from "persons unknown", places on the records of this county's Superior Court a most unusual case.

The police, the chief said, are dissatisfied with the conflicting stories told by Backus as to how he acquired the jewels. They found them in a small chamois pouch when they searched him at the police station where he was booked on a drunkenness charge by Patrolman Charles Dodge and H. Russell Brown.

Dodge and Brown checked pawn shops in Boston, and Backus, grilled several times by the chief and State Detective Ernest S. Bradford, steadfastly maintained the jewels are his property.

Backus, in the meantime, is held in the Barnstable County House of Correction where he is serving four weeks on two drunkenness charges.

A true bill on the grand larceny charge was returned against him Friday and he may be rrigned today before Judge Nelson P. Brown in Superior Court at Barnstable.

Roosevelt Letter Goes To Aid Party

ORLEANS, Oct. 19.—So desirous of seeing President Roosevelt is Miss Louise Dean, former resident of Orleans and now living in New York, that she spent $10 of her own money and is willing to part with her most prized possession, a letter from President Roosevelt, to raise money to contribute to his campaign fund,

Louise hopes some day to walk like President Roosevelt but has had to use crutches for more than ten years. A close bond with the chief executive was established through her suffering from the same affliction that affected him. While she was a student at Orleans High School in 1933 she received her letter from President Roosevelt, which read as follows: "Dear Louise,

Thank you very much for your letter which I deeply appreciate. I do hope you can come to Washington some time.

Very sincerely youurs,
(signed) F. D. Roosevelt."

Louise accepted the President's invitation a short time later when she went to Washington as a member of the Orleans senior class. Accommpanied by Mrs. Beryl Eldrirge, an Orleans teacher, she was admitted to the President's office and was with him for ten minutes.

Recently Louise advertised in a New York newspaper that her letter was for sale. It cost her $10 for the advertisement but she hopes the letter will bring a tidy sum which she intends to give to the Roosevelt campaign. She hates to part with the letter, but thinks it is the only way she can do her bit for her dear friend, the President.

Her family is now living in New York. Her step-father, Harold C. Pierson is a former Orleans merchant. The family left Orleans two years ago.

CENTERVILLE, Oct. 19.—Centerville Men's Club will sponsor a dance tomorrow night in Knights of Pythias Hall with music to be furnished by Webb's Orchestra of Osterville. Prescott Fish is general chairman of the committee.

SOLVENCY OF CAPE TOWNS IS PRAISED

Ten Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard towns were highly praised fo rtheir finncial status in a recent report of an audit of their ccounts which were announced by Theodore Waddell, state director of accounts. At the same time the report strongly criticized the financial methods of the Town of Wellfleet.

The leading communities of the Cape and Vineyard which were lauded along with the towns of Acushnet, Hingham, and Marion by H. B. Dine, assistant director of accounts, who was speaking for Mr. Waddell are as follows: Chatham, Bourne, Dennis, Orleans. These town were referred to by Barnstable, Yarmouth, Eastham, Harwich, Tisbury, and Edgartown. Mr. Dine as being in an unusually good financial condition and setting a standard for the entire state.

Chatham had been able to build a schoolhouse out of surplus funds, it was said, and after that had shown a surplus of $49,000 on Oct. 1 of this year.

Bourne had rebuilt its fire-destroyed high school from a surplus and in addition had a surplus of $44,000 on Jan. 1 of this year, which has nudoubtedly increased since then through the addition of taxes collected for prior years. Bourne had not borrowed in anticipation of taxes until this year, when it borrowed a small sum.

Hingham had not borrowed in anticipation of revenue since 1930; Harwich did not borrow in 1932, in 1935. Marth's Vineyard towns which had not borrowed were 1933, 1934 or1935, and Marion not West Tilsbury which has not borrowed since 1930, and Chilmark, which did not borrow in 1935.

The difficulties in Wellfleet, Mr. Dinesaid, were due mainly to personnel and failure to collect taxes properly. The report, which covered the period from Dec. 14, to April 30, 1936, said that at the end of that time the town had a surplus of $8,000, but against this were uncollected taxes of more than $30,000.

"It is recommended," the report said, "that determined action be taken at onceby the new collector to secure settlement of the outstanding taxes of 1935 and of prior aggregated over $30,000."

The report also said that the final reconciliation of the treasurers cash showed that there was a cash discrepancy of $221.79 (caused by clerical errors) due due from him as of April 30, 1936.

The report said further that considerable saving to the town might have been effected if a certain note had been paid when due, and went on to say:

"It was also noted that during the period covered by the audit penalty interest of $1,212.64 was paid by the town to the county for failure to pay the county tax when due. Such methods of financing the town's activities as mentioned above are inexcusable."

DRIVE STARTED BY HOSPITAL

The Cape Cod Hospital today opened its fifth annual "Donation Week" which ends Saturday.

Magazines, books, preserves, canned goods, vegetables and jellies will be appreciated by the hospital staff. Donors who are unable to deliver their contributions at the hospital may have them called for if they notify Miss Eleanor I. Jones, the hospital superintendent.

BOURNE, LEICESTER GAME IS CANCELLED

BOURNE, Oct. 19. The Bourne High and Leicester High Football game, postponed Saturday because of stormy weather, will not be played this season, Coach Eddie Demers of Bourne announced today. Bourne and Leicester schedules for the remainder of the season are arranged so that it will not be possible to have the game.

MAN FILES SUIT FOR INJURIES

Thomas B. Robinson Asks $10,000 In District Court Action

BASNSTABLE, Oc. 19.—A motor vehicle accident Feb. 13, 1936, is the basis of a $10,000 suit filed today in District Court by Thomas B. Robinson of Hyannis against John De Grace of Hyannisport. The plaintiff claims he was injured while working near a gravel pit on Bearse's Way, Hyannis, due to the defendant's negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Henry Talbot of Bourne is named defendant in a $500 suit by Charles Ross, doing business as the Rambleton Farms in Buzzards Bay, the plaintiff asking paymnt of an alleged $236.98 account.

Smith Brothers, Inc., of Boston, sue the Cape Cod Toll House of Falmouth for $300 asking payment of $184.13 allegedly owed for butter, cheese and eggs.

An ejectment writ was filed by W. Russell Nickerson of Falmouth, asking the eviction of Norman Lumbert from premises situated on Vesper Avenue, Falmouth Heights.

DEMOCRATS TO HOLD MEETING

FALMOUTH, Oct. 19.—A Democratic rally will be held at St. Anthony's Hall, East Falmouth, tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock. John Pena of West Falmouth is in charge of the affair.

Mr. Pena said the following speakers will be heard: John D. W. Bodfish of Hyannis, Philip J. Murphy of Hyannis, Judge Robert W. Welch of Provincetown, A. F. Worrell of Fall River and Thomas Cannon of Boston.

FALMOUTH, Oct. 19.—Falmouth police cast aside their old khaki uniforms yesterday and appeared on their beats in new two-toned blue outfits. Coats and trousers of the new uniforms are navy blue, and the shirts are cadet blue.