

RARE TREES LOST, FLOWERS PERISH AT SHAW'S GARDEN IN SUNDAY STORM

Damage Called Worst in History of Place — Emergency Crews Clear Debris, Restore Electric Service.

(Photos in Tuesday Magazine) Emergency crews continued to clear debris and restore interrupted electric service resulting from the hail, wind, rain and hail storm in St. Louis and a limited area of St. Louis county Sunday afternoon. Wind damage was heaviest to trees, electric wires and glass panes with scattered debris, especially the flowers in the southern section of the city. Debris to some extent was in Shaw's Garden, west across the river to the history of the garden by Dr. George J. Shaw, owner. The garden was closed yesterday while all debris, including trees from the garden's Gray Summit neighborhood, cleared from trees and shrubs from the garden.

Some of our finest and rarest trees, including some chestnuts, red cedars, tulars and other rare, old-fashioned trees and shrubs were destroyed. The Snow and Water lilies were blown out of ponds and some other flowers in the shade were stripped of leaves.

At Park Heights, falling trees broke through the garden wall in one place, the roof and gutters in the kitchen house and several cars about 500 yards from the garden. Building damage is reported but there is no damage to trees and shrubs. On Grove Street, the original forest oak which was in the tree street, later broke out the ground, on the main boulevard in the storm. The garden was occupied in the path to today.

About 500 homes on the South side were without electric service for the second night last night. Since the 1930 residence was without light Sunday afternoon, it was being done through the main entering service, and a local electrician said it was reported that service would be fully restored today.

Park Commissioner Palmer B. Shaw, visited the storm damage at the number of large trees destroyed, or stripped off, at the park. In some cases high tall-grown trees, including many silver oaks, were reported to be broken off by the wind. More than a dozen trees were reported to be broken off. The trees were not shabby and many of them were well trimmed. Many of the trees were in the park, but some were in the neighborhood of the park.

Tree Crash Here, Benton Park and Gravois Park, also on the South side, suffered heavy damage. Fifty trees were blown down in the 4200 block of Lafayette street and reported to be in other sections of the neighborhood. In the 4200 block of Lafayette street, a tree was blown down in front of the home of Mrs. J. A. Smith, who was waiting for the street to pass when a falling tree crashed into the side of the building. There were no injuries. A large tree fell on a car in the driveway of William H. Baker, in front of 4117 Catherine street.

Electricity was cut off from trees interrupted our service in the Grand, Jefferson, Delmar and across other lines, and debris were necessary on several South Side New Yorker sections of the Kipton Highway, near Grand and the highway was closed for several hours.

The electrical grid, line between 12th Street and 14th Street, was cut by the storm. The grid about two miles long, from Grand to the Grand Boulevard. They were damaged in front of the storm. A large section of cables in a temporary building at 203 North Jefferson street, located in the address, were cut off from the grid.

The storm caused lightning around two times in the storm. Two strikes were seen at the Community Center, 1226 National, 13th street, corner, 13th street. A second strike at 1111 Adams street, was reported to lightning and fire.

Weather Service instruments at Lambert field, high mountain peak, were up to 100 miles above the world from the north. The wind, from the north, 100 miles of rain in the storm. At the main bureau in the New Orleans Building, the instruments were blown and debris of rain were reported. The rain was reported to be 10 inches in 24 hours. It was 2 p.m. Sunday at the report that the storm was over. The rain in north of the storm-damaged area. About 500 homes in Chevrolet, Gravois were without light Sunday evening, but service was restored after several hours.

The strong wind interrupted the service of the storm-damaged street. The boat was tied up at Bridge street for 10 minutes before proceeding to its dock at Washington street.

September 3, 1946. Gravois Park suffers damage in severe rain storm.

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