

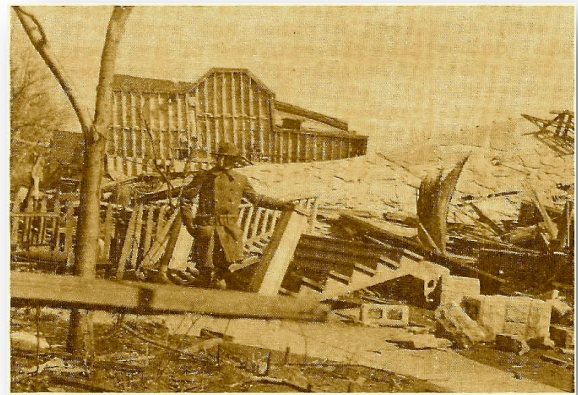
1920 Tornado Kills 10 Residents



Tornado ravaged home at 15th near Lake Street.



Farm on North Avenue Razed



Destroyed home on 18th Avenue



Sacred Heart Church Leveled

The following news article appeared 4 days after the devastating tornado

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REBUILDING MELROSE PARK

Plans of Reconstruction and Task Now Well Under Way

The housing of those who suffered by last Sunday's tornado has been the topic of the day for the committee appointed by the Relief Committee this week. Plans have been discussed pro and con, and a solution in the matter is forthcoming at this time.

The first step in the rebuilding of the tornado swept district is to salvage as much material as possible from the buildings destroyed. Many of these buildings were built within the last few years and the lumber which will be taken from them can be used in rebuilding.

At a meeting held in the village hall last Wednesday evening, arrangements were completed to employ from forty to sixty experienced house wreckers to take the houses down and save the most of the material. In the employ of practical house wreckers, it was felt that a greater saving in the material would be a far greater success.

President Chas. J. Wolf asked the press to assure the people of his village that every care would be used to make the work efficient and that by the co-operation with the committee and the village, the work would be a far greater success. He further urged that a full understanding be had with each property owner before work started, that the property owner should realize that the system of reconstruction was planned to care for each sufferer to the satisfaction of both the owner and the committee in charge.

When the grounds have been cleared and foundations made

ready for building, then such work will be started, caring for those first who need the greatest aid. The material which can be used in the reconstruction work will be laid aside and used as best suits the building to be built; not in any case claiming that a certain board, plank or piece of siding came from such and such a house, but that it can be best used wherever the work demands it be used. This was determined after the committee satisfied itself that materials from one end of the tornado swept district may be found at another place and it would be impossible to return it to its respective building or owner.

The lumber which cannot be used in the reconstruction is to be taken up by a crew of men and reserved for kindling or destroyed; the kindling to be given to those in need of it. At first it was thought that a huge bon fire would dispose of the unusable material, but President Wolf suggest the kindling plan be adopted.

The National Malleable Castings Co., through Mr. George A. Hart, has assigned fifty of their employees to help the committee clear the debris from the streets and thus allow an opportunity to the workmen employed in the reconstruction work to better handle the work.

All property owners who take the task upon themselves to rebuild where they have insurance or ample means of reconstruction, should secure a permit from the village to proceed.

Saturday afternoon and Sunday will see no rest for those working on the reconstruction plan and it is hoped that by the end of next week to see many houses looming up on the tornado shattered horizon.

TORNADO SWEEPS PROVISO TOWNSHIP

Death, Injury and Ruins Marks the Path—Melrose Park's List

The tornado which swept through Proviso township last Sunday at 12:47 left sadness, suffering and destruction behind; a memory for many long years to follow.

While thousands of families were enjoying their noonday meal, this Palm Sunday, a cone was making its way through the sky casting about houses like a child throws blocks, crushing out lives and causing pain and suffering.

It was first felt in Elgin where it destroyed the entire business district and killed eight persons and injuring close to a hundred. The cloud then arose and journey to Butterfield Road and York Road where it divided into two whirling cones and one went to South Chicago to cause damage while the other headed over Berkley, just skimming houses and tearing off shingles here and there, when it reached St. Charles Road and Hillside Ave., it came low enough to take the rear end of the home of Joseph Savrenio, but spared all other buildings until it reached Bellwood when it struck the East Bellwood school and remained low until it passed through Maywood and Melrose Park. After this it rose and journeyed to Dunning, destroying homes there, and so on, until it reached Evanston.
