# Town Being Gradually Restored By Workmen To State Of Respectability

Unsightly Yards Are Restored To Normal By Large Crews—Many Are Having Damage Repaired And Utilities Continue To Employ Large Force.

Over 300 workmen are cleaning Branford. This does not include those working on private property or of the telephone and light company employes.

The entire WPA force was taken from its regular projects and have worked long days and nights on relief work. They will be returned to the projects as soon as the emergency work is completed.

Due to efficiency at the Connecticut Light & Power Co. the Ashley Shirt Shop work was interrupted for only two hours.

Reports are that boats were safe at the Branford Lumber Co.

Supt. and Mrs. Raymond Pinkham took the precaution of moving first floor furniture up a flight.

Branford beacon top light fails to operate.

"Wild Pigeon" a large schooner has been swept away off Stony Creek.

The Connecticut Co. began bus service Saturday, coming from East Haven, down Snake Hill, through Short Beach, crossing through the woods into Branford Point and from there following the regular route to South Main, Montowese, Main and returning by the some route.

A stalled trolley has been moved from Granite Bay to the wooded section between the Double Beach station and the Gustave DuBreuil home. Another car has been moved from the line of traffic to the old red barn, between Branford Point and Lanphier's Cove.

Capt. Page's boat, Stony Creek
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#### Postpone Public Inspections At Malleable Iron

Because the hurricane has upset the usual routine of the Malleable Iron Fittings Company in so many ways it has been decided to postpone the inspections by the citizens of the town, the employees and other friends from October until November.

The company has always had considerable pride in the landscaping which beautifies one side at least of the grounds and is striving to restore things as far as may be possible. Some of the smaller trees which were prone have been set up straight and it is hoped that they will flourish again.

Considerable loss was caused by the high tide which over-flowed most of the premises and poured into the cellars where fittings were stored. Many tons of such fittings will have to be removed and variously treated to remove all trace of damage.

Three shifts working the full round of twenty-four hours have been put to work to restore things to a normal condition as soon as possible.

The company greatly appreciates the aid given by the fire department in pumping out the water from the cellars and thanks them as well as the effective and prompt work of so many of its employees in the emergency.

Business was greatly hampered by

### Strenuous Hours When Hurricane Struck M. I. F. Co.

The Fight Was Not Easily Won All Available Hands Pressed Into Service

A successful battle was fought by the mechanical and outside employees to maintain power at the factory and to supply power to the power company where it was badly needed.

As late as two o'clock power was being received as usual from the Conn. Light & Power Co. and with no indication of impending failure but suddenly at three o'clock the company telephoned that the supply of power was about to fail.

The Malleable Iron under the di-

The Malleable Iron under the direction of Mr. Ernest G. L. Craig, the master mechanic, was able almost at once to revert to the old and reliable method of producing power by steam upon their own premises.

There was some steam in the boilers and the fires under them were forced and in a few minutes the Corliss engine was turning over and with it the dynamos and sufficient power was produced for all factory purposes and in addition the current was reversed over the power Continued on page eight

#### Post Office On Standard Time

The Branford Post Office is operating on Standard Time. By using all substitutes, mails are either either 15 minutes late or 45 minutes early.

The lobby is open until 9 o'clock and the outside light has been kept on all night to aid passersby.

Service was maintained with regularity after the hurricane.

Routes 3 and 4 into Hotchkiss Grove, Indian Neck and Pawson Park will be discontinued September 30th. to their home, East Rock Road.

## Town Being

Continued from page one came to dock across Main Street:

The W. I. Inman property, Branford Point suffered the loss of old beautiful trees.

S. A. Griswold, South Main Street has many trees uprooted.

Homes are damaged at 252 and 254 Harbor Street.

Elm Street and the Hammer properties lost valuable trees and shrubs.

It takes more than a badge to pass the shore patrol. Chief Murphy's signature and a pass are required. At the police station passes are being issued to those who can satisfy the officials that their business is urgent.

The Rudolph Kneuer, old Hearthstone and Addison Cookes barns are demolished.

Considerable damage was done to the stucco of the south wall of Trinity Church.

Three trees crushed a mail box at were pulled up, with them 300 lb. moved to Wilford Road, post were ripped and moved a block Neck. Mr. Divine is Storm damage at the post office Westinghouse.

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amounts to about \$10.

Assistant postmaster Hugins reports the loss of a cherry tree.

Walter Newton is shy a garage roof.

Dr. McQueen's roof was torn and a cornice struck.

Seibren Ras. Montowese Street. caught part of the Sagal-Lou Farm flying roof on his automobile.

The authorities request that all citizens refrain from storing elms for firewood. An elm tree crew of men are working burning and carting away the fallen infested trees. The Service Battery of 192d Field Artillery, is doing duty. Looting in the stricken areas was responsible

for calling the guardsmen out Friday afternoon. Property is more heavily insured by windstorm insurance than was first reported. One insurance agent

had issued 20 policies at his office.

Miss Martha Beckley, Hotchkiss Grove is Ellis Island Chairman for the Junior Group of the Mary Clap Wooster Chapter, D. A. R.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm E. C. Div-Page's Point. Two others in town ine and son of Newton, Mass. have employed at

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ning gown, silver slippers, ringlets the light on a lantern.

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d h 75 20 feet in height.

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When the first urgent call came from Stony Creek, doctors, nurses,

And while we are talking measurements, just how high was that tidal wave? Some place it at 15 to

Where did the largest tree fall? A maple at Lanphier's Cove had a

firemen, police and utility workers chased each other up and down streets hoping to find entrance into g at the area. Gasoline for the minute was not available so the goodwill caravan drained Chief Murphy's

n e. 3car. Finders isn't keepers. e, When an unbroken skylight fell

at the feet of a young miss at Par-dee Place, East Haven she picked it up and ran from house to house in y e search of its rightful owner. Dis-couraged she returned home. The f

S skylight belonged on her own house. n At Stony Creek they are telling how one of the little moon-shaped e windowed houses made famous by the late "Chick" Sale, floated ashore amid the debris. The paper on the wall remained dry—so they mous by f t.

e say.

it Due credit to the W P A. e e Johnson Point property owners

S taking motion pictures of the dese truction to show future generations d The're telling of a woman who wanted entrance to a beach. She was told only identified persons could enter. She replied she couldn't 1 n 0 see why she had to be punished for S Branford's sins. t

One member of a One member of a rescue party battled the waves so hard he lost rescue party his false teeth near the Granite Bay Hotel. How would you rate a man who asks the town for a job and gets it, then swipes the axe he is given with

which to do-the work? Believe it—its true an alligator washed ashore at the Tucker Cabins, Short Beach, It was still alive the last we heard.

It was a long ride when Rock's "Thunderbolt" came to a stop It was a long ride when Savin

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