

I Survived Idea Contest

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My name is George S and my idea for a disaster is I Survived The Great Boston Molasses Flood. Killing 21 people, 2 kids and a few animals. Here's how it happened.

It was just a normal day on January 15, 1919. Across one of the streets was a tank storing molasses at the Purity Distilling Company. One of the workers didn't check for leaks and it was frozen. Then the molasses was too heavy and then the first row of screws was shooting out like a machine gun. It broke because it was constructed poorly. The whole front part of the tank dropped and 2,300,000 gallons of sticky molasses poured through Boston gushing down Boston like a wave over sand, tearing apart Boston. People were getting swooshed down the streets. The molasses was so sticky it threw them to the ground.

Here's a little story I made up.

Robert was walking downtown and his brother was playing cards downstairs. Then he heard a machine gun noise coming from the Purity Distilling Plant. It was a tsunami of molasses and he had to run away. When he was running he saw people gasping for air covered in molasses and people falling and stumbling. He saw his brother yelling help!! Then a pile of wood fell on him.

It was too late to help him, he was already stuck to the ground. He had to move on. The molasses was coming. He ran again and he was thinking to himself if he was going to live. Then ahead was Boston Harbor and that's how the molasses stopped so quickly. He jumped on a lamppost and the molasses went out into Boston Harbor. Afterwards all the grown ups came running out and started looking for their children and their husbands or wives. Robert ran straight to his brother. He had some cuts on him and splinters but he was ok. He ended up having a broken leg and his loss of his arm. Once he got to the hospital he had to stay there for a while for his operations. Once he was out of the hospital he was

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playing cards again and once when the molasses cleared out kids could go outside again. That's the story I made.

I think the Molasses Flood is important and interesting because I live near Boston and it happened in the Italian section of Boston and I'm Italian. People said you could smell molasses there for a long time.

The molasses flood killed people ages 10 to 76 and injured 150.

The distillery plant is now a Little League Baseball field, a playground and a bocce court. And my grandma plays bocce. And one of the duckboats from the Duckboat tours is called Molly Molasses. And there is a plaque near the park named Boston Molasses Flood telling about the Boston Molasses Flood.

The end.

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