

The whirlwind of San Pedro Macati, on June 23, 1930 - San Pedro Macati is a town situated beyond the eastern boundary line of Manila, on the southern shore of the Pasig river and almost half way between Santa Ana, Manila and Fort McKinley. Its church and schools are situated on a flat hill overlooking the Pasig river. San Pedro Macati was visited by a whirlwind on June 23, 1930, causing considerable damage in the town and in the neighbouring barrios. Since noon of the same day, a thunderstorm was brewing to the SE of Manila. About 2:30 p.m., two completely opposite currents were observed from Fort McKinley to be drifting past the Pasig River, over the rice fields of barrio Pineda, one of dense black clouds moving westward and another of greyish clouds moving eastward. All of a sudden, the two masses of air combined their motion and gave rise to a strong cyclonic circulation of winds with terrific thunder and lightning. Several trees were uprooted in barrio Pineda. The rope of a large barge, moored at Fort McKinley, broke and the barge drifted down the river toward the shore until towed back to Fort McKinley. Past the ruins of old Guadalupe, the whirlwind demolished a few houses, cut the tops of several trees and frightened the people with the blackness of its aspect and the horror of its thunder. Headed toward San Pedro Makati, the storm struck the cement school with all its force, ripped off sheets of the galvanized iron roof, and whirled some of them to a distance of more than half a kilometer. The impact of the wind against the large surface of the eastern wall of the school was so great that the cement wall with its frame and closed windows was cracked and bent. After the last gust, the whirlwind changed direction and moved N and NW, thus sparing half of the town