

Static Electricity Blamed For Dynamite Explosion

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)—A safety expert said Saturday a deadly dynamite explosion at a powder company plant 11 miles south of here may have been caused by static electricity.

Six men were killed and seven were injured Friday when a "jell shed" at the Pacific Powder Co. plant at Tenino erupted in a great ball of fire.

The blast obliterated the shed, a wooden structure with concrete walls on three sides, and damaged nearly every building at the plant. It rattled windows as far away as Olympia.

The six men killed were working in the shed. It was their job to stuff pliable dynamite into sticks for use in blasting.

Ed Sorger, safety supervisor for the State Department of Labor and Industries, after visiting the plant, said static electricity may have produced the sparks that touched off the explosion.

Sorger said the friction of wool clothes rubbing together on a day of very low humidity could have produced the static.

The safety expert said the explosion also could have been caused by an unsafe action of one of the six men in the building, such as wearing shoes with nails or wearing clothing with zippers, or by overheating of the stuffer machine. He said the latter was a remote possibility.

Killed in the explosion were Art Steinko, 45, and Earl Biggs, 26, both of Tenino; Wayne Brown, 23, Little Rock; Joe Davis, 45, Brucey Breck, 28, and George Gracing, 66, all of Olympia.

The seven men injured were not seriously hurt. They were working in other buildings at the sprawling plant.

Several other employees had narrow escapes as the plant went up in what witnesses called a "great, big ball of fire."

W. C. Stephens, foreman of the production line, had left the jell shed minutes before the explosion.

"I had just taken some powder to the building and had returned to the lunchroom when she blew," he said. "I had taken in about 2,000 pounds of explosives, so that means there was about 3,000 pounds in the building when the blast went off."

Stephens said he was thrown to the floor of the lunchroom by the force of the explosion. The lunchroom was badly damaged. Broken glass covered the floor from blown-in windows and smashed cups and glasses.

Skool arsen, 61, of Tenino, one of those hospitalized, was working in a machine shop 600 feet from the jell shed.

"There was only one big blast," he said, "that's all it takes."

Others hospitalized here were Jens Ellingson, 55, Rochester; Joe Spiehard, 39, Centralia, and A. L. Morehouse of Olympia. The others injured required only first aid treatment.

Mrs. Buell Recuperates At Lookingglass Home

By HAZEL R. MARSH

Mrs. Raymond Buell underwent surgery recently at Douglas Community Hospital and is now recuperating at her home in Lookingglass.

Mrs. Grace Harley-Nelson of St. Helens was a visitor in the valley Sunday. She is a former pastor of the local church and returned to assist in the christening service for Katherine Louise, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Buford, and for her 17-month-old brother, Joseph Edward.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marsh spent the past weekend in Corvallis attending the annual meeting of the board of directors of the WCTU Children's Farm Home. They returned via the coast route, spending Saturday night at Newport and attending Sunday morning church service at the United Brethren Evangelical Church at Florence.

The Rev. F. Gene Elliott, a former Lookingglass pastor, is now pastor of the church in Florence.

Mrs. J. D. Mathis went to Portland Sunday to enter a hospital there for major surgery.

The Lookingglass Home Extension Unit voted at their meeting Tuesday to join the Home Extension scholarship fund plan and assist in providing the scholarship for Oregon State College for some deserving young people. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ann Wilson. Mrs. Don Ollivant presented a sketch of life in Australia.

Mrs. L. A. Wigan left Tuesday for her home in Fort Worth, Tex., after spending the past four weeks at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Swinford. Mrs. Wigan assisted in the care of her daughter and new son Kim who arrived at Christmas time. The Swinforths and Mrs. Wigan spent last weekend in Portland visiting relatives.

Man Commits Suicide After Shooting Wife

EUGENE (AP)—A 65-year-old store proprietor at Walker, four miles north of Cottage Grove, committed suicide early Friday morning after shooting his wife as she slept, police reported.

Dead is Donald Connor, an elderly gun collector who ran the small general store and gas station at Walker. State police who broke into his living quarters at the rear of the store found him dead on the floor, a .38 caliber revolver clutched in his hand.

His wife, Nora, 63, was in Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene with a severe wound in the neck and shoulder. However, physicians told state police she was expected to recover.

Polio Benefit Slated At Rice Valley Tonight

A benefit March of Dimes party is scheduled tonight at the Rice Valley Community Hall, according to Oakland correspondent Edith Dunn.

The polio supper will be served at 7 p. m., followed by card games. Those attending must bring their own table service.

A freewill offering will be taken and all proceeds will go to the March of Dimes. Oakland merchants have donated prizes for the public affair.

Hall Delivers Final Report, Offers Advice

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full committee on Tuesday when a new chairman will be elected.

In his final report Hall said the election last Nov. 6 should be marked as the "big Republican breakthrough." He said the party "cracked the formerly impregnable Democratic strongholds in the South and in the big cities."

"Unfortunately," he added, "the Republican victory at the presidential level in 1956 was not accompanied by comparable success in congressional and state elections."

The elections disproved the coalition theory and congressional candidates who relied on the President's vast popularity to carry them to victory found out it doesn't work that way. We must have able, personable and attractive candidates who can stand on their own feet and win on their own merits.

Hall said it is evident the party has a big task ahead to increase the Republican strength in many areas.

Hall was to name the subcommittee that will canvass party sentiment on the chairmanship.

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Church Activities

Junior Division Group Holds Meet

The Junior Division of the First Christian Church held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Byron Harmon Jan. 15.

The meeting was called to order by the vice president, Nina Brewer. Florence Clausen led the devotions, on the theme, "Take Time to Be Holy." Devotions were closed by prayer and the poem, "I Met God In The Morning."

Secretary Lila Naas gave the treasurer's report and read minutes of the previous meeting. A letter of thanks from a former minister, Rea Kleinfelt, was also read.

Members voted to help sponsor two delegates to the Council of Church Women meeting in Salem in the near future. Alice Lloyd gave a prayer for the sick.

A missionary report on the work of Harry Holt and his family of bringing Korean orphans to the states was given by Marjorie Rambo.

Refreshments were served to 28 members by the co-hostesses, Alice Lloyd, Edith Jones and Mary Ellen Eaton.

Glendale Presbyterian Church Meeting Held

At a business meeting which followed a roast beef dinner on the evening of Jan. 9, the congregation of the Glendale Olivet Presbyterian church heard reports from church officers and organizations of the church and then elected new officers as follows:

Elders for three-year terms, Mrs. E. Mae Basye and Don Wohler; trustees for three-year terms, Mrs. Mina Johnson and George Major; deacons for a three-year term, Mrs. Esther Perry; and treasurer for a one-year term, C. Wayne Close.

After the business meeting a motion picture, "High Calling," which tells the story of the denomination and its work, was shown.

A service of ordination for the new deacon, Don Wohler, and installation for the other officer, will be held during the worship hour, Sunday morning, Jan. 20.

New Officers Elected For Glendale Church

New officers for the Glendale Assembly of God Church were elected at the annual business meeting held last Saturday evening. They were installed during the morning worship hour the following day.

Officers include the following: Board of Deacons, Perry Converse, John Sheets, Jim Seance, Clyde Keller and Connie O'Roke; secretary-treasurer, Harold Sheppard; financial secretary, Perry Converse; Sunday school superintendent, Mrs. Ruth Passfeld; assistant, Harold Sheppard; Christ's Ambassador's leader, Jim Seance, assisted by Mrs. Wanda Grigsby; Women's Missionary Council, Mrs. John Sheets, president; and missionaries, Girls' Mission Circle, Mrs. Polly O'Roke, leader.

Episcopal Guild Sets Meeting Dates

The Sutherland Episcopal Guild met last week at the home of Mrs. Fred Dietrich, with 11 members attending.

A "thank you" note from Earline Bullock was read. Mrs. Gertrude Starmer reported that the choir has organized with the usual setting. Mrs. Ruth Passfeld has notified more members, and aiding the church in any way possible.

Plans were made for a dinner which was given at the church earlier this week, preceding the annual meeting of members of the church.

Members voted to meet once a month on the second Wednesday. The next meeting date will be Feb. 13. After the meeting refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Wilbur Residents Hold Special Meeting

A number of parents and others interested in the youth of Wilbur met Sunday afternoon at the Wilbur church to discuss reorganization of the MYF, a youth fellowship group.

The Rev. Bob Peters and Mrs. Lewis Bintliff led the discussion on what should be included in such a program. Mrs. Bintliff will be the coordinating counselor with others assisting in planning and supervision. Arts and crafts will be included as well as recreation, discussion and worship programs.

The first meeting will be held Sunday afternoon, Jan. 20, following a waffle supper at 4 p. m. All young people in the community are invited to attend.

Missionary Council Meets In Glendale

The Women's Missionary Council of the Glendale Assembly of God church held an all-day meeting last week. A devotional service was held in the morning.

In the afternoon the 13 ladies present worked on award cards for

Glendale Man Receives Hand Injury While Working Jan. 7

By MRS. GERALD B. FOX

Donald Thomas of Glendale received a severe bruise and a two-inch cut on his left thumb when the spike bar slipped while he was setting chokers on a Robert Dollar Co. operation near Glendale Jan. 7.

Omer Elam of Glendale received two painful puncture wounds on his right forearm Jan. 9 when a fell-dropped an eight foot 2x6 piece of lumber with two nails. The board hit his arm.

Albert Weeks, employed by the Robert Dollar Lumber Co. slipped on ice Jan. 9 and fell. The lumber he was carrying mashed two of his fingers.

David Burns, employed by the Dollar-Patterson Lumber Co., received a one-and-a-half inch laceration on his right hand Jan. 10, when a wrench slipped while he was changing saws.

Moss Wilson of Glendale received a two-inch laceration on his scalp when he was watching the operation of the Robert Dollar Co. chipper, Jan. 11, and a scrap of wood flew out, striking him on the head.

Mrs. Woody Poole of Glendale learned from a specialist in Medford she visited recently, that severe head pain she has been suffering for the past five years was caused largely by a perforation in the inner ear drum. She is receiving treatment now.



BRIDAL GOWN — Miss Helen Stevenson, 28, models gown she will wear today when she weds New Jersey Gov. Robert B. Meyner at Oberlin, Ohio. The ceremony will be in the First Congregational Church. Miss Stevenson, a cousin of Adlai E. Stevenson, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William E. Stevenson. Dr. Stevenson is president of Oberlin College. (AP Wirephoto)

New Jersey's Gov. Meyner Marries Today

OBERLIN, Ohio (AP)—A romance that started at a mock political convention here last May and blossomed during the presidential campaign will be climaxed today with the wedding of New Jersey's Gov. Robert B. Meyner and Helen Stevenson.

Gov. Meyner and the tall, brunette Miss Stevenson will say their wedding vows at the altar of First Church, Congregational, this afternoon. Her father, Oberlin College President William E. Stevenson, will give the bride away.

The 28-year-old Miss Stevenson said Meyner, 48, popped the question last summer while both were in Chicago at the Democratic National Convention. Earlier, Miss Stevenson had been in New Jersey helping out as a volunteer worker for Adlai Stevenson, twice-defeated Democratic presidential candidate and a distant cousin by marriage.

Adlai, will be among guests at the double-ring wedding. Dr. Joseph F. King will perform the ceremony.

Oakland Garden Group Slates Monday Meeting

A meeting of the Oakland Garden Club is scheduled Monday evening at the parish hall. It will start with a 7 o'clock supper. Husbands will be guests.

Pictures of wildlife will be shown by Harry Smith.

Serving committee members are: Mrs. Loyal Stearns, Mrs. Hunter Early, Mrs. Harry Barker and Mrs. Neil Burpee.

PTA TO MEET

A meeting of the Oakland Parent-Teachers Assn. is scheduled at the high school Monday night. Featured will be a doll show and musical program, under the direction of Darrell Langevin.

Oakland Church Ladies Discuss Camp Fire Aid

The Ladies Bible Class of the Oakland Community Presbyterian Church discussed possible purchase of material for a bazaar and possible assistance of the Camp Fire Girls troop at the last meeting, reports correspondent Edith Dunn.

Leaders of the Camp Fire troop have issued a request for help from anyone interested in the work.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Gordon La Motte.

Correspondence of thanks was received for the remembrance to Miss Mattie Cooper, who is a patient in a Roseburg hospital.

The next meeting is scheduled Feb. 8 at the home of Mrs. Lee

Top Teamsters Refuses Data On Use Of Fund

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Another witness, Seattle contractor John Lindsay, refused to testify whether he had told the subcommittee earlier that Teamsters Union funds were used to pay part of the cost of a home for Beck.

The question was put to Lindsay after Robert Kennedy, counsel for the Senate investigations subcommittee, had asked him if he knew that Beck had sold his home to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in 1955 for about \$162,000.

Lindsay, a surprise witness in the subcommittee's inquiry into alleged labor union racketeering, invoked his Fifth Amendment protection against possible self-incrimination in refusing to answer questions.

His lawyer, James M. McInerney of this city, said Lindsay was forced to take his position since he had been notified by the Treasury Department on Jan. 11 that criminal action was being considered against him for "attempted evasion" of income tax payments.

Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) said Lindsay had "started out to be cooperative" with the subcommittee and "gave the facts" but then had received "this threat to bring criminal proceedings" from the Treasury.

McCarthy added "the sequence seems unusual." He said that while he was not accusing the Internal Revenue Service "of trying to shut out our witnesses," he did know that "there is tremendous pressure to sweep this matter (the subcommittee investigation) under the rug."

However, another subcommittee member, Sen. Mundt (R-SD), said it appeared the Treasury Department's letter to Lindsay was "in conformity with standard operating procedure."

Sen. McClellan (D-Ark), the subcommittee chairman, interjected that the department's letter spoke for itself.

Under questioning, Lindsay acknowledged receiving a telephone call from Kennedy last month. At the time Kennedy was in Chicago and Lindsay was in Seattle. Lindsay is a brother of the late Gordon Lindsay, secretary of the Teamsters' Western Conference.

"Do you remember," Kennedy asked, "that I reached you at the headquarters of the Teamsters in Seattle and that you told me you had been the contractor on Dave Beck's home and that you had done some of the repairs on his home?"

Lindsay declined to answer, nor would he answer when Kennedy asked him if he remembered saying that "you paid for work on Dave Beck's home partly out of union funds."

Kennedy also asked the contractor if he recalled saying that repairs on Beck's home were paid for in part by the Teamsters Union and in part out of Beck's own money. Lindsay again declined to answer.

It previously has been reported that the Teamsters Union, after buying Beck's home from him for \$162,000, gave him a free life tenancy in it. The home is on the outskirts of Seattle.

Lindsay was called to the witness stand ahead of two West Coast officials of the 1½-million member Teamsters Union who have questioned the subcommittee's authority to carry on its search for evidence of union irregularities.

Ingrid Bergman Arrives In U.S.

NEW YORK (AP)—Ingrid Bergman came back to the United States Saturday. She stepped off a plane at Idlewild Airport with a big smile and was greeted by a score of fans waving "welcome" placards.

"I feel fine," were the actress' first words upon her return for a quick 24-hour visit after an absence of nearly eight years.

Miss Bergman made the flying trip here to receive the New York Film critics' award as the best actress of 1956 for her performance in Anastasia. She returns to Paris Sunday night to continue her role in a stage hit there.

Miss Bergman told newsmen she had no regrets concerning past actions in her life.

A son was born to her and an Italian film director while Miss Bergman still was married to another man.

3,000 Attend Toscanini Rites

NEW YORK (AP)—Three thousand friends and music lovers attended a pontifical requiem mass for Arturo Toscanini Saturday in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The world-famed conductor died Wednesday in his New York home at 88. He had suffered a stroke New Year's Day.

The maestro's body reposed in a solid copper casket.

The Most Rev. Joseph M. Perricone, Italian born auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of New York, sang the mass.

Navy Nurse To Visit Local Recruiting Office

Navy Nurse Lt. Dorothy Dreyer will be at the Navy Recruiting Office at the Douglas County courthouse in Roseburg next Tuesday to talk to prospective applicants. She will be there from 9:30 a. m. to 11 a. m.

Lt. Dreyer will explain the opportunities offered young women in the Navy Nurse Corps and is especially interested in talking to registered nurses or nurses who are in their final year of training, according to EMLC Joseph Kokoszki, local Navy recruiter.

Israel, France Vote Against U. N. Mandate

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cupy by next Tuesday on the Egyptian side of the 1949 armistice line.

These two areas are the controversial Gaza Strip and the Sharm El Sheikh area, which commands the approaches to the Gulf of Aqaba.

Israel has insisted that it will withdraw from these positions only if Israeli interests can be protected.

Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban assured the assembly his government was not seeking the annexation of the Gaza Strip, but was only interested in guarantees that the Fedayeen (commando) raids would not be resumed from their previous bases in the Gaza area.

Israel supported the part of the resolution calling for Hammar-skjold to report back within five days, but voted against the proposal as a whole because Eban said it did not note that any withdrawals of Israeli forces had taken place.

Costa Rica and Cuba abstained.

France branded as unjust and unfair any demand that Israel withdraw completely without a process that Egypt also will comply with U.N. resolutions.

Blind Man Claims Curing Power Given By 'The Lord'

By BUD BODINE
Staff Writer, News-Review

Carl Liljemark, an elderly Roseburg resident, says he adds sick persons who come to him by giving them treatments with his hands.

Liljemark, who is blind, explains his ability saying, "the power of the Lord working through my hands" effects the cure of the sick.

No one can explain such a power, Liljemark says, except the persons who receive it and others who witness its works. There are many persons who have such "healing powers as the Lord has given" him to use, he adds, but they are scattered far and wide across the country.

Liljemark states his belief firmly that "if the Lord wishes a person healed, then he will be healed."

"If we believe in God's power for healing us, it will come, he adds, 'the Lord never lets anyone down.'"

Liljemark has been giving treatments for several years. He lived in Washington and Oregon, coming to Roseburg in 1955.

The treatments are given at Liljemark's home, 638 SE Parrott St. Persons coming to him sit on an ottoman in the living room and Liljemark treats them by laying his hands on them.

He states that he has helped persons suffering from a wide variety of diseases. He doesn't attempt to do this medically, he says, and if he feels it's necessary for a person to go to a doctor, he tells them to do so.

When questioned, Liljemark cites examples of persons who have come to him for treatment.

There was one woman who came to him, Liljemark says, who had formerly been a nurse but had to quit because her feet had become crippled. She is active again, now, he states, and her health is restored.

A 70-year-old man came to him suffering from a rupture and an ulcer that he had had for several years, Liljemark adds. After a few treatments both conditions were cured and the man is stronger now than he has been for years.

Liljemark states that there is no disease that can't be overcome by the "power of the Lord working through his hands." In his time, he explains, he has aided people suffering from polio, various types of tumors, varicose veins, blindness when the nerves are not completely gone, lung trouble, heart trouble and swelling caused by a bone fracture.

"The power of healing is a light that the Lord brings down to earth," Liljemark says. "It can't be seen or heard, but it can be felt."

Retarded Children Plan Explained At Meeting Thursday

The Douglas County Assn. for Retarded Children heard Ted Benedict of the Kiwanis Club give an outline of the club's plans to further the cause for the education of Douglas County, at a meeting Thursday.

He discussed the club's plan to ask the county to adopt a program for the education of mentally retarded children under the auspices of the office of the county school superintendent.

As part of this program, a petition is now being circulated which will be presented to the Douglas County Court. All persons not contrary are asked to write letters to PO Box 387, Roseburg, in support.

The Douglas County Assn. for Retarded Children elected new officers at its meeting. They are W. C. Shirley, president; Bernice Faus, vice president; Mrs. W. C. Shirley, secretary and Dr. R. L. McDonald, treasurer.

Plans are underway for an open house to be held at the Robin Dale School for retarded children on Feb. 15 at 8 p. m. Association membership cards are now on sale by association members.

Local Woman Succumbs In Hospital Saturday

Mrs. Anna Belle Collins, 77, died at a local hospital this morning.

She was born Oct. 10, 1879, at Newton, Kan., and moved with her family to South Dakota when she was about 10 years old. She was married at Blunt, S.D., on April 19, 1905, to Arthur B. Collins, who preceded her in death in 1922. She came to Oregon from Nebraska in 1921, residing at Albany and Eugene before coming to Roseburg three years ago. She was a member of the Christian Church.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Mildred Louise Bingham of Eugene, Mrs. Mable Elizabeth Dawson of Trail, and Mrs. Dorothy Carol Vovd of Baltimore, Md.; two sisters, Miss Frances Calhoun of Midland, S. D., and Mrs. Maggie Patton of Benkleman, Neb.; three brothers, Roy E. Calhoun of Wray, Colo., A. O. Calhoun of Denver, and W. E. Calhoun of Sunnyside, Calif., and five grandchildren.

Her body has been removed to Long and Orr Mortuary. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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