

Struck Telephone Office Damaged In Vandal Raid

STEBENVILLE, Ohio — About 35 men broke into the Dillonvale Exchange of the struck Ohio Consolidated Telephone Co. Tuesday night and smashed windows, doors, switchboards and fixtures with sledgehammers and concrete blocks.

The exchange was knocked out of operation. Persons who tried to place calls to Dillonvale Wednesday were informed by Stebenville operators that the exchange is "out of service for the day."

The new violence came as negotiations for the company and the communication workers union were reported nearing agreement end the seven-month-old strike.

The union repeatedly has denied any knowledge of the cable cuttings and other vandalism which has marked the long strike.

Nobody was hurt in the Dillonvale affair. Supervisory employees who were on duty when the mob entered, fled the small building. Jefferson county sheriff's deputies said they were unable to identify any of the vandals.

By the time officers arrived, the exchange was deserted.

Company officials declined to estimate the damage, and could not say when service would be restored.

Atomic Rockets To Blast Enemy Bombers Out Of Sky Issued Interceptor Planes

WASHINGTON — Atomic rockets for blasting enemy bombers out of the sky are now being issued to interceptor planes of the air defense command within the United States.

Suddenly breaking a well-kept secret, Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson Wednesday revealed this in a statement which also said that the same nuclear punch will be incorporated into surface-to-air defense.

This will include the Army's Nike-Hercules anti-aircraft missile and the Talos, a missile developed by the Navy which the Air Force has proposed to adopt.

The fact that nuclear missiles already are out of the experimental stage and going into the hands of airmen represents the greatest advance in aerial defense since World War II and the following advent of the atomic and jet aircraft age.

The airborne rockets are being stored "in areas immediately adjacent to the operational units," the Pentagon said, adding that for reasons of military security it would not say precisely where. Obviously, however, this eventually will mean at most of the major

bases where air defense command planes are located.

Wilson's statement did not identify the rocket being used as a carrier for the nuclear explosive. It is understood to be of new design and to have actual guided missile features instead of being a mere aimed rocket.

Reports that the rocket is one of the better known missiles, like the Air Force's Falcon, were discounted. There has been speculation published for months that an entirely new plane-to-plane missile, built for an atomic warhead, was far advanced in development. One published report suggested this might be the "Dingdong," a Douglas Aircraft Co. project.

It seems entirely possible that nuclear power as high as 15 or 20 kilotons could be packed in the warhead of a missile. (A kiloton is the equivalent of 1,000 tons of energy released by a conventional TNT explosion). Such force obviously could destroy aircraft at what Wilson called "a considerable distance from the point of burst"—perhaps upward of a half mile.

Methodists To View Slides On Holy Land

Clyde Walker, educational representative of the Portland General Electric Co., will show slides and speak on his "Two Years in the Holy Land," at the First Methodist Church Men's Club monthly dinner meeting Monday night.

The dinner is scheduled for 8:30 in the church social hall. The speaker recently spent two years in Israel and the middle east as a government representative. The evening has been designated as ladies night.

Simon P. Curtis Of Yoncalla Dies Wednesday At 75

Simon Peter Curtis, 75, of Yoncalla died at a Roseburg hospital early Wednesday morning.

He was born at Sidney, Iowa Oct. 4, 1861. He spent the greater part of his life there where he was a farmer. The family emigrated to Oregon in 1941 and settled at Forest Grove and then came to Yoncalla in 1946.

His wife, Eva, died in 1933. They were members of the Primitive Baptist Church, Portland. Survivors include one son, Everett of Yoncalla; two daughters, Mrs. Raphael (Nilda) Wise, Yoncalla, and Mrs. Steven (Elizabeth) Egerer of Narco, Calif.; five brothers, Earl, Numman Grove, Nebr.; Earl of Omaha, Nebr.; George of Melverne, Iowa; Edgar of Wilton, Calif.; Brian of Arizona. Three sisters: Bethel Judd of Pickering,

Mo.; Mae Swisher of Kabool, Mo.; Ethel Moles, Independence, Ore. Six grandchildren and two great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Fuita's Chapel of the Grove at Forest Grove with the Rev. P. R. Starks officiating. Burial will be in Forest View cemetery. Stearns and Little Mortuary of Oakland is in charge of arrangements.

State Sued For Losses Of Flood At Mitchell

FOSSIL, Ore. — Trial began in circuit court here Tuesday of some \$297,000 in suits filed against the state by nine persons who suffered losses in the 1936 flash flood at Mitchell.

They seek repayment for a number of homes and belongings lost. They contend the state Highway Commission increased the flood danger in planning and construction of Highway 26.

TO HARNESS HEAT

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R. — The newspaper Soviet Aviation said Wednesday Soviet science plans to harness the heat of the earth to generate electricity for homes and industry. It said the first "geo-sonic" power stations would be built in Siberia's Kamchatka Peninsula and the adjacent Kurile Islands because volcanic activity there is close to the earth's surface. The report gave no details on tapping the heat of the earth.

Eugene Fisher To Speak To Sutherlin Teachers

Eugene Fisher, Elkton school board member and second vice president of the Oregon State School Board Assn., will speak on "Current Legislation Affecting Schools" at a meeting of the Sutherlin Teachers Assn. Feb. 28.

The meeting will be at 8 p.m. in the library of Sutherlin High School. Bills which Fisher will speak on include revision of the rural school law and the key district plan.

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Confirmation classes for the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit in Sutherlin will be held for children and adults, starting at 3 p.m. March 3. They will be held in the church's new building across from the city park.

Thefts Of Gems, Furs Charged To 2 Women

PORTLAND — Two women were returned here Sunday, charged with taking \$20,000 worth of jewels and furs August 17, 1936, from the home of Raymond Clark, an employe of James Elkins. Both Clark and Elkins are under indictment in Portland's vice probe.

Detective George Minicelli of the sheriff's staff here brought the women, Mary Childress, 44, and Cathleen Lucille, 24, back from Laredo, Tex.

The women said they had been held at Laredo by the FBI after being returned from Mexico City by Mexican immigration authorities.

Both women denied having had anything to do with the burglary. They were held in the Rocky Butte county jail here in lieu of posting bail of \$5,000 each.

S. Nelson To Manage McKee Trailers Sales

Stanley R. Nelson of Eugene has been appointed manager of the Jim McKee Trailer Sales, 1162 NE Stephens, McKee announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are living in a trailer on the sales lot. Nelson has been service manager of the firm since 1934 and has served in that capacity in Eugene since 1934.

PARTY HELD

A party for young people at the Fair Oaks Church last week drew a big crowd to the Fair Oaks recreational hall, according to correspondent Mrs. Brittain Slack.

A contest was held between the young people and adults. The young people won. After the play hour, refreshments were served.

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