

Furnace Blast Destroys Home, Kills Five Persons

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — An explosion in zero weather destroyed a frame home here early today, killing five persons. Two others were injured. A house next door and a grocery across the street were damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Oglesby; a daughter; Mrs. Oglesby's brother; and her mother were killed. Two Oglesby sons were injured. Firemen said they believed the furnace in the home exploded. It had been converted to gas from coal.

Virgil Oglesby was 47 years old; his wife, Nellie, 44; and their dead daughter Patricia Ann, 5.

The two others killed were James H. Cooper, 56, and Mrs. Liza C. Cooper, 80, the mother.

The two Oglesby sons, Bobby Lee, 13, and James Henry, 26, were taken to a hospital. Bobby Lee was released, but James was held for treatment for minor injuries.

Fire destroyed the 1½-story home and damaged the house next door. The blast damaged the grocery.

Four Die In Fire That Razes Block; Cigarette Blamed

CRESCENT CITY, Calif. (AP) — A lighted cigarette was blamed for the death of three persons and injury of four in a fire that destroyed an entire business block of this northwestern California lumber town yesterday.

One person still is missing. Damage was estimated at 1½ million dollars.

The casualties occurred at the Bay City Hotel, where the fire started from a cigarette on a mattress in a third-floor room. Police Chief Bill Burke said.

Burke identified the dead as Bob by Booker, 22, stationed at Requa Air Force Base near Klamath; Elmer Wasankari, 33, Crescent City, and William Maughan, a logger.

George Schrader, 72, and George Pittman, 23, were seriously injured in leaps from upstairs rooms.

Mrs. Marjorie Sharp, 38, a hotel guest, has not been located.

Nine business houses were devastated by the blaze.

'Drag Race' Costs Two Lives; Three Injured

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — A 17-year-old expectant mother and a 21-year-old machinist were killed and three other youths, including another pregnant teenager, were injured in a "drag race" yesterday.

Robert J. Bruschi, San Mateo, was killed instantly when one of the two speeding cars in the 90-mile-an-hour race down a residential street at 1:30 a.m. smashed into two parked cars.

Mrs. Teddie Jean Hunt, Menlo Park, died in a hospital an hour later. She and her husband James 19, who was injured, have an 18-month-old son.

John Miller, 22, Redwood City, driver of the car which crashed, was booked at city prison on suspicion of manslaughter.

Miller's wife Peggy Jean, 17, an expectant mother, was treated for minor injuries, as was another passenger, 19-year-old Mary Houle of Belmont.



"SCOTTISH" BEAUTIES Shirley Douglas, left, and Lois Lindesmith pose with singer Jerry Wayne for the purpose of spotlighting the Indian Theater double bill "As Long As They're Happy" and "Campbell's Kingdom," which opens Feb. 23. The girls were named "Queens of Campbell's Kingdom" in a recent contest conducted by the Rank Organization, producers of the picture. Both are models in Seattle and Shirley is a student at the University of Washington. (Paul Jenkins)

Postmaster Nomination Goes To Harley D. Naas

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower has sent to the Senate these postmaster nominations for Oregon:

Ivan A. Olen, Madras; Harley D. Naas, Myrtle Creek; Irvin Lewis Wence, North Plains; Bernice L. White, Parkdale; Joseph D. McKay, Saint Paul; Ruby A. Keller, Vida; John L. Shetterly, Willamina.

Naas has been acting Myrtle Creek postmaster since the retirement of Bryan Dieckman last year. His appointment, when approved, will be for an indefinite period.

Hospital News

Mercy Hospital Admitted

Surgery: Mrs. Austin Rader, Oakland; Guy Oglesby, Roseburg; Medical: Mrs. Leonard Martin, Oakland; Fred Dieckrich, Gordon Ouellette, Sutherlin; Mrs. John McNutt, Aaron F. Cathy, Howard Fry, Earl Fender, Vickie Myers, Mrs. Robert Raffenberger, Mrs. Carrie Peck, Roseburg; Gladys Williams, Myrtle Creek.

Discharged

Edward Walton, George E. Clark, Mrs. Bernard, Dressler William Gensky, Edwin L. Knapp, Mrs. Richard Hollenbeck and baby, Anne Cecile; Mrs. Agnes Waer, and baby, Mildred Naoma, Winston; Thomas Benefield, Mrs. William McRae, Oakland; Mrs. Ralph Paul, Reedsport; Mrs. John Caudill, Mrs. Clark Glikson, Sutherlin; Everett Hall, Winchester.

Douglas Community Hospital Admitted

Surgery: Charles Clinton, Sutherlin; John O'Sullivan, Riddle; Wilbur Johnston, Wendell Carpenter, Mrs. Frank Kent, Mrs. Roger McKenzie, Mrs. Ford Plant, Roseburg.

Medical: Noble Burgess, Daniel Blehm, Kenneth Tinsino, Kenneth Smith, Mrs. Darrell Kloak, Mrs. Gail Bailey, Roseburg; Carl Hansen, Idley Park; Mrs. Arthur Edwards, Tenmile; Wynema Gaylor, Winchester; Willard Ott, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Robert Surgeon, Winston.

Discharged

Mrs. Fred Finster and baby, Fred Louis; Mrs. Robert Trued and baby, Marjorie Ruth; Mrs. Edward Campbell and baby, Linda Mae; Mrs. Ed Holcomb and baby, Tammy Sue; Mrs. Boyd Bryant and baby, Timothy Gordon; Mrs. Frank Mears and baby, Johnny Lee; Jack Pittsley, Mrs. Larry Johnson, Mrs. John Donovan and baby, Scott Alan; Mrs. Steve Griffin and baby, Steven Arthur II; Mrs. Ralph Wiley and baby, Heather Jill; Georgia Weseman, Cora Dourte, Ronald Muggard, Mrs. Vern Peeler and baby, Pamela Lynn; Mrs. Warren Mann, Mrs. Arthur Hubbell, Mrs. John Anderson, Robert Johnston, William Gadoway, Mrs. Herbert Fisher, Herman Snow, William Snyder, Mrs. Norman Burnett, Roseburg; Mrs. Melvin Palmer and baby, Victoria Rae; Mrs. Ralph Steiber, Mrs. Ray Harrell and baby, Leah Diane, Sutherlin; Mrs. Delbert Petersen and baby, Pamela Ann, Glide; Thomas Hoffsmith, Portland; Mrs. Leo Graves, Mrs. John Cullett, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Frank Churchill, Oakland.

Long Abandoned Lighthouse Still Holds Warm Spot

By FRANK W. VAILLE

WASHINGTON (AP) — That long-abandoned lighthouse on the Coquille River still fills a warm spot in the hearts of Bandon, Ore., residents across the river.

This was apparent Thursday from letters received by Rep. Porter (D-Ore.) asking about a recent announcement that the property has been declared surplus to Coast Guard needs and may be sold.

Typical of the response was that from one woman who wrote: "I've sat on this bank many an hour and looked longingly at that lighthouse, dreaming it was mine. It would truly be a Shangri La."

Although sale to the public is likely, no actual decision has been made.

Committee To Act

Porter said the House Merchant Marine Committee is scheduled to act during the week of Feb. 17 to authorize the Coast Guard to turn the property over to the General Services Administration.

That agency then must check other departments to see that none has any use for the site. If the check is negative, the tract then would go up for bid. The whole procedure usually takes about six months.

The property, which fronts on the ocean and the river, was abandoned by the Coast Guard in 1939. It includes the light tower, a building housing the fog signal and 11½ acres of land. An adjacent 40-acre tract is scheduled for return to the public domain under Department of the Interior administration.

Built at a cost of \$17,600 in 1896, the property now is valued at considerably less.

But who knows? Shangri La don't come cheap.

Salem Publisher Heads Oregon Press Conference

EUGENE (AP) — E. A. Brown, publisher of the Salem Capital Journal, is the new chairman of the Oregon Press Conference.

He was elected Saturday at the closing session of the two-day conference sponsored by the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Assn. and the University of Oregon.

Verne McKinney of Hillsboro, and Carl Webb of Eugene were named representatives to the Eric Allen Memorial Trusteeship.

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Illness Hits Actress In 'Annie Get Your Gun'

MANHASSET, N.Y. (AP) — Actress Martha Raye was resting comfortably in a hospital here today after an emergency appendectomy.

Miss Raye was stricken while rehearsing for "Annie Get Your Gun," due to begin a two-week run at the New York City Center Wednesday night.

Her manager said she undoubtedly will miss all performances.

Radar Stations Slated At Five Oregon Places

PORTLAND (AP) — Facilities for radar stations at Baker, North Bend, Mount Hebo, Burns and Condon will be among some eight million dollars worth of military construction projects in Oregon on which bids are to be called by June 30.

The construction program listed for the state by governmental agencies also will include the spending of about two million dollars on the semi-automatic ground environment radar installation (SAGE) at the site of Camp Adair, near Corvallis.

Attractive Trio Builds Interest In Movie Treat

Singer Jerry Wayne and a pair of pretty lassies from Seattle stopped off in Roseburg Saturday as part of a two-week junket through the Northwest which was undertaken to rouse interest in a double movie bill soon to be shown at the Indian Theater.

Wayne co-stars with Diana Dors in "As Long As They're Happy," a musical comedy which will appear at the Indian Feb. 23 along with "Campbell's Kingdom."

It will be Wayne's film debut and will mark the sixth entertainment field in which he has appeared.

He formerly sang on the radio version of the "Hit Parade" and was featured in the television spectacular "Louisiana Purchase." His stage experience include a stint as co-star in a London run of "Guys and Dolls" and featured parts in the Broadway productions of "Finian's Rainbow" and "Marinka." In the recording field, his rendition of "You Can't Be True" sold more than three million discs.

The girls, Shirley Douglas and Lois Lindesmith, both were dressed in authentic Scottish garb as they fulfilled their roles as "Queens of Campbell's Kingdom." The Roseburg showing, along with simultaneous showings elsewhere in the Northwest, will mark the national premier of the film, a romantic thriller set in the Canadian Rockies.

COMEDIAN DIES

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Stuttering comedian Joe Frisco, 68, died of cancer last night.

Death came in the Motion Picture Country House and Hospital.

Frisco had been ill several months but appeared on a radio program four weeks ago and a week later was honored at a Hollywood Masquers Club testimonial dinner attended by 1,200.

Insurance Agents To Fight Holmes' Compulsory Plan

PORTLAND (AP) — The compulsory automobile insurance plan of Gov. Robert D. Holmes will be fought by the Oregon Assn. of Insurance Agents.

Herbert A. Ballin Jr., association president, said that Saturday in reply to the governor's proposal.

Ballin, who said his association represents agents writing 65 per cent of all property damage insurance in the state, said compulsory insurance isn't the answer to the problem.

The governor last week said many persons were injured or suffered financial loss in automobile accidents in which the other driver was not insured and had no money to pay. He said he would ask the 1959 Legislature to pass a law requiring all motorists to carry insurance.

Ballin said the result of such a law would be higher rates, increased litigation and political turmoil. Further, he said, it would not protect motorists against people from out of the state, from hit-run drivers, or from drivers of stolen cars.

He suggested that motorists already can buy insurance which protects them in case the other driver is not insured.

Oregon Needs No New Taxes, Wallace Says

PORTLAND (AP) — Veteran Democratic campaigner Lew Wallace, who is seeking his party's nomination for governor, said here Saturday that Oregon doesn't need any additional taxes.

"With proper administration and economy," he said, "we can carry on the functions of Oregon without taxing our people more."

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