

Waterfront Blast Hits Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 29—(AP)—A waterfront explosion rocked a wide area of the city tonight but a fire that broke out in a municipal terminal building and piled lumber was soon under control.

One man was blown 200 feet into the street from the Portland dock commission office where the blast originated.

Firemen on the scene said Walter Kratt reported he stepped into the dock commission office, smelled gas and flipped on an electric light. The explosion followed.

Kratt was flung 200 feet by the explosion and was taken to a hospital. His injuries were not known. He is an engineer employed by the commission.

Firemen reported the center of the three story frame building was demolished by the explosion and that windows in scores of nearby buildings were shattered.

The blast occurred at about 8:15 p.m.

Four freighters tied up at the municipal owned terminal were not in danger, according to harbor patrolmen.

The ships were berthed at several hundred yards distance along the waterfront installation.

Large piles of lumber adjoining the office structure caught fire. Firemen said warehouse and dock units were believed out of danger.

Captain Daniel J. McGarity, port director, said there was no gas in the building. He says that he can only assume that there was some seepage from a nearby main.

He said there are some flame flickers along the railroad tracks adjoining the commission dock property. This would indicate, he said that the gas mains were seeping.

The area was roped off to prevent any subsequent explosion if gas was leaking from these mains.

Reporters at the scene said the side of the building facing front street was broken into splinters.

Sponsor in Hospital

John A. Malik, sponsor of Stan Ray hall, has been forced to take a leave of absence because of illness. He is confined in the Veterans' hospital, Portland.

Scout Predicts Aerial Fray in Cotton Bowl

From all appearances it will be aerial warfare when Oregon's Norm Van Brocklin meets SMU's star passers in the Cotton Bowl New Year's day, according to Head Scout Frank Zazula.

Zazula was interviewed on the

radio program "Webfoot Huddle Time" last night by Harry Sackett. He scouted the SMU-TCU game Saturday.

He compared the annual SMU-TCU rivalry to that between Oregon and Oregon State in which anything can and does happen. Both teams concentrated on passing and SMU threw the ball 34 times for 18 completions. The game ended in a 7-7 tie, with SMU's touchdown being made in the final minute of play.

"When the chips were down and they were on the one-yard line with 40 seconds to go, they marched right down the field for a touchdown," Zazula commented.

Asked to compare TCU and Oregon he declared simply not possible because the two teams play altogether differently.

"However," he continued, "like we always say, we have a chance against any team as long as we have Van Brocklin and a good line."

He added that the Webfoot team, dejected about the Rose Bowl bid, was elated when they heard of the Cotton Bowl offer. "The team has lots of enthusiasm and they'll really show the Northwest what they can do."

"SMU will give us one of the best games we've had this year," he concluded.

Skiing Safety Movie Topic

Emphasis on skiing safety will keynote a Red Cross show in Room 101, physical education building, at 7:30 tonight.

Dick Portwood, ski accident prevention chairman of the campus Red Cross, announced yesterday that three films will be presented. The movies: "Ski Patrol", "Ski Chase", and "Ski Revels", will be shown at 7:30 p. m. and again at 9 p. m.

Mr. George Korn of Eugene, regional director of the national ski patrol system and a member of the Willamette ski patrol, will speak on the ski patrol and ski accident prevention. He will exhibit some of the types of safety equipment used by the ski patrol.

Today's Vanishing

(Continued from page one) you could say of a man was, "he ain't worth a plugged nickel."

And today? It won't even buy the foam on a glass of beer. The only cigar it'll fetch is a skinny thing that looks like a cigaret with jaundice and evaporates in three strong puffs. It won't let you in to see a newsreel, let alone a double feature.

In many cities you have to team it up with some pennies to ride a bus or buy a newspaper, a pack of gum, or a bottle of soft drink, junior size. And the glass bottle is so thick the soda pop looks like the fluid in a thermometer.

The Democrats used to holler because the Republicans put Andrew Jackson's picture on the \$20 bill. They complained they were so poor they never got to see this picture of their hero. Now the Democrats are wondering if they haven't slighted the memory of Thomas Jefferson by putting his profile on a nickel.

The blamed thing is plumb bent out of value. Today nobody would take the trouble of plugging a nickel.

Graduating Class To Hold Reunion

The 1943 graduating class of Vancouver high school is planning a class reunion to be held December 28 at Shumway junior high school, Vancouver, Washington, from 6:45 to 12 p. m.

Price per couple is \$5., which includes a banquet and dance. For reservations, contact June Lineham, 614 E. 28th Street, Vancouver, phone 987. Reservations must be made by December 15, 1948.

Red Cross Slates Exec Council Meet

The executive council of the campus Red Cross will meet at the Anchorage today at 5:30 p.m. for dinner. Guests will be the Oregon State College Red Cross council.

Purpose of the joint meeting is to discuss programs for the 1948-49 school year as well as problems encountered by both groups, according to Helen McFetridge, campus Red Cross chairman.

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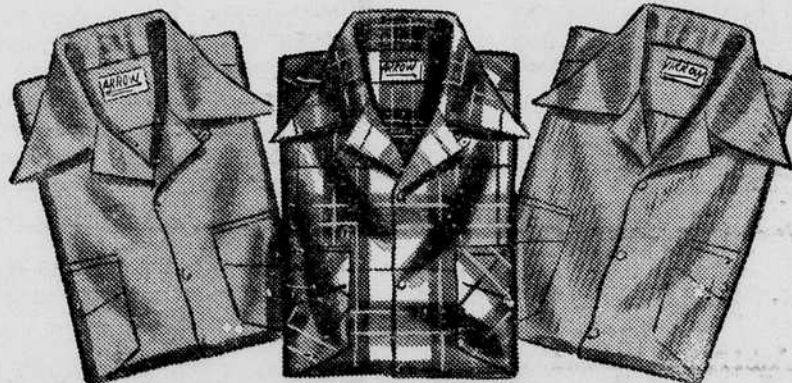
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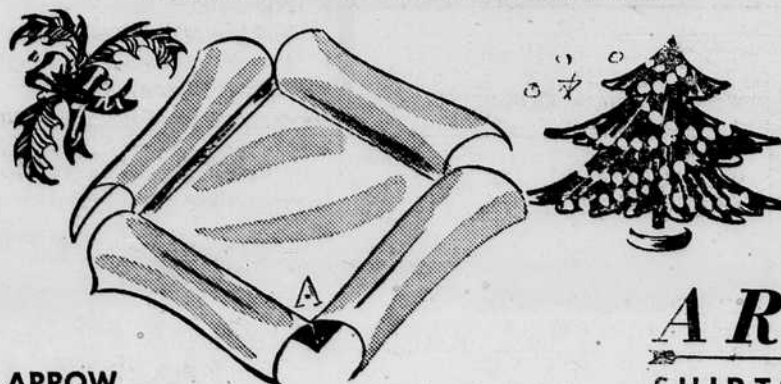
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