

FOUR LIVES TAKEN BY FIRE

FATAL FIRE CAUSED BY EXPLOSION

Mother and Three Children Perish in Flames in Evans Fire

HUSBAND, BROTHER SERIOUSLY HURT

Survivors of a Family of Six Left Destitute by Early Morning Blaze Near Lostine.

A horrendous explosion in the rock stove of the Walter Schultz home in Evans, one mile from Lostine, early this morning, resulted in the death of Mrs. Schultz and her three small children. Schultz himself and Mrs. Schultz's brother, Ted Frost, were seriously injured but will probably survive, physicians said this morning.

Schultz has arisen to start the morning fire in the cook stove about 5 o'clock this morning. He poured coal oil on the fire and attempted to light the fire when the explosion occurred.

The force of the explosion threw him into the next room and the entire kitchen was out of flames when he regained consciousness. Mrs. Schultz and the three children, a son Jimmy aged four, Florence, the daughter aged two and a six months old baby that had not been named were in bed in the room in which the explosion occurred.

The burning oil splattered about the room and caught instantly in the highly inflammable bed clothes. The victim was caught in a veritable inferno and perished in the flames. The heat of the fire was so intense that it was impossible to enter the blazing house shortly after the explosion first occurred.

Ted Frost, the 16 year old brother of Mrs. Schultz was in the next room at the time the fire started. He managed to make his way into the room and was thrown out of the building by Mr. Schultz. Frost's clothes were on fire when he came from the house and before he was able to get them out he was horribly burned about the arms and chest.

The injured men were taken to the Willam hospital and hopes are held for their recovery although amputation may be necessary.

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Recital Shows Merits of New Church Organ

Music Lovers Given Unusual Treat Last Evening by Prof. Lucien E. Becker and La Grande Artists.

The inaugural organ recital in the Presbyterian church of La Grande was given last night by Prof. Lucien E. Becker of Portland to a large and most appreciative audience. The new pipe organ recently installed by the Gouglers & Son, Inc., of St. Louis, was revealed to the public in a most marvellous manner by the master touch of the organist. Assisting Prof. Becker to make a delightful evening's musical treat was the church quartet, Mrs. A. L. Richardson, Mrs. Hal Bohnekamp, E. O. Williams and G. L. Dutton.

As the program proceeded the audience marvelled at the perfection of the organ and the artistry of the organist. The various qualities of tone value were exhibited in a well balanced program and the different selections showed the organ in full measure.

The Grand March from "Tannhauser" by Wagner displayed the orchestral style of the various stops and combinations. The selection Fugue in G Minor by Bach added the traditional to be exhibited by the organist. "The Overture to 'William Tell'" by Rossini with the different colors displayed and with sharp rhythmic allowed Prof. Becker to bring out the various stops value. The Largo from "Nerxes" added the devotional touch and revealed the value of the pipe organ to a regular church service. Every selection was well received by the music lovers of the city until the closing number "A Southern Fantasia" introducing the old southern melodies brought the program to a happy finale.

Prof. Becker is an artist of rare ability. Pleading in personality, versed in music knowledge, he added greatly to the evening's enjoyment by a brief introduction of each selection. By this thought the audience was able to follow more intelligently the music score, contributing his native talents to the welfare of his listeners, he served those who listened in the most meaningful of service.

The church quartet assisted in the splendid program with two appearances, singing several numbers in the first and second in the second. The balance of voices allowed their selections full expression as they won the applause of their audience. All have charming voices and handled solo parts with pleasing ease.

Mrs. Richardson, who was in excellent voice, rendered "Ave Maria". She was equally pleasing in the quartet numbers and the rendition showed fine directing talent with rare skill and beauty of tone.

PUZZLE ANSWER

Word puzzle grid with letters and clues. Clues include: 1. A word meaning 'to give up', 2. A word meaning 'to give up', etc.

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LA GRANDE DEFEATED BY BAKER

Tigers Lose Chance for Championship in a Close Game

SEMI-FINALS ON THIS AFTERNOON

Joseph Picked as Probable Tournament Winner by "Scoop," Writing at the Scene of the Tournament.

SCORES THIS MORNING: Baker 19, La Grande 16, Enterprise 10, Wallowa 11, Joseph 22, Vale 13.

Wallowa plays Baker this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

(By Scoop) UNION, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—Campbell's basketball team from Joseph seem to almost have the district championship sewed up provided a major upset does not occur.

Joseph won its way to the finals and will play either Wallowa or Baker tonight in what may be the deciding game of the tournament. If Wallowa beats Baker this afternoon tonight's game will end the tournament. If Baker wins another game will be necessary. This game would probably be played Monday night.

La Grande loses out. In the first game this morning La Grande lost a hectic game to Baker. At half time La Grande led and during the last half it was anybody's game.

Candiff and Hines started for Baker and Hinesnet for La Grande. By reason of having been twice defeated La Grande was eliminated from the tournament and Joseph now appears to have the most probable chance to win the district championship.

Summary: Baker 19, La Grande 16, Enterprise 10, Wallowa 11, Joseph 22, Vale 13.

In the two following games Wallowa defeated Enterprise by a close fought contest and Joseph played easily won from Vale.

The Wallowa quietest had apparently used up most of his strength in defeating La Grande last evening and had apparent difficulty in winning from the little Enterprise team.

The scores were tied at the end.

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Confession Is Too Late To Be Used

Son of Woman Sentenced to Life Imprisonment for Murder Makes Last Minute Testimonial; Disregarded by State's Attorney.

LOS ANGELES (By the Associated Press)—Purported confession by Harold Willis, 14, son of Margaret Willis who was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Dr. Benjamin D. Baldwin last April was "discredited and ignored" by the district attorney's office today.

Young Willis is purported to have confessed to the murder but his confession will not be recognized. "The boy's confession is but a last minute attempt to obtain clemency for his mother," Deputy District Attorney Davis said today in reply to the report that Willis had offered a confession. Davis added that if the confession had been presented at the trial it would have been a legitimate defense.

WILL GIVE RADIO SHOW

A radio entertainment will be given at Heacock's Radio Shop on North E street next Monday evening at 8:30. Accommodations have been made for an audience of 500 people which will be entertained with a varied program from WJJD at Mosshorn, Illinois.

REDECORATING THE TOGGERY

The Toggery, the men's wear institution run by Andrews Brothers is to be entirely re-decorated during the next few days. It was announced this morning by the owners.

OPERETTA TO BE PRESENTED BY WOMEN'S CLUB

Work started today on an operetta "Cheridella in Flowerland" which will be presented here in a few weeks under the auspices of the La Grande Neighborhood club. The operetta is written by Marion Loder and is a very beautiful production.

BLAZE DOES MUCH DAMAGE

A fire which raged in a garage at between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. took place Thursday night at the La Grande garage near Cove. Besides the building itself and considerable damage and several cars were burned.

FUNERAL TOMORROW

The funeral of Sara Larson who died yesterday will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Christian church at Klamath. Interment will be at the cemetery.

TO APPOINT PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC

Former Head of Leipsic Supreme Court to Be Named by the Reichstag as President Ad Interim.

BERLIN (By the Associated Press)—The majority parties in the Reichstag have agreed to frame a measure appointing Doctor Walter Simons, president ad interim of the German republic, minister now president of the supreme court of Leipsic. It is understood that Simons' appointment until election was with the idea of having Chancellor Luther free to attend to his important work.

ELKS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

At the regular meeting this week of the La Grande lodge, No. 422, R. P. O. E., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Delegate to grand lodge, L. H. Brantley; exalted ruler, H. J. Hittor; exalted ruler, C. G. Bolton; leading knight, H. L. Tress; loyal knight, Hugh E. Brady; lecturing knight, A. J. Johnson; secretary, Mood Beckley; treasurer, C. L. Thompson; ed. Meyerbach.

This year is expected to be a banner year for No. 422, according to the very promising indications. By April 20 the new membership for the year 1925 is expected to exceed 100, with the promise of many more later. The grand lodge convention which is to be held in Portland in July is expected to participate in the convention and put on something worth while.

SPEAKING CLASS TO HAVE MEETING

L. V. Johnson will be host to the public speaking class at his home at 1022 1/2th street next Wednesday evening. The hour for the meeting has been set at 8 o'clock.

Artist Is Sentenced

BEND, Ore.—Harold Marsh, ex-Tammy number, found guilty of burning his dwelling with intent to defraud the insurance company, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

News Items Sent In

The Observer appreciates reader cooperation in covering all interesting news, but requires that all written items for publication, either news or opinions, be signed by the sender as an evidence of good faith and dependability.

Enlarging Church To Accommodate More Members

The Church of Christ, Scientist is being re-located and enlarged this week to meet the growth of the membership during the past few months. The rooms have been enlarged, repaired, and painted. New carpets have been purchased and a number of new seats installed.

She' Up in Arms!



Being up in arms in the case of Vita Lehmann merely means that she has the most beautiful arms according to the chamber of commerce of Los Angeles—in the world. And for this reason she is officially Miss Los Angeles.

MORAL TALKS CONCLUDED

The last of a series of lectures given by Miss Mary E. Brown at Lane chapel took place last evening. Her services were secured by J. E. Ransom, pastor of the Nazarene church. Miss Brown is now working in the interest of the Nazarene church by introducing into the different churches where opportunity is given, the work of moral education.

For the past fifteen years Miss Brown has been engaged as state officer, and part of the time president of the W. C. T. U. work of the state of Washington. Five years of this time she served as an authorized officer of the law in the state of Seattle, Washington. Her experiences in this work have been very valuable to her in the work she is now doing.

Miss Brown spoke to the public Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights at the Lane chapel here and Friday afternoon to a group of women.

LEGISLATION DINNER TOPIC

At the chamber of commerce luncheon next Tuesday noon Senator Bruce Dennis and Representative A. E. Hunter will be the speakers and will talk principally about the last legislature thus giving first hand information on the action of both houses during the session.

Congressman Stopped When Gun Threatened

(By Harry B. Hunt) WASHINGTON (SNEA special)—Many members of Congress, that and had been accused of practicing bootlegging, but one member of Congress, who has been held up by officers of the law on suspicion of being one of the bootleggers, was stopped when a gun was pointed at him.

BORAH IS STICKING BY INSURGENTS

Senators Borah and Norris Object to the Action of G. O. P. Committee

WARREN'S NAME TO BE CONSIDERED

La Follette Followers Still Have Chance to Remain on Committees—Immediate Action Is Postponed.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Objections to the action of the Republican organization in removing the four Republican insurgents from their committee ranks was voiced today in the senate by Borah, Republican from Idaho.

Senator Borah took the floor immediately after the majority report of the committee on committees had been presented.

When the Republican organization presented its slate of committee assignments regarding the La Follette insurgents to the minor place Senators Norris and Borah, republican, blocked immediate consideration.

The senate voted today to consider in open session the Warren nomination for Attorney General. The doors were opened over the administration protest by a vote of 6 to 39.

The senate had just voted to override the ruling of President Pro Tempore Moses ruling that a two thirds vote would be necessary to open the session.

HOT LAKE HAS NEW GUESTS

HOT LAKE (Special)—There was a great deal of excitement at the Phymers kennel last evening. "Princess," a pedigreed German shepherd police dog is the proud and busy mother of seven healthy puppies. These puppies are of the same strain as the famous "Strongheart".

Phymers kennel the scientific German method of line breeding is employed. This method results in true type police dogs. The sire of Strongheart was Norra von de Kriental Polka, one of the brainiest police dogs of all time. At one time he was grand champion of Germany. The seven Phymers puppies are descendants of this noted dog.

Rancher Found Dead

MEDFORD, Ore.—Grin W. Train, 62, well known in the Evans creek district, where he had lived nearly 40 years, was found dead on his ranch with a bullet wound through his head. Although the dead man had a 28-caliber revolver in one hand, from which a shell had been exploded, there is some doubt as to whether, according to officers investigating, the Train was of a cheerful disposition, had no financial worries, and the morning of his death purchased a supply of provisions.

Crowder Conroy was to visit the ranch and decide whether an inquest is necessary. Train lived alone, his two sons, Marion and Orin, living at Prospect, Ore.

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GRADUATES HAVE DINNER

Members of the Oregon Agricultural college alumni met at dinner today in the Tiffin with William North, president of the Portland Rural association who is touring the state in interest of the new school building drive.

Trap Tournament Will Start Here Tomorrow

Representatives of sportsmen's associations of Huntington, Seaside, Pendleton, Enterprise and Wallowa will meet in La Grande this evening with the Wing, Fin and Pheasant club. The local sporting organization has the purpose of formulating plans for a series of trap shooting contests to be held in Eastern Oregon during the next few months.