

CANYON TRAPS FIRE FIGHTERS

35 Known Dead, 150 Injured As Inexperienced Crew Sent to Blaze Scene.

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ca mountains in a city area known as Griffith park. Los Angeles' largest recreational center. Shortly before 4 p. m., someone noticed that a fire had broken out in the chaparral-covered side of Mineral Wells canyon and a group of men, employed in the area on projects, were sent down the steep canyon to extinguish it.

As they threaded their way through the thick brush, dry as kindling wood from a near record heat wave of recent days, one among the inexperienced fire-fighters saw the danger of being trapped.

The flames were spreading swiftly, driven on by a sharp ocean wind. In terror the men started to scramble back to safety. Others who had started to follow them down became confused and a blockade of humanity suddenly was created on the canyon side.

Those nearest the top succeeded in fighting their way slowly and mainly through the brush-studded canyon but the first volunteers were caught like flies.

Waves of smoke engulfed them and the fierce heat of the advancing flames dropped them like machine gun bullets. In the mercy of unconsciousness most of them died.

The death trap struck horror in the stoutest hearted. It looked not unlike the devastation created by a battlefield. All living things had been seared and charred. Men lay upon their faces or backs in the agony of death.

From nearby Hollywood, for which this particular section of the area was named the Hollywood Hills, great clouds of smoke could be seen billowing skyward. Alarms rang out through the city's fire system and company after company of engines raced to the scene.

Three thousand men were summarily recruited and rushed to the stricken area, where after several hours of effort, they succeeded in controlling most of the conflagration.

Some of those who escaped told of being so filled with fear that their muscles became paralyzed and they fled only after the flames rushed upon them and they were moved to desperate efforts.

A huge crowd soon gathered around the entrance to the park as word of the tragedy swept the city. Terrified mothers and their children threaded their way to the jam of spectators, frantically seeking husbands and fathers. Identification is difficult matter.

At the county morgue they sought frantically to learn the fate of their loved ones. More than 4000 men had been employed in the park on relief projects and extreme confusion resulted as relatives and friends sought word of them.

First aid stations were strung out through the mountain areas and a steady stream of injured poured into them, faces and bodies blackened by the smoke, lothing ripped and torn by brush. Many of them were near hysteria.

The catastrophe was the worst fire toll in the history of the county and, peculiarly, it occurred in an open area set aside for the pleasure of the city's thousands.

The park is situated some 10 miles from the downtown district and is surrounded by Los Angeles, Glendale and Burbank. Its small mountains, the highest peak of which is only 180 feet, are crisscrossed with riding trails. Picnic grounds striding the lower areas and at the eastern base are located three golf courses and swimming pools and tennis courts.

City officials said relief would be extended to all stricken families and Mayor Frank L. Shaw promised a quick investigation to learn the cause of the tragedy and fix responsibility for it.

Imperial Firm To Open Annex Next Door Soon

Offering used furniture at moderate prices, the Imperial Furniture company, 467 Court street, will within a few days open a shop in the room next door east to be known as the Imperial Annex. James R. Humphrey, manager, announced yesterday. Richard Elliott has been employed to connect the annex business.

"There is quite a bit more activity in the furniture business now than at any time during the last two years," Mr. Humphrey said. "If there is a time to expand, the time is now."

Divorce Decrees Granted to Three Couples Tuesday

Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling yesterday granted three divorce decrees. They were:

Goldie P. Sink, by default, from Edwin Sink; Mildred L. Hamilton from Clayton E. Hamilton, no property nor children involved; and W. J. Davies from Elvora S. Davies, the custody of Alfred Leonard Davies, 11, Alice Beverly, 6, and Olwyn Kenneth Davies, 4, being granted to plaintiff.

KIWANIAN SPEAKS

DALLAS, Oct. 3. — Rev. Hugh N. McClain of Salem was the speaker at the Dallas Kiwanis club luncheon Friday noon. Mr. McClain spent several years in South Africa as an evangelist. He has an interesting story to tell of the country, natives and big game hunting.

Gotham Gang Roundup Sleuthing Classic



SEIZED ARSENAL. EMMA REINO and ELEANOR SCARNICI. JOHN O'CONNELL, JR.

With the arrest of a gang, composed of five men and two women, in a series of raids in and about New York, police and Federal agents believe they are nearing a solution not only of the mystery surrounding the kidnaping of John O'Connell, scion of the Albany political clan, but also of a number of gang murders and bank robberies that have occurred during the past two years. The gang, trapped after a brilliant piece of detective work, are Leonard Scarnici, Anthony Reino (ring-leaders), Philip Ziegler, Fred Frenzel and Charles Herzog. Also netted in the raids were Emma Reino and Eleanor Scarnici, wives of the ring-leaders. Although a small arsenal was at the disposal of the gangsters when captured in their hideouts, they ran true to color, covering in terror and submitting tamely when face to face with police guns.

Palmateer Busy Installing Many Legion Officers

O. E. "Mose" Palmateer, American Legion district commander, accompanied by Herman Brown, Joe Marcroft and C. K. Logan, Salem Legionnaires drove to Newberg last night to help officiate at the joint installation of Legion and auxiliary officers of the Newberg post. The Salem men were guests of the Newberg organizations at an installation dinner.

Tonight Palmateer goes to Monmouth where the Polk county council of the Legion will be in session; in Dallas Thursday night he will assist in the joint installation of officers. Friday night he will return to Newberg to attend the Yamhill county pow-wow.

Water Supplies At Nine Schools Held Dangerous

Of 15 water samples tested by the state health department for Marion county school districts, nine were found liable to serious contamination, Dr. Vernon A. Douglas, county health officer, announced. The faulty school water supplies will be checked by the local department, he said.

Schools whose water supplies were found pure are those at Macleay, Marion, Brooks, Donald, Hubbard and one not identified by the statement from the state health officer.

Salem Chamber Protests Grab Of Road Funds

A protest against any directing to Portland of federal national recovery road money allotted by the Oregon highway commission was wired to T. H. McDonald, chief of the bureau of public roads at Washington, D. C., yesterday by the Salem chamber of commerce.

The telegram continued: "The allotment was made according to law and any changes would interfere with already planned state relief. Building of the Bonneville dam will aid materially in solving Portland's unemployment."

New Blue Book With 226 Pages Being Sent Out

Copies of the Oregon Blue Book for the years 1933 and 1934 Tuesday were being sent out by the secretary of state. The book contains 226 pages, exclusive of the cover design which features an outline-of the statehouse dome in blue with a gold background, the work of Murray Wade, local artist.

A large part of the book is devoted to federal, state, county and municipal departments.

Eastern Oregon Said Optimistic

Eastern Oregon residents, feeling the effect of higher grain prices and anticipating trade stimulation from the Bonneville dam project, are more optimistic now than for several years, according to B. C. Long, assistant general agent for the Aetna Life Insurance company, who was in Salem Monday to attend an agents' meeting. Everywhere east of the mountains Long found farmers and businessmen looking up, he declared.

Big Preparations For Special Week

Today marks the start of the 10th national Ward week according to E. A. Newman, manager of the local Montgomery Ward store.

Victim Declares One Bank Bandit Prison Fugitive

ST. MARYS, O., Oct. 3.—(AP) — W. O. Smith, conservator of the First National bank here, robbed today by a band of five bandits, tonight identified from a photograph one of the robbers as Charles Makeley, who with several other convicts broke out of the Michigan City, Ind., prison last week. The bandits obtained \$12,000 in today's robbery.

After the holdup, the robbers fled in a black sedan.

Conservator Smith, two other employees and six patrons were in the bank when the robbery occurred.

50 Per Cent Drop In Fire Alarms Noted Past Month

With fire prevention week starting next Monday, William Iwan, assistant fire chief here, was pleased yesterday in being able to report that alarms during September numbered only 19, or 21 less than in September 1932. Iwan stated that work of the city street department in burning grass and brush on vacant lots had much to do with the drop in calls, along with the wet weather which helped reduce the number of grass fires.

Six of the alarms were in Central station, three in North station, five in East station and five in South station territory.

Local Plant to Start Brew Next Tuesday, Planned

The first batch of beer at the remodeled Salem brewery project will be started around October 10, according to Brewmaster Frank E. Schmidt. Delays in receipt of equipment shipments prevented the beginning of operations October 1 as originally planned. Mr. Schmidt hopes to turn out his first beer by mid-December.

The present brewery was operated for 12 years prior to the advent of state prohibition in 1914. Mr. Schmidt and his business associates took over the Klinger & Beck plant in 1922, entirely rebuilding and greatly enlarging it.

Campbell Bound To Grand Jury

Jack Campbell, charged with larceny of a slot machine from the Silver Eagle, was bound over to the grand jury following preliminary hearing yesterday before Justice of the Peace Miller Hayden. Chief witness against him were Ross B. Clark, private prosecutor, and Louise Stapleton, a waitress.

Baldock to Attend National Meeting

R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, will leave here Friday night for Milwaukee, Wis., where he will attend the annual meeting of the national association of state highway commissioners and engineers.

Enroute home Baldock will spend a few days in Chicago attending the world's fair.

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JOURNALISM CLUB AT Y TO PUBLISH

Rumors of more competition in the Salem newspaper field proved well-founded when the club was organized this week. The new sheet, a mimeographed weekly, will come into being some time during October according to Gus Moore, boys' secretary at the city Y. M. C. A. and will have on its staff members of the new journalism club which held its preliminary meeting last night.

With ten boys of junior high and high school age out for the pre-organization meeting, the club was said to be an assured thing. David Johnson, Ashland, sophomore at Willamette university and campus correspondent for a Portland paper as well as sports editor for the Collegian, will be director.

Instead of the usual titles, officers of the club will carry professional epithets related to newspaper work. The group will meet each Monday night at the Y.

Mrs. Jane Evans Dies at Age 95

WOODBURN, Oct. 4. — Mrs. Jane Evans, who celebrated her 95th birthday in July and has been a resident of Woodburn for 23 years, died today at her home at 1015 McKinley street. She is survived by one daughter, Elizabeth E. Evans of Woodburn; one

SCHOOL BUDGET Must be Filed By November 1

Speed in submitting budgets is urged school districts by the county school superintendent's office, in order that the tax rolls may be completed.

Only about one-third of the districts have submitted their budgets thus far, it was stated yesterday. They must be in before November 1 instead of December 1 as was previously the case. Also speed is urged in compiling the school census.

Funds are being held up from several districts because clerks there have failed to provide bond as required by law, it was reported. State and two county appropriations are being held in abeyance in some of these cases.

Sweeney Admits Loss in Primary

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 3.—(AP) — Congressman Martin L. Sweeney, insurgent democrat, tonight conceded the nominations of rival Mayor Ray T. Miller, democrat, and Harry L. Davis, republican former mayor in today's non-partisan mayoral primary election, and admitted defeat for himself.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS GAIN IN SEPTEMBER

Traffic accidents increased 41 per cent in Salem during September, presumably due to wet pavements and fall rains. Chief of Police Frank Minto reported yesterday. There were 147 accidents reported here and 43 arrests made for traffic law violations.

During the month city police recovered eight stolen automobiles while seven were reported stolen. Four cases of burglary and nine of larceny were reported.

Arrests for drunkenness remained unchanged from August, or 30 in number. A majority of these involved transient men, most of them drinkers of "canned heat."

Other arrests were: Felonies two, juveniles three, miscellaneous 13.

Six persons were given jail sentences by Municipal Judge Poulson and \$562 in fines collected.

Walsh Paroled From Sentence Of Year in Jail

John Walsh was sentenced to one year in the county jail and then paroled to Sheriff A. C. Burk yesterday by Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan, when Walsh waived indictment and pleaded guilty to receiving and possessing stolen goods.

Walsh claimed that Jack Tomlin, ex-convict, was responsible for the robbery of incidentals from a section house, and that he was merely a casual companion with Tomlin. Tomlin was returned to California authorities instead of being sent to the Oregon penitentiary.

Committees For Auxiliary Named

SILVERTON, Oct. 3. — Miss Billie Johnson, president of the American Legion auxiliary, has announced the following committee appointments: Captains of membership committee, Mrs. Edna Johnson and Miss Ina Harold; Americanization and national defense, Mrs. Zanita Hutton and Mrs. Elmer Johnson; child welfare,

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