

Flash Fire Sweeps Upper Part of House

A flash fire in the upper story of a frame house at 2285 N. 5th St. caused an estimated \$2,500 damage Thursday before it was brought under control by Salem firemen.

No one was injured in the blaze, which was answered by two engine companies and a salvage crew. The house was occupied by its owner, Helen Frazier.

Firemen said a defective flue apparently was responsible for the fire, which spread rapidly through the upper part of the house. The building's inside walls were finished with cardboard applied over wooden uprights.

The ground floor of the house was undamaged. The building was not insured.

Skating Rink Permit Issued

A building permit was issued Thursday for the construction of a roller skating rink in West Salem. The \$30,000 structure will be located at 650 7th St., between Muriel Avenue and Wallace Road. The permit was issued to Salem contractor J. R. Taggard.

Other permits issued by the city Thursday were:

Herman Johansson, alter two-story house at 690 S. High St., \$400; E. C. Charlton, alter 1 1/2-story house at 345 S. 23rd St., \$200.

Mrs. Waters, Former Salem Teacher, Dies

Mrs. Lita G. Waters, 58, teacher in the Salem school system for many years and domestic science instructor at Fairview home until a few months ago, died at the family residence near Independence Thursday morning following an illness of about three months.

Born in Denver, Colo., April 22, 1896, Mrs. Waters moved to Salem as a young girl and was graduated from Salem High School. She also was graduated from Oregon State College and attended Oregon College of Education at Monmouth.

During most of her teaching career in Salem, Mrs. Waters was in the primary department at Washington School. She also taught for a few years in Grants Pass.

Four years ago Mrs. Waters began her position at Fairview home and continued there until ill health forced her to retire. She was a member of the Christian Science Church.

Surviving are the widower, Stanley D. Waters, Independence; brothers, John Waters, Salem, and Thomas Carol Waters, Wenatchee, Wash.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Virgil T. Golden Chapel and will be read by members of the church.

\$2,500; Faith Friday, re-roof one-story house at 407 S. 18th St., \$60.

Long Strike Could Reduce Tax Revenues

Continuance of the current lumber mill strike in Oregon for a considerable time might reduce materially the state income tax revenues for the year 1955, based on 1954 returns, state tax commissioners said Thursday.

These revenues go into the state's general fund for payment of part of the governmental costs.

A previous report of the tax commission, released prior to the strike showed some reduction in both the personal income and excise tax revenues.

This reduction involved 1954 collections, based on 1953 incomes. Tax commissioners said they have no records to show the amount of wages now being lost to workers nor the amount of profits being lost by the mill operators.

Returns from the state income and state excise taxes play an important part in compiling the biennial budgets to the legislature.

MULE HELPS COPS

ALBEMARLE, N. C. — An escaped convict learned the hard way about the stubbornness of a mule when he tried to speed his escape after walking away from a road gang. The animal threw him. The commotion brought the mule's owner running. Soon a deputy sheriff took the battered and bruised prisoner back to his cell.

Oregon Man Reprimanded In California

BERKELEY, Calif. — Police man Harry Haines said Albert J. Braun Jr., 23, of Medford, Ore., started to jaywalk at Telegraph Avenue near Durant Avenue Thursday.

Braun was handed a ticket which Haines said he promptly tore up, scattering the pieces at the cop's feet.

Arrested immediately, Braun was hurried to Berkeley jail, taken before Municipal Judge Louis J. Hardy.

Judge Hardy gave the Oregon man a choice—a \$5 fine or one day in jail.

Braun paid the \$5. The usual fine for jaywalking is \$2.

Camp Adair Action Stalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Cordon (R-Ore.) said Thursday the Army has agreed to withhold any action toward disposition of buildings and facilities at Camp Adair, Ore., until Congress reconvenes next year.

He said the agreement should provide enough time for Oregon and local communities to work out an acceptable basis for transfer of the title.

He said the Army recently had ordered that buildings on the camp site be disposed of.

Winnie Rides Down Mutiny In Own Party

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Churchill successfully rode down a rebellion in his own party Thursday night and won overwhelming approval in the House of Commons of his historic decision to withdraw British troops from the Suez Canal Zone.

The House supported Churchill's evacuation policy by a vote of 257 to 26. It had just heard a government declaration that the H-bomb has made obsolete the billion dollar base Britain built and occupied for nearly three-quarters of a century.

More than half of the House, including most Laborites, abstained. Cabinet at Stake

The 79-year-old Churchill, who declared in 1945 he had not become Prime Minister in order to liquidate the empire, had staked the life of his Cabinet on a motion demanding approval of the agreement initiated with the Egyptian government last Tuesday night.

Seeking to rally the backing of 40 Tory rebels, Churchill argued in a trembling voice that the whole British position in Suez had been outdated by "the appalling developments and the appalling spectacles which imagination raises before us."

"Merely to try to imagine in outline how to portray the first few

weeks of a war as it is now... would convince you of the obsolescence of the base."

Final Test

In the final test only 26 Conservatives, angered at the agreement to permit the crumbling of another bit of the empire, voted against the government. A group of 40 Conservatives had threatened to jump the traces on the issue.

The Labor Party skipped a chance to overturn the government by adopting an official policy of abstaining on the vote. But five Laborites broke this ruling and voted with the government. Laborites long have urged the government to get out of Egypt.

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HOUSING AUTHORIZED
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Armed Services Committee Thursday approved legislation to authorize construction of 11,967 military housing units. The House later voted for 13,583 units.



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