

Son's Near Tragedy Joins Parents Who Will Remarry

(Picture on Wirephoto Page)

GLENDAL, Calif. (AP) — Because of a small boy's plight—he faced the possible loss of an eye—there was to be a wedding Thursday night.

The boy is Donald Rose Jr., 5. His parents, divorced two years, were to be remarried at his bedside by a Lutheran minister.

Early this month, Donald was struck in the left eye by a piece of pottery. It left a deep cut.

"Doctors recommended removing his eye immediately," his

mother, Mrs. Virginia Rose, 37, related. "I was frantic. I agreed."

"Then, as they were getting him ready for surgery, I suddenly knew this was all wrong—that I should wait."

Files to Bedside

The next day, Mrs. Rose's former husband, 32-year-old Donald Rose Sr., a Fort Wayne, Ind., brewery worker, flew to his son's bedside.

An eye specialist offered only a 1,000-to-1 chance that the young-

ster would recover the sight in the injured eye.

"But we figured," said Rose, "that the chance was worth taking."

The couple stayed together—praying—at their son's bedside in Glendale Memorial Hospital.

They soon found themselves holding hands and recalling another sad moment—the death of a 6-year-old son, four years ago in an auto accident.

How Much Tragedy?

Rose then asked: "How much tragedy do we have to have before we find out we belong together?" They decided to remarry.

Also present for the wedding were Donald's 7-year-old sister, Melodie Ann; and La Vonne, Mrs. Rose's 18-year-old daughter by a previous marriage.

Young Donald, incidentally, will be watching the marriage ceremony with both eyes. The bandages were removed last Monday and the boy's first words were: "Mommy, I can see!"

'Flower of Fairmount Hill' Bought by Salem Realtor

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Sale of the T. A. Lively Manor at 533 Lincoln St. SE, built in 1925 at a cost of \$147,000, was disclosed Thursday.

The grand old mansion, once the flower of Fairmount Hill and today perhaps the largest house in Salem with its 40-plus rooms, was purchased by Benjamin C. Colbath, Salem realtor. Purchase price was not disclosed. Colbath estimated that to build a similar house today in all its original splendor would cost about \$250,000.

Colbath said he plans to open the house to the public and maybe even live in it for a time with his wife and one child. The house and grounds have borne the brunt of the years and it stands today in great need of repairs. The new owner hopes to restore the one-time Salem showplace.

Present occupants of the old English style manor, is the family of T. B. Lively, son of builder Thomas A. Lively who made a fortune as a hop grower in the Salem area before his death in 1947.

For many years Lively occupied one of the biggest hop ranches in the state—Lakebrook, north of Salem. The ranch has since been sold and the long rows of hops removed. Mayor of Salem from 1927 to 1930, Lively also built Salem's tallest building as well as its largest house.

Maintained by Children

The building, which still bears his name, is now maintained by Lively's children.

T. A.'s widow lived in the house until two years ago when she moved to a smaller home on Mission Street.

A ballroom occupies the fourth floor of the sturdy, provincial home. In the basement is a gymnasium, now filled with wood. In winding through the many rooms of the house, one discovers four fireplaces, eight bedrooms, including two maid's bedrooms, a drawing room, library, dining room as large as a refectory, a billiards room, card room, seven bathrooms and a wine cellar—still strong with the smell of ancient vintages long since vanished. Another room, large and well lit, was set aside for the sole purpose of trunk storage.

Many of these rooms are obviously not used by the present occupants except for storage purposes.

Glittering Chandelier
A large, glittering chandelier hangs from the drawing room ceiling and beautiful tapestries still adorn the entrance way. A formidable oaken stairway winds its way to the third floor where bedrooms, sewing room and other quarters are located.

Sale of the huge home which originally occupied the equivalent of a half city block with its three car garage, tool shed and rolling grounds, was handled by Roy Ferris of Himmel and Ferris realtors.

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They are employed by the Forestry Department and Forest Patrol Associations.

In addition, 40,000 loggers will be available for help if needed. About 100 of the loggers took special training courses last month in Medford, Grants Pass and Coos

Bay to enable them to take over as fireline foremen in emergency.

The courses were conducted by the State Forestry Department and U.S. Forest Service.

Phipps said there is enough equipment in Salem to supply 2,500 firefighters, and another 7,500 can be equipped with supplies stored at field headquarters.

Harry Wilson, 81, Succumbs

Harry Hayes Wilson, 81, a farmer in Turner and Salem areas for many years, died Thursday at his residence, 1420 4th St. NE.

He came to Oregon about 1909 from Nebraska, where he had farmed. About 1930 he operated a restaurant at Newport.

He was born Nov. 7, 1877, at Council Bluffs, Iowa. In November of 1898 he and Daisy Sageser were married at Chambers, Neb. Wilson was a member of First Methodist Church.

Survivors include his widow; two daughters, Mrs. Diane Prairie and Mrs. Lois Snyder, all of Salem; a son, L. A. Wilson, Westfir; brother, Fred Wilson, Twin Falls, Idaho; a granddaughter and a great-grandson.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Howell-Edwards Funeral Home with Dr. S. Raynor Smith of First Methodist Church officiating. Interment will be at Belcrest Memorial Park.

Lively Mansion, Built in 1925, Sold



This huge old mansion—the T. A. Lively home at 533 Lincoln St. SE—has been sold to Benjamin C. Colbath, Salem realtor. It was announced Thursday. The home cost \$147,000 to build in 1925 and has more than 40 rooms. (Statesman Photo)

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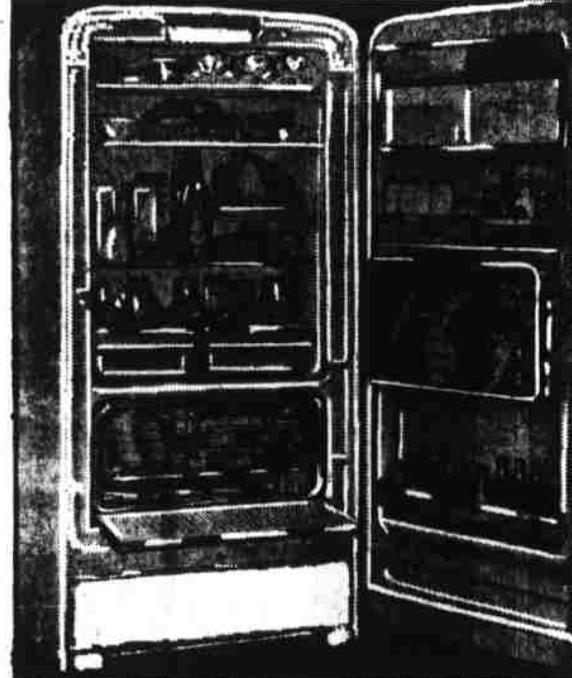
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