

Arson Suspect At Bremerton Under Arrest

Bremerton, Aug. 13 (AP)—A Puget Sound navy yard employee was taken into custody early today for investigation into a \$100,000 fire which destroyed five units of a new federal dormitory project last night, leaving 207 men homeless in this overcrowded city.

He was arrested, Police Chief Arthur Morken said, after an attempt had been made to start a fire in a dormitory unit across the road from those destroyed.

The suspect resided in this unit.

Many Shelterjess

While navy shore patrolmen guarded the entire housing area and city, state and naval officials investigated the blaze the government and relief agencies repaired the dormitory buildings to provide shelter for as many of the homeless as possible. They said only 67 men would be without shelter by nightfall.

The only known casualty of the blaze, elderly Gust Erickson, who resided in a shack near the area, was recovering in a hospital from burns on the face, hands and body. Erickson, asleep when the fire reached his shack, was burned while escaping. Taken to a hospital for treatment, he returned and rushed into the burning cabin to rescue a trunk containing his life savings. He collapsed when he brought it outside and was returned to the hospital.

3 Fires In Succession

A small blaze started in one of the unfinished units but was quickly extinguished. Fifteen minutes later a second fire broke out of control and spread to roofing tar, Fire Chief Ernest Yett said.

Police Chief Morken said that three hours after the first fire broke out a fire was discovered in a lavatory of a dormitory unit, 70 feet away and across the road from the destroyed structures. It was discovered before it had an opportunity of spreading. Morken said that paper towels in a waste paper basket had been ignited and paper towels in a holder on the wall had also been set afire.

Morken's investigation developed that an earlier attempt had been made to start a blaze in this unit.

Four of the destroyed units were under construction.

The dormitories were operated by the farm security administration, and were known as "duration dormitories," being lightly constructed with the thought they would be razed after the war.

Virgil Mills Now Second Lieutenant

Virgil Mills, 26, son of Thomas G. Wells, of Mt. Angel, was one of 60 non-commissioned U.S. marine corps officers nominated for a commission by Major General John Marston, commanding the second marine division, Camp Elliott, Calif., and is now a second lieutenant. After a month of intensive training at Green Farm, near San Diego, Calif., Mills was immediately assigned to duty. He formerly was a sergeant.

Private First Class William P. Eddy, Corvallis, serving the fourth circuit battalion in headquarters company at the San Diego base has been ordered to Quantico, Va., where he will train for a second lieutenant's commission. When he completes officer-instruction at the Quantico candidates' school, Eddy will enter reserve officers' class for further advanced training in preparation for command of troops in the field or for base defense weapons course. His father, Israel Eddy, lives at Hoskins.

Many woolen mills in Britain are now producing government uniform cloth.



Beverly Gross, 13-year-old Hollywood starlet and Oregon girl with a phenomenal voice who will be one of a vast array of features for the two Victory days in Salem Friday and Saturday of this week. She will appear here in a dramatic recitation to show she is real starrng material.

Three Girl Stars on "Victory House" Bill

A Hollywood starlet, a 13-year-old girl with a phenomenal voice, and a future operatic star will come to Salem on Saturday to augment the Standard Oil company's "Victory House," according to Frederick S. Lampert, Marion county chairman of the War Savings staff.

The Hollywood starlet is Beverly Gross, an Oregon girl who has won one of those gilded contracts that sends career girls

Cards Held for First Aiders

A number of individuals who have certified themselves in first aid, have failed to secure their certification cards which are now being held at the Red Cross office. These cards are important to have, not only for certification in case of giving assistance at the time of an accident, but also for employment purposes, and the owners should, therefore, make every effort to call for the cards at their earliest convenience, according to Mrs. Gordon Black, chairman of first aid.

Instructors' cards are being held for Eileen Westphal, Earl LaFond, Phoebe Busick, Marie Jackson, Marjorie Edlund, Peggy Alfred, Blanche Isherwood, Mrs. Grace Webber and Mrs. Wayne F. Taylor.

Miscellaneous certifications are being held for Constance Low, Wandeline Engle, Charles Valdecourt, Marjorie Lundahl, Jerry Williams, Doris Webb, Louis Hough, Dorothy Howard, Robert Heilman, Betty Feller, Ruby Burnham, Mrs. H. A. Biskie, Don Kinser, Harold Parady, Edna Selberg, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Rose, June Shields, Arthur Shilo, Vivian Roth and Ruth Weum.

The Red Cross office is located at 435 State street. If it is not possible to call in person, call by telephone and give the corrected address and the cards will be mailed.

In one year the United States has shipped over 90,000 pounds of vitamin A to Britain, where it is consumed by R.A.F. flyers to improve their eyesight and by undernourished children, and expectant mothers to build up resistance.

Curtailment Of Power Looms Asserts Raver

Portland, Ore., Aug. 13 (AP)—Non-essential uses of power must be curtailed if the Pacific Northwest is to attract more war industries, Bonneville Administrator Paul J. Raver said last night.

The hardship of reduced consumption will have to be borne by the customers of private power companies because Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams are almost exclusively for essential war industries, Raver said in an interview on returning from Washington, D. C.

He said that the war production board is considering the authorization of new war plants in the northwest which "will require power in amounts that may cause some curtailment of non-essential uses for a short period of time until the Bonneville-Coulee supply catches up."

"My concern is that delays in installing generators on schedule will result in losing industries for war," he said. Raver said electricity for homes is not necessarily considered a non-essential use.

The administrator's trip to Washington to combat lower priorities that disrupted generator installation schedules was partially successful.

Bonneville dam, he said, would receive the final four units next year as scheduled.

Two of three generators for Coulee are back on the schedule now, he said, and there is a possibility of a third. Six units have been authorized but the new priorities would have prevented installation of three next year and probably even in 1944, he said.

East Salem People Plan Home Picnics

East Salem, Aug. 13—As state picnics have all been canceled this year, and so few trips are taken the community picnics are all the more enjoyable affairs. Monday night the women of the Garden Road neighborhood club held their annual family picnic supper in the gardens of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Schaffer on Garden Road.

After supper guests were shown the many different varieties of flowers Mrs. Schaffer has growing this year. Mrs. Schaffer arranges her flowers in special gardens. There was one special change this year as she has taken up plants in one section to raise a special victory garden.

After enjoying the flowers a social evening was spent around the large fireplace.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Werner, Arlene and Carol, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Tartar, Mrs. Martin Starr, Mrs. Noby Zeller and son Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rasmussen, Miss Ann Schirmer, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lynch, Miss Katherine Lynch, all from Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood and Howard; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rickett, Mr. and Mrs. William Hartley, William Schirmer from North Dakota, and Mr. and Mrs. Schaffer.

Enjoying a trip to the coast for the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Granvel Sheets, Mildred and James, Mrs. Francis Rogers and son Billy and Robert McKinney, all of Garden Road.

Monmouth Residents Are Reported Ill

Monmouth—Mrs. J. B. Hill is recovering satisfactorily from injuries sustained when she slipped and fell on the freshly mopped kitchen floor. Her left arm was broken. Mr. Hill is able to be about following a siege of several weeks' illness.

E. M. Keeney, formerly on the staff of superintendents of grounds and buildings, Oregon College of Education, is seriously ill at his South East street home.

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Navy Calls for Oregon Youths

Portland, Aug. 13 (AP)—The navy's Portland recruiting district, already leading the nation in enlistments per capita, was called upon today to double the number of men it is sending into Uncle Sam's sea forces.

The new goal was set by Lieut. Comdr. Glenn H. DeGrave, recruiting officer for the district which includes all of Oregon and parts of Washington and Idaho.

Volunteers previously rejected may now be accepted under revised physical requirements, he said. Another aid to achieving the new quota will be the new navy regulation permitting men to enlist up to the time of induction by draft boards.

New enlistments included: Henry S. Eggleston, Robert W. Johnson, Salem; Jay F. Hyde, Dallas; Clarence W. Wulff, Albany; Harrison T. Bates, Robert S. Hilliard, Frederick W. Warral, Eugene; Robert L. Wilson, Bernard C. Hogue, Klamath Falls; Winston H. Whiteside, Alvin H. Byrd, Chester M. Christenson, Corvallis; Mildred V. Ball, Melvin C. Nord, The Dalles; Vinal T. Randall, Jr., Francis I. Garzileson, Cottage Grove; Roscoe C. Allen, Jr., Junction City; Harold F. Gowing, Leemon D. Ream, Jr., Loran; Kenneth Leroy Westrope, Ivon E. Warren, Horace Bates, Springfield; Myron W. Miles, Ashland; Elmer Lee Stockstill, Athena; Glenn W. Bradley, Pendleton.

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