

Sputtering Dynamite Fuse Stamped Out in School

Glendale, Cal., Sept. 23 (AP)—Science teacher Albert E. Hewitt said today he "thought for a minute I was back in the South Pacific" when he risked his life to stamp out a sputtering dynamite fuse.

Rev. Loucks to Begin Ministry

The Four Corners Baptist church, State and Elma streets, announces the coming of their new pastor, Rev. Victor L. Loucks who will begin his ministry at the Four Corners church on Sunday morning, October 2.

While attending the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, of which school he is a graduate, Rev. Loucks served as the student pastor at Tarzana, Calif. In 1932 he was called to the First Baptist church of Seio, Oregon, where he has served to the present.

Rev. and Mrs. Loucks have three children, Mrs. Howard Paschall and James Loucks, both living in Eastern Oregon; and Miss Janet Loucks who is attending the Salem Academy in West Salem.

A reception for the new pastor and family will be held the evening of October 12 in the First Baptist church with Mrs. Lee Cross serving as hostess.

Officers Are Named For Church Society

Woodburn—New officers of the Ladies Aid of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, elected at the last meeting at the home of Mrs. Gordon Luffman are: Mrs. Mildred Hawley, supervisor; Mrs. Ellen Polly, president; Mrs. Lela Omans, vice president; Mrs. Pat Hawley, secretary; Mrs. Eva Edmonds, treasurer; Mrs. Elsie Ryder, reporter.

The lesson was given by Mrs. Pauline Hearing on the theme, "Leading Youth Back to Values of True Worth." Refreshments were served by Mrs. Luffman.

The next meeting will be at 2 o'clock, September 28, at the church with Mrs. Florence Leabo as hostess. Roll call will be hints on child care.

Three Burned to Death

Fairbanks, Alaska, Sept. 23 (AP)—Three natives burned to death at Bettles, 300 miles northeast of here, yesterday when fire destroyed their log cabin home.

U.S. Commissioner Clinton Stewart identified the dead as Johnny Edwards and his two sons.

East Salem Soldier Home After 4 Years in Germany

East Salem, Sept. 23—Several fall vacation trips have been taken by East Salem families the past week and several homes have guests on fall trips.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Richardson of Garden road made a trip south through Klamath Falls to Tulle Lake, in California. They drove home through Alturas, Calif., and Lake View. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are members of the Salem Geological society.

Auburn—Sergeant Leonard Casserty is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Johns on Monroe avenue for a two-month furlough after spending four years in Germany. He is in the air corps mechanics division and was stationed at several places through the four years. This completes his 10 years in the service. He will report to McCord field in Washington at the close of his furlough for reassignment.

Mrs. John Meier entertained her sewing club at her home on Osborne avenue Wednesday afternoon. Guests were Mrs. J. Hagenson and Mrs. W. F. Hults. Members present were Mrs. Bernard Kenney, Mrs. Wilfred Wilber, Mrs. Henry Hanson, Mrs. Stuart Johns, and the hostess.

June Stowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stowell has entered the State University at Eugene for her third year's work. She is majoring in biology. Her sorority is Alpha Omega Phi.

Middle Grove—Mrs. John Cage has returned to her home from

the Salem hospital following surgery and is recovering satisfactorily.

Neuman, Jr., and a trio by Marion, Ruth and Caroline Giese. The main feature of the program will be selections on the pipe organ by Oren Hornback. He will present selections of varying types. The pastor, Rev. Rudolph Woyke, will deliver a brief message on music. The public is cordially invited to the program.

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250 Men Flee Y.M.C.A. Fire

Portland, Sept. 23 (AP)—Some 250 men fled the eight-story downtown YMCA building early today as fire broke out on the fifth floor.

Robert Bagdon, Wenatchee, Wash., was critically burned and another resident, Gerald P. Vedder, Oswego, suffered a back injury in climbing through a window to a fire escape.

The blaze itself was confined to a small area in the fifth floor hallway. It started in a pile of mattresses about 5 a.m.

The building's alarm system sent residents diving for the fire escapes. Firemen said Bagdon dashed around the burning mattresses and tumbled out on a fire escape, his clothing ablaze.

Fourth-floor residents heard his screams, beat out the fire in his clothing and pulled him inside.

Some men, in rooms farther from the escape windows, tied blankets together and slid down them to an inside light well. None was injured.

Police received a call after the fire to investigate looting reports. They made no arrests.

R. D. Wilder, executive secretary, said he thought damage would be "over \$1,000."

Another morning fire caused an estimated \$16,000 damage to Border's ice cream parlor on N.E. Broadway. It wiped out the interior of the one-story concrete block building.

They brought to four the number of major fires in the city this week.

Cash Stolen from Albany Truck Firm

Albany, Sept. 23—A burglar broke into the Barrett Bros. Truck company on 99-E near Main street intersection, and walked off with about \$175 early Thursday morning.

According to Ray Maddy, assistant chief of police, the burglar used a thin metal instrument to force open the lock on the front door of the building. Apparently, he said, the man knew the exact location of the money beforehand.

The burglar took between \$135 and \$150 in change from the cash box, then went to another room and removed \$32.06 in cash from a desk drawer. The loss was discovered when the business office was opened Thursday.

\$20 Million Atom Reactor Planned

Idaho Falls, Idaho, Sept. 23 (AP)—The atomic energy commission today announced the signing of an engineering contract with the Blaw-Knox Construction Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

The work will involve architectural engineering services for a materials testing reactor.

It is a cost-plus-a-fixed-fee contract, estimated cost \$1,870,000. Preliminary estimate of the total cost of the reactor is around \$20,000,000.

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Tires Burst and Ignite Log Truck—When rear tires blew out the driver of this truck, operated by the Leadbetter Logging & Lumber company, headed for a road-side parking area in West Salem. Friction started a fire within the tires that was not extinguished until Salem equipment arrived. Shown are Fireman C. Frad and John Hall putting out the blaze.

200 Register At Monmouth

Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, Sept. 23—Nearly 200 entering students had been cleared for registration with long lines of freshmen and transfer students making their way through the college procedure by 11 o'clock this morning.

R. E. Lieualen, OCE registrar, expects an increase of around ten percent for entering students with the college enrollment to be greater than last year in spite of a slight decrease in the number of veterans.

Freshman week opened Wednesday with orientation and testing to continue through Monday.

New students will get their first glimpse of football when the OCE Wolves meet the Naval Training School team from Whidby Island on the Polk county fairgrounds field Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

The first college chapel will be held at 10 o'clock Sunday morning with Dr. H. M. Gunn, president, and Mrs. Gunn hosts for a reception for all freshmen and transfer students Sunday afternoon between 3 and 5 o'clock.

Miss Joan Seavy, dean of women, is also serving tea for all new students at the student union in Maple hall and a "hello" dance is booked for Saturday night.

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Flax Program in 1950 Outlined

Renewed interest on the part of both old and new flax growers in the program outlined for next year with prospects for lower prices on some crops is being shown by flax growers of Marion, Linn and Benton counties, according to Walter Shelby, president of the Santiam Flax Growers, which operates its own plant at Jefferson.

E. C. Brown, Lebanon, has been employed by the association to assist growers with their production, fertilization and weed control problems. Brown has been associated with the Idaho department of agriculture for ten years and has served as a county extension agent.

Shelby states that flax in the valley can be one of the most profitable crops. However, he declares, it is a specialty crop and careful attention is necessary to insure a marketable product. The future policy will be aimed at higher quality and expanded production. He says his organization is in a position to offer farmers who have the proper soil and equipment an opportunity to produce an alternate crop which should bring a good return to the grower the next year.

Air Force to Build Base at North Pole

Oslo, Norway, Sept. 23 (AP)—The U.S. air force is going to establish a base on the ice at the north pole next spring.

Col. Bert Balchen, here after a flight over the Arctic, disclosed the plans yesterday to newspapermen. He said the air rescue base would give American fliers experience in the polar regions.

Balchen said there wouldn't be any difficulty landing ski-equipped transport planes at the north pole. At least 10 percent of the polar ice surface is always available for landing, he declared.

But the base will float on ice, and will have to be moved at intervals, Balchen said. The ice drifts slowly away from the pole, and the base will drift with it.

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Liberty — Mr. and Mrs. Sid VanDyke complimented their son, Douglas, at a dinner in their home on route 9. Guests for the dinner were VanDyke's nieces, Mrs. Eldon Parker and Donnie Ray of Carleton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Benquett and Marlene of Tacoma, Wash., Rev. and Mrs. Walter Naff and daughter, Monza Lee, of the First Christian church of Salem, Miss Wiona Fishbeck of Bend, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Thiel, David Warren and Mickey, Joyce, Douglas, Da-

vid and Judy Van Dyke, and Mr. and Mrs. Sid VanDyke. Douglas VanDyke left Monday morning for Eugene, where he will attend the Northwestern Christian college.

Mrs. James Dunn of Portland is a guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Kurth on route 3.

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