

Gas Pipeline Afire After Blast

Centralia, Mo., Dec. 8 (AP)—A Panhandle Eastern Gas pipeline exploded several miles from here today causing a fire which did an estimated \$1,000,000 damage.

The explosion occurred about 100 yards from a pumping station at 4:45 a.m. The fire still was burning two hours later. Centralia police reported that no one was injured.

A spokesman for the company said the fire was still "too hot" to determine the cause of the explosion. The pipeline, which is eight to ten feet underground blew a hole in the earth about 25 feet around.

Two nearby cooling towers burned down, he said, and the main engine room which is on the pipeline was damaged as were several other buildings.

Persons calling from five to ten miles away reported that the blast shook windows in their homes or that they heard the explosion early this morning.



John Summers, Slayer, Gets Life

Tacoma, Dec. 8 (AP)—John Edward Summers, 33-year-old convict and confessed slayer of an elderly suburban Tacoma couple, must spend the rest of his life in prison.

A superior court jury found him guilty yesterday of first degree murder in the slaying of Howard Easley, 62. It recommended, however, against the death penalty.

The jury of nine women and three men deliberated nearly a full day after receiving the testimony late Tuesday before reaching a verdict.

Summers received the verdict calmly. He smiled briefly at Albert Morrison, one of his counsel, and talked at length with accompanying deputy sheriffs.

Mr. and Mrs. Easley were slain in the Summit home July 18. Their bodies were found in a Cascade mountain timber area five days later. Summers subsequently was arrested in a San Francisco rooming house where he had taken employment.

Edinburgh, Scotland, has a population of 500,000.

Swedish Actress Rates Men In U. S. Best of All in World

By PATRICIA CLARY

Hollywood 101—Latinas are wonderful lovers, and the English have excellent manners, and Scandinavians are charming. But American men, says Viveca Lindfors, are the best of all. They may not offer a woman candy and flowers every evening. But more important, says Miss Lindfors, they offer her equal rights.

The Swedish actress has lived in most countries of Europe and has just returned to the United States from a visit in Europe to co-star in Columbia's "No Sad Songs for Me."

"The most important thing I find that American men offer their women is equality," she said. "Maybe American women take that for granted. But to a

European woman, that is phenomenally attractive.

"In the United States, men accept women as their mental and social equals. They treat us as pals. And European women love it!"

European men have their assets, too, she added.

"English men are terribly well-mannered. But they're aloof as a glacier," she said.

"Scandinavian men are charming. But they're too serious; fun is something they work hard at."

"Latinas are so romantic. But it's all on the surface. They send flowers. They kiss your hand. They stand under a girl's window at night and sing serenades. But under it all, they look on a woman as a serf."

To a woman used to such attentions, American men at first seem brusque.

"When one gets to know them, it is easy to understand," she said. "American men are direct. They treat women openly and without subterfuge."

"American men want their women to share all parts of life with them. They discuss politics, business, sports, the arts with them. They consider women as

sensible creatures and not pretty puppets.

"I find American men everything a girl could possibly want. In fact, I married one."

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Sportsmen Pilots Open Dinner Season

Lebanon—The Lebanon chapter of Oregon Sportsmen pilots initiated their monthly potluck dinner sessions held during the winter months when more than 60 fliers, members of their families and guests attended the dinner in the airport repair hangar.

Following the dinner, pictures were shown by Aaron Ingram and Ralph Scroggin, taken during their flights to various parts of the United States and Canada. All pictures were taken on colored movie film. One full reel was devoted to construction of Big Lake airport and surrounding scenic territory.

Mrs. Faul Home Amity — Mrs. Fremont Faul who has been in Portland with her daughter, Mrs. Harris Rosendahl since Thanksgiving, has returned home. Mrs. Rosendahl and her baby son Thomas Grant, came out for a week. The baby boy was born November 18.

Hopi Craftsman — Ernest Naquayouma, Hopi Indian silversmith, formerly of Arizona, decorates his hand-made silver jewelry with Indian motifs at shop in Chicago.

Bullets Strike Bus; Seven Persons Killed

Manila, Dec. 8 (AP)—Seven persons, including four children, were killed last night in a burst of gunfire that struck a bus near Lipa City in Batangas province.

Responsibility for the shooting has not been fixed. A Herald correspondent who witnessed the shooting said the bus was caught in crossfire between constabularymen and unidentified dissidents.

Constabulary Chief Brig. Gen. Alberto Ramos denied the constabulary was involved. He said the bus was ambushed by political dissidents battling constabularymen in Batangas province.

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