# 20 Million Fire, 2500 Homeless in Quebec City

Rimouski, Que., May 8 (AP)—Stunned and weary residents of Rimouski poked through blackened ruins today and gloomily predicted it would take 25 years to recover from the economic blow of a 30-hour fire that caused $20,000,000 damage and left 2,500 persons homeless.

By some miracle there were no deaths from the week-end fire in this industrial city of 15,000 on the south shore of the St. Lawrence 180 miles northeast of Quebec.

But the flames swept through 312 homes and more than a score of buildings and stores, large and small. These included the four-story St. Joseph hospital, the Sisters of Charity orphanage, the Rimouski seminary, the Technical school, Rimouski hospital, two hotels and a motion picture theater.

It added up to one of the most disastrous fires in Canadian history.

The western section of the city was virtually wiped out.

The fire started Saturday night, probably when a power line snapped in a heavy wind and set fire to two Price Brothers big lumber mills. It raced through the mills and spread with almost unbelievable speed, whipped by winds that reached 80 miles an hour.

The flames cut through the western section of the city, destroying one building after another. Throughout Saturday night and all day Sunday firefighters battled the flames. Amidst the smoke and showering cinders thousands of dazed residents loaded belongings on vehicles and fled.

It was not until 20 minutes past Sunday midnight that Maj. Gen. R. O. G. Morton, officer commanding the Quebec command, could announce the fire was under control.

A thin blanket of snow fell on the still smoking ruins this morning.

## New Nursery And Feed Store

Brydon's Nursery and Seed store, a new business at High and Mill streets, will open Saturday, May 13, in a new building.

P. H. (Jock) Brydon has been dealing with plants and seeds for thirty years.

He is a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and at an early age was apprenticed to Dobbie & Co., nurserymen and seedmen, in that city. He served seven years as an apprentice and in 1927 came to the United States and was employed by the Stump & Walter company in New York city.

From there he came west to California and headed the University of California Botanic Gardens at Berkeley for 12 years, and was also a lecturer in plant propagation in the extension division of the University. During that time he returned to Scotland and spent seven months in further study at the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh.

Before coming to Salem he was in the seed business at Lompoc, Calif., and operated a cherry, peach and apricot orchard near Yakima, Wash.

For the last three years he has been a partner of John Henny in the Henny & Brydon Rhododendron nursery at Brooks, and will now handle retail sales of rhododendrons while Henny will continue with the wholesale sales.

Besides rhododendrons the Brydon Nursery & Seed store will handle everything for the garden, including insecticides, tools, sprays, bulbs, fertilizer, shrubs, seeds, etc.

Brydon has been active in garden societies and is now program chairman of the American Rhododendron society and for the Salem Men's Garden club. He is married and has two sons, and for the last 3½ years has lived at 1965 Park avenue.

The new building was constructed by C. A. Lantz and James Payne is the architect.

## Memorial Services For Lt. E. F. Hoffman

Services for Lt. (jg) Egon Felix Hoffman, navy flier killed in action October 19, 1944, will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Belcrest Memorial park, the Rev. W. H. Gross officiating.

Ritualistic services will be held by Capitol post No. 9, American Legion. Clough-Barrick is in charge of arrangements.

Hoffman served on the aircraft carrier USS Wasp, and was shot down by Japanese fighters in the Philippine islands. He had won his wings at Corpus Christi, Texas. He held the air medal, purple heart and distinguished flying cross.

Born in Germany February 3, 1919, the son of Emil and Anna Hoffman, he came to America with his parents in 1923 and attended junior high and high school in Salem. He then went to University of Oregon and San Jose State college before the war.

Survivors are his mother, Anna Hoffman, Salem; a sister, Mrs. Lillian Nickodemus, Mt. Angel; two brothers, Alfred Hoffman, Salem, and Herbert Hoffman, Long Beach, Calif.

## Runaway Girl Brought Home

A 15-year-old Salem girl was questioned by Salem juvenile authorities Monday after being returned from Redding, Calif., where she was apprehended in a stolen car with a soldier.

The girl had been reported missing from her home last week. Her story to investigators confirmed that she had left Salem by bus with the soldier.

The pair stopped in several town en route to California, and in Medford they continued their trip in a stolen car.

Their apprehension at Redding came after they stopped at a filling station and drove away without paying for a tankful of gasoline. The soldier had a .22 caliber pistol with him.

The girl was returned to Salem by her parents, but the soldier was held in California to face possible federal charges.

## Pleads Guilty Aiding Prisoners' Escape

Mrs. Winona Burbank, nabbed in a South Salem tourist cabin with one of five men who escaped from the Marion county jail, pleaded guilty Monday in district court to charges of aiding the escape of a prisoner.

The case, however, was continued to May 15 for sentence.

At the time of her arrest, she was with Donald Elmer Floodstrom. The arrest of Hubert LeRoy Wilson on charges of aiding Floodstrom came the same night Mrs. Burbank and Floodstrom were arrested.

Last week, Wilson was fined and placed on probation.

## May Queen Given Crown In Ceremony at Willamette

By EILEEN SCOTT ROSS

Willamette's 44th May queen was crowned Saturday afternoon while 13 past queens, one of whom ruled in 1910, looked on as honored spectators.

Poly Pollock, escorted to the throne by her fiance, Al Fedje, was crowned by last year's queen, Edith Fairham Gunnar. Inie Lou Wilhelm and Betty Leonard, escorted by Larry Stocks and Ed Cairo, were chosen by the queen as her attendants.

Princesses Betty Ferguson and Avis Roberts were seated on the platform to complete the court. Their escorts were Loren Ranton and Jim Brennan, and their attendants were Roberta Batey and Beatrice Nagl.

A small girl, Queen Polly's niece Diane Pollock, carried a bouquet nearly as big as she was, and preceded the court in the procession. Betty Peg Gates was a flower girl and Jay Gustafson the crown bearer.

Elliott Motschenbacher as master of ceremonies and Dick Endsley as May week-end manager spoke at the beginning of the program. The university band played the prelude to the third act of Lohengrin, and Chuck Barclay, representing Mayor R. L. Elfstrom, presented the queen the key to the city.

After the traditional planting of the ivy, cups were awarded to winniers of the men's and women's divisions in Friday's all-campus sing. Delta Gamma and Beta Theta Pi then presented the songs which had won them the trophies.

Sophomore girls formed a daisy-chain at the beginning of the ceremony, and junior girls added to the festivity with their Maypole dance. The sophomore girls wore all white, and juniors were in pastel colonial dresses with hoop skirts. Their flawless performance caused much comment.

Originally scheduled for the capitol sunken garden, the coronation was moved to the Willamette gymnasium because of threatening weather.

After the Maypole dance, the May court was honored at the queen's tea at the University house, sponsored by honorary organization Beta Alpha Gamma, and at a formal dance in the gymnasium Saturday night.

**Champoeg Remembered in Washington**—Lawrence R. Slater, assistant general manager of the National Sesquicentennial commission presents the state of Oregon and its governor a hand-illuminated scroll at celebration of Champoeg day. Joseph K. Carson represented the governor. From left in picture: Rep. Harris Ellsworth, Roseburg, Ore.; Mr. Slater; Rep. Homer Angell, Portland, Ore.; Mr. Carson, receiving scroll; Rep. Lowell Stockman, Pendleton, Ore.; Rep. Walter Norblad, Astoria; Senator Guy Cordon, and Edgar W. Smith, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and host at the dinner.

## 107th Anniversary of Champoeg Day Observed

Champoeg, May 8—The 107th anniversary of the day when old Oregon country frontiersmen voted to fly the Stars and Stripes over their provisional government was commemorated here yesterday.

A crowd of 500 persons turned out for the ceremony and picnic sponsored by the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers. Among the group were 24 descendants of those who attended the original meeting in 1843.

Stephen W. Matthieu, whose grandfather was one of two French-Canadians who broke a 50-50 tie vote for Britain or the United States, retold that pre-territorial era incident.

Other speakers were Vice-Admiral Thomas L. Gatch, Portland; Dr. Walter C. Giersbach, president of Pacific university, Forest Grove; Dr. Burt Brown Barker, retired University of Oregon professor and Oregon historian; and Secretary of State Earl Newbry.

Gatch criticized the American outlook toward Russia. He said "Instead of being jittery we should be complacent."

Washington, D. C. — Oregon's annual observance of "Champoeg day" was doubly celebrated this year on May 2, when the National Capital Sesquicentennial commission named the occasion "Oregon State Honor day."

The date was marked in Washington by a dinner given by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, for members of the state delegation and the Oregon State society, and delegates to the National Chamber of Commerce convention.

Lawrence B. Slater, assistant general manager of the sesquicentennial, presented a hand-illuminated scroll, saluting Governor Douglas McKay and the state of Oregon, to the governor's representative, Joseph K. Carson, president of the state society and former mayor of Portland.

## Two Held for Gem Window Smashing

Salem detectives checked fingerprints of two men Monday in an effort to determine if the pair may have been implicated in window smashing of Salem jewelry stores.

The pair—Archie G. Cox and Gabriel Hilt—was nabbed after witnesses observed Hilt toss a rock through a window of the John Golden jewelry store at 311 State street.

Fingerprints were obtained last year in one of the Brown jewelry store window smashings, and the check of prints from the two men held by police was made in an effort to clear that crime. But detectives considered it unlikely that the prints obtained in the Brown case would check against those of Cox or Hilt.

## Well Baby Clinic Slated at Woodburn

Woodburn — The May well-baby and pre-school health clinic for North Marion county will be held at the Woodburn public library Tuesday from 12:30 to 2:30 p. m. Mrs. John Hooper, local chairman, is in charge of appointments.

Children planning to enter school in the fall may obtain immunization or booster shots on Tuesday without appointments. An educational moving picture will be shown.

The clinic will be conducted by a doctor, health nurses and members of the local health committee will assist.

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## Red Hills Grange To Meet Tuesday

Liberty — The Red Hills Grange will meet Tuesday for a covered-dish dinner at 7 o'clock at the Grange hall. A business meeting will follow at 8 p. m. All members are urged to attend.

## Big Week End For Navy Fliers

Naval Air Reservists kept the planes at the Naval Air Facility in the air for a total of 101 pilot hours the past week-end to give the Naval Air Facility its biggest week-end since the planes arrived here last fall.

During the two-day period 39 pilots were flown for a total of 49 hops, most of these being made by men from Corvallis and Eugene, who have the first week-end of the month assigned to them.

Saturday Beachcrafts at the facility made three trips to Eugene to pick up nine men and later returned them. Sunday a total of 16 men came from Eugene. It required four trips by Beachcrafts and two by SNJs to transport them to Salem and the same number of trips were made to return the men.

In the group from the south were also three men from Corvallis. These men provided their own transportation.

In the two-day period six more men were cleared by the facility for solo flights bringing the total number now cleared for flying up to 95 pilots.

## Salem Students Win Many Top Ratings in Music Meet

Salem students walked off the University of Oregon campus Saturday evening carrying top laurels in the annual State Music contest held Friday and Saturday for high school students.

The superior honors were the highest rating given while a 2 rating was classified as "excellent" and a No. 3 rating was "good."

The Salem high school band, orchestra, mixed chorus and girl's glee chorus all won excellent ratings.

Leslie junior high school's string ensemble, Carol Lee (violin), Sidney Kromer (cello), and Laurel Herr (piano), was awarded a superior rating. In class B competition the Canby high school band copped a superior rating.

In brass ensembles competition a quartet from Canby walked off with a top rating as did a Sweet Home sextet.

Other superior ratings went to the following Salem high school ensembles: Trobene quartet, Glenn Benner, Malcolm Peeler, Robert Doughton, and Gary Tippets; clarinet quarter, Loren Bartlett, Ray Conder, Alice Lehman and Leona Todd; trumpet trio, Bob McConnville, Jim Todd and Dennis Hancock and drum duet, Gary Hisel and Wayne Mercer.

Other ratings won by local students were:

Salem high school—Wayne Mercer, xylophone; Loren Bartlett, saxophone; Charles Dehlen, baritone; Bonnie Litchenberg, violin; Ann Gibbens, oboe; and Pebble DeBart, girls' medium voice, senior division.

Salem academy—Janice Olson and Aletha Story, both girls' low voice, junior division.

Parrish junior high school—DiAnn King, viola, and Bobby Pence, oboe.

Other superior ratings in the Willamette valley included: Glenn Spence, Lebanon, boys' low voice, senior division; girls' vocal ensembles, senior division, Albany; Mary Motley, Albany, alto saxophone; Albany saxophone quartet; Ward Colvin, Canby, tuba solo; John Resler, Dallas, alto saxophone; and Donna Olson, Albany, voice.

Excellent ratings from Salem high school included: Loren Bartlett, clarinet; Glenn Benner, trombone; Max Morris, string bass; Jack Nelson, boys' high voice, senior division; the Senioretes, Barbara Galloway, Pebble DeBart, Bonnie Stewart, Lou Ann Wolf, Patricia Elfstrom and Marilyn Powrr, accompanied by Dorothy Pederson; and the junior Valkyries, Ada Hudson, Juanita Burt, Marilyn McFarland, Wilma Blue, Kay Perrin, Pat Hall, accompanied by Marilyn Eroer.

Good ratings included: Parrish junior high clarinet quartet; Charles Dehlen, baritone, senior division; Keith Johnson, West Salem, trombone solo, junior division; Fred Rose, Parrish junior high school, cornet; David Hunt, Leslie junior high school, cornet; and Bud Gregson, Salem high, boys' medium voice.

## Hot Campaign By WU Students

A use for those large Oregon maple trees that dot the campus has been found by Willamette university students, other than providing shade in the summer. They are currently being used as bulletin boards in connection with an unusually hot election campaign for student body offices.

Placards, some of which are quite elaborate, setting forth the qualifications of a long list of candidates, have been tacked to the big maples. Others have been taped to the buildings and other vantage points

Taking a cue from the advertising scheme of a manufacturer of a men's whisker softener that the motorist glimpses along the highways, candidates have paced series of placards along the walks.

One enterprising candidate for the position of student body president, caused a large cannon to be placed on the campus. This particular candidate's name is Jack Gunn.

The election will be held Tuesday and Wednesday. The four candidates for the presidency are Gunn of Monmouth; Bob Skirvin of Harrisburg; Stan Aschenbrenner of Spokane and Chuck Bowe of Parksdale, Ore.

## Byron Henry Elected Prexy of Jaycees

Eugene, May 8 (AP) — Byron Henry of Enterprise was elected state president of the Oregon Junior Chamber of Commerce at the three-day annual state convention which ended here Saturday night.

Robert Hyle of Portland and Robert Johnson of Bend were named national directors. The members voted to hold the 1951 state convention in Portland.

Vice presidents elected to the five districts in the state were Clem Johnson of St. Helens, District one; Robert Keith of Salem, District two; William Tipton of Roseburg, District three; George McKinnon of Redmond, District four; and William Hanzen of Pendleton, District five.


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