



The destroyed by brush fire—Firemen inspect the gutted Colonial home of Mrs. Russell M. Gray, valued at \$35,000, which was destroyed by a brush fire that raced through the foothills of San Bernardino, Calif., before a 50-mile-an-hour wind. (AP Wirephoto)

X-Ray Unit Schedules Monmouth Session

Monmouth — The Oregon Chest X-ray survey mobile unit will be in Monmouth on November 15, 16 and 17. November 15 will be reserved for the students of Oregon College of Education, and the general public will be taken care of on November 16 and 17. The hours will be from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

The Monmouth Civic club with Mrs. H. Kent Farley as chairman is the local group sponsoring the project together with the Oregon State Board of Health, Oregon Tuberculosis and Health Association, Polk County Tuberculosis and Health Association.

Anyone wishing more information about the mobile unit visit or wanting to make an appointment may call Mrs. Farley at Monmouth 347.



Administrator — Dr. Alan Valentine, former University of Rochester president, was named administrator of the new Economic Stabilization Agency.

Elizabeth Taylor Denies Quarreling

Palm Springs, Calif., Nov. 13 (AP)—Screen star Elizabeth Taylor denied emphatically today that she was quarreling with her husband and would leave motion pictures in an attempt to save her marriage.

"There was nothing whatsoever to those rumors," said the 18-year-old film beauty, who married hotel heir Conrad (Nicky) Hilton, 23, five months ago.

"Like everyone else in movies, I plan to retire sometime," she said. "But not in the immediate future. I don't know when it'll be, but I hope not for a long time."

Reports of a break between the young star and her husband occurred when she arrived here alone to rest up after completing her latest movie, Hilton went to Las Vegas, Nev., with a brother but stayed only a short time before flying to Palm Springs to join his wife.

Employment Good

Lebanon — Few persons are unemployed in this region compared to figures for last year. Only 218 are drawing unemployment benefits, according to Fred Worrall, state employment manager. During the similar period last year there were 735 drawing weekly benefits through the Lebanon office. The ratio is just over 30 per cent of last year's figure. Continued good weather is believed responsible for the employment hold-up.

OES Guest Night

Independence — Guest night will be the highlight at the regular meeting of Adah chapter, OES, Tuesday evening, November 14. All members are asked to come and bring canned fruit or canned juices to be sent to the Masonic home.

Wife Aids Impy In NY Campaign

By ADRIENNE WEIL
New York, Nov. 11 (AP)—New York City's new first lady isn't going to redecorate Grace Mansion, official home of the city's mayors.

She likes it just the way it is. "I love it," Mrs. Vincent Impellitteri admitted frankly.

The Impellitteris got a three-year lease on the state town house last Tuesday when "Impy" was swept into office after bolting the democrats and bucking Tammany Hall for the \$40,000-a-year job.

In her first press interview last week Impy's tall, blonde wife told a hitherto unknown part she played in her husband's independent campaign.

When he decided to run, extreme pressure was brought to bear on him to pull out of the race. Telegrams poured in advising him to quit.

"I kept away three very important ones — from important names," she said. One was from Washington.

Like all the others, she read it, tore it up, and threw it in the waste basket.

Impy's self-confidence was never shaken.

Dallas Mail Changes

Dallas — Changes in the delivery schedule and office hours are announced for the Dallas post office by V. Carl Black, postmaster. The changes conform to recommendations of a postal inspector who spent several days here recently in a survey of the office and facilities. In the future office windows will close at noon Saturday instead of the present 12:30 p.m. Rural route carriers will leave the office 15 minutes later in the mornings and city carriers will also leave a little later on their delivery routes in order to get all mail that is in.

Housewives Put Over Drive To Clean Up Town's Vice

Gary, Ind., Nov. 13 (AP)—A tall, rugged preacher from Texas, the sparkplug of an election campaign calling for a "cleanup" of this crowded steel mill area, today gave his formula for winning elections.

"Let the women carry the ball," the Rev. Bernard Spong said. Spong is head of the Gary crime commission, which teamed with Gary housewives to stump for the defeat of Lake Schwartz.

Schwartz lost. He polled 55,756 votes. David P. Stanton, his republican opponent, got 62,178.

Schwartz is the only democrat who has lost an election in Lake county, heavy with union members from the big steel mills, since 1942.

All other democrats were swept into office.

Spong, 42, said he wouldn't take much credit for Schwartz' defeat.

"All we in the commission did was to bring the situation to the public's attention. The newspaper took it up, and the women did the rest," he said.

The commission, a few days before election, brought out 50,000 booklets containing purported conversations between one of Schwartz' deputies and "vice representatives" recorded through a hidden microphone.

The deputy promptly resigned, and the commission called for his and Schwartz' disbarment. Then Schwartz started an investigation into the charges, putting it in the hands of John Stanton, another deputy, brother of Schwartz' opponent. The brothers long had been at political odds.

Spong cried "Misdeal," and demanded an "impartial" investigation. He said he would continue his demand until he gets one.

Spong, a native of Round Rock, Texas, came here seven years ago as pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran church. Before that he was at Yakima, Wash., and Rock Island, Ill.

"When I came here Gary ranked as one of the three biggest prostitution centers in the nation," he said. "There were 13 big, fully-organized houses. Now there are none. Gambling has made the same relative improvement."

The nature of Gary itself makes vice-cleaning difficult, Spong said, because its 132,461 population includes nearly all nationalities.

"Gary is a melting pot," Spong said, "but some of the lumps haven't dissolved."

Spong said the commission,

nurtured by crime-fighting housewives, was out to get rid of prostitutes and gamblers, not necessarily politicians.

"But," he said, "we'll go after the politicians if we think they tolerate vice. It makes no difference if they're republican or democrat."

Some commission members claim they have been threatened since the campaign, but Spong said he had been "approached" by a hoodlum only once, "then he looked at me and departed."

Spong, just under six foot two, said he played four years of football at Lindborg, Kan., college, and "I think I can take care of myself."

Youth Admits 102 Robberies

Jonesboro, Ark., Nov. 13 (AP)—An 18-year-old youth kept police busy today checking 102 robberies which, he estimated, brought him \$10,000 in two years.

Deputy Prosecutor Bill Penix said the youth, picked up for questioning about a car theft, freely admitted 102 safe-cracking and run of the mine robberies in nine states.

The teen-ager said his "jobs" were done in Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arizona, California, Michigan and his native Arkansas.

Now, Harry Lee Flankin told officers, he's broke. It was the same old story of wine, women and song, only Flankin put it like this:

"Clothes, girls, whiskey—anything."

His hearing on charges of breaking and entering and grand larceny is set for Monday.

Stricken With Polio

Independence — Harry Allen Purvine, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Purvine, was stricken with polio in Corvallis where he attends Oregon State college. Purvine, who became ill Saturday, Oct. 28, was rushed to an isolation hospital in Portland when the polio diagnosis was confirmed several days later. He was first thought to have the flu and later pneumonia. He is reported to be improving.



Named Guardian—Mrs. Erle Jolson, widow of singer Al Jolson, waits in court at Los Angeles, for the start of a hearing at which she was named guardian of the person and estate of their adopted son, Asa, 3. The action was taken to safeguard a \$500,000 trust fund left to the boy by Jolson. (AP Wirephoto)

Strawberry Festival Lebanon C of C Topic

Lebanon — Monthly meeting of the Lebanon chamber of commerce is set for Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the banquet room of the Lebanon hotel.

George Britton, chamber president, said that this meeting will be devoted principally to a discussion of the strawberry festival. Reports will be heard from Kenneth Sims, fair board president, and L. E. Arnold, manager of the 1950 festival.

Speaker of the meeting is Herbert M. rs, resident manager of the Crown Zellerbach paper mill. He will report on progress to date of industrial experiments being conducted at the local plant.

A puppet show in Salzburg, Austria, is accompanied by a full orchestra and the singing of real opera stars.

School Liaison Group Formed

Albany — Appointment of a committee to which responsibility for arranging meetings and distribution of information regarding the local school situation was the concrete outgrowth of Thursday night's follow-up discussion over the high school problem.

The committee, whose membership represents scattered districts, is composed of Charles Barker, Knox Butte, chairman; Robert Groshong, Denver; George Snyder, Fairmount, in north Benton county; Floyd Edwards, Riverside and Ben Pharis, Albany district No. 5.

Statistical information showing the dire necessity of action in the near future toward increasing local high school facilities to accommodate growing enrollments, was reviewed by A. E. Palmer, Albany school curriculum coordinator, and the three alternatives ahead of the Albany school district were presented, namely consolidation with 22 more or less "feeder" districts now sending tuition pupils to Albany high school, comprising about 37 per cent of

the total enrollment; for including all within a Union high school district and rejection of tuition students by Albany, which, it was pointed out, could be employing a unit plan provide for its own needs without help of funds from "feeder" districts.

Without tuition pupils, according to the estimate of the Albany school officials, this district could get along with its present building until 1955, at which time its bonding capacity and sinking funds would permit construction of at least several units of a new building.

Most of the school board members present expressed themselves as opposed to consolidation, and they said they were sure their constituents felt likewise, but nearly all favored the union high school plan, which would preserve their district grade school autonomy.

The newly appointed committee will assemble full information concerning the procedures toward consolidation, unionization and expanding the school plant with funds already available or in prospect.

The Department of Agriculture says 283,000 acres were planted to watermelons in the U. S. in 1949.

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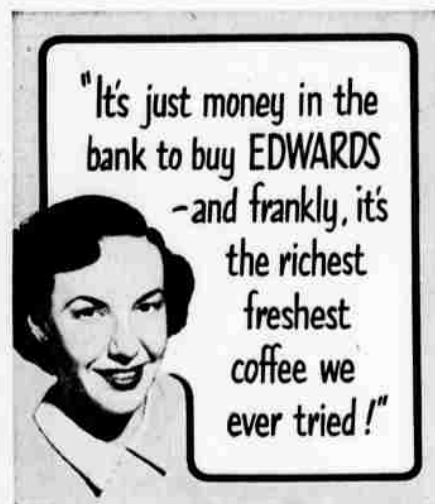
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