

FILM PLANT FIRE TAKES LIFE OF ONE

Blaze Follows Explosion in Film Laboratory—Panic Stricken Workers Have Narrow Escape—Loss of Film Believed to Run High in Millions, May Have Been Averted.

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Oct. 24.—(AP) Explosion and fire which wrecked the laboratory of the Consolidated Film Industries, Inc., today, passed miraculously by 50 men and women workers to the building, with a toll of only one death. Confusion was so great as the panic-stricken film workers rushed from the structure as detonations shook it and flames shot skyward, that police and fire department officials at first believed all had been lost.

One man, later identified as Albert Lund, was found unconscious near a film polishing machine at which he had been working, by firemen who penetrated the ruined building after the flames had been quenched. He died in an ambulance en route to a hospital.

Searchers in gas-masks who stumbled through the smoldering ruins of what had once been the projection, film dark-rooms and assembly rooms, said they found no one else.

Two women workers who ran as the first flash of flame spread through the building, said they saw the first explosion occur in a pile of chemicals near one of the polishing machines in an assembly room.

Ben Getz, president of the Consolidated Film Industries, Inc., declined to make any statement regarding loss to the company of production companies which were patrons of the laboratory, pending complete investigation.

May Have Saved Film. Estimates of loss set high in the millions by fire department officials and film executives when it was believed that all or nearly all of several million feet of film in the building had been destroyed, were thrown into confusion when employees and firemen later reported much film stored in bottles and possibly undamaged, and of attempts to close fire doors which may have saved some stored film.

Night Superintendent A. Wilkinson, found wandering in a daze outside the blazing structure, told of having passed through the laboratory until the flames drove him out, shutting fire-doors to storage rooms.

Included among the master films known to have been in the building and possibly destroyed are "Hell's Angels," \$3,000 feet, valued at \$50,000; "The Taming of the Shrew," Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford production; "Presidents," Gloria Swanson's first all-talking picture, and "Rio Rita," a singing and talking production.

BEAUTIFY ASHLANDS AUTO CAMP IS PLAN

ASHLAND, Ore., Oct. 24.—(Special.) Little Spelma camp grounds, which have always been one of the beauty spots of Ashland will be a spot of unusual loveliness if the present plans of Mr. and Mrs. Kissinger, the new lessees, carries. Ashland people have been making donations of surplus flowers and shrubs, which will be set into the grounds, making a veritable flower garden. Contributions of wisteria, clematis, honeysuckle, Virginia creeper have already been used in the landscape work and a large variety of bulbs and flower seeds will be used in the scheme.

LAWHEAD IMPROVING JACKSONVILLE HOME

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—Thomas Lawhead is remodeling and improving the house, which he recently purchased on south Third street and will soon have his home modern.

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Some Exaples of Disappointment As Result of Buying Away From Home

"The 'Buy in Medford' campaign made a convert the other day," said "Bill" Dollar. "I had the best laugh over it that I have ever had, and while I am sorry to see money spent out of town, I am glad that this affair happened as it did.



"A very beautiful silver set was presented to a person living in the county, and the preparations were made some time in advance. Not satisfied with the selection that might have been made in Medford the goods were ordered from another state. Expectancy ran high, and as the day drew near when the order was promised the thought came, 'What if they should not arrive on time?' But their fears on that score were dispelled when the package came as promised.

"All the friends gathered at the party," continued "Bill," "and the gift was given to the one for whom it was intended. Great joy reigned, for it was a costly gift. Imagine the surprise of the donor, however, when the recipient of the gift said, 'Why, my name is misspelled. Investigation proves that every piece in the set was wrong.'

"When the matter was taken up with the house that shipped the order, they disclaimed all responsibility for the error. They had received their money with the order, and the folks who ordered the set were strangers, so what did they care?"

"If that set had been bought in Medford it would have been right in the first place, but if such a thing had happened that a mistake had been made by a Medford firm it would have been rectified. Medford merchants are friends of Medford people. Out-of-town merchants are not.

"The next case that came to my attention," said "Bill" Dollar, "was while I was in a shoe store. A woman came in and said she had received a pair of bedroom slippers from the east and they were not big enough, and she wanted to trade them for a pair in the window. The shoe merchant looked them over and saw they were cotton felt, and the customer said she had paid \$1 for them.

"She said she was in a hurry to get the right size for they were to be used for a present that day. The merchant knew that the woman was a buy out of Medford addict, and showed her a wide selection of better slippers in all sizes and sizes for \$1 and suggested that the best thing to do would be to buy a new pair, and get something that would be satisfactory. But she couldn't see it that way and went out to continue her swapping expedition.

"Next I heard a lady complaining about a hat she had bought out of town. She made the selection from a pretty picture, but when the hat arrived it was covered with beads and little dewdrops that made her look a fright. She had the hat and a city up north had the money. It cost her \$3 to have it made over so that she could wear it. She was heard to remark, 'I'll buy my next at home.'

"In my journey around town," said "Bill," "I meet lots of folks and they are loyal to their city. They try to keep the money that they earn in this city circulating in Medford.

"It is an individual matter with each and every person as to where they shall spend their money. No person likes to be told where their money should be spent; but the real thinkers know that the 'Buy in Medford' spirit is the one that spells progress."

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Outlaw Bear of Fish Lake Killed By Cowboys; One of Largest Seen

"A huge cinnamon bear, one of a pair which has been causing cattlemen in the vicinity of Fish Lake heavy losses, and which has been sought by many hunters, was killed by a couple of cowboys last Saturday, according to Dan Payne, who with Sylvan Provost, spent Sunday at the lake," says the Ashland Tidings.

"The big bear showed fight when cornered by the cattlemen and was killed as he charged toward them—four shots being required to stop the onrush of the huge animal.

"According to Mr. Payne, the bear is one of the largest which has been killed hereabouts for quite a number of years. Cattlemen, on several occasions, have seen the two huge animals lumbering away from carcasses of animals they have killed. Recently some cowmen came upon the bears as they were eating a cow they had just killed. The bears left as the cowboys approached and three days later when the cattlemen visited the spot, nothing remained but the skeleton of the animal.

"Great rolls of fat were on the animal, according to Payne and Provost, who brought home some bear steaks which they expect to thoroughly enjoy.

"Cattlemen are rejoicing over the killing of the animal which is said to have killed much young stock. They will continue their search for the female bear who is said to be even more ferocious than her mate."

NORMAL TEACHER ASHLAND SPEAKER

ASHLAND, Ore., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—Speaking in an informal way of "What New York Thinks of the West," Miss Marian Ady, head of the art department of the Normal, appeared before the Kiwanis club at the Tuesday discussion luncheon, after a year spent in Graduate study at Columbia college, New York City.

The talk was filled with the many interesting experiences Miss Ady enjoyed in the east. She found New York City very hospitable and kind to the stranger, and was surprised to find so many New Yorkers who were former westerners. Miss Ady stated that the University of Oregon is particularly well thought of at Columbia, and that she was excused from educational requirements in her course because she took her work in education under Dr. Henry Sheldon at the U. of O.

MENLO COACH AND KIN VISIT IN JACKSONVILLE

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Spalding, accompanied by her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Spalding, were dinner guests Saturday at the S. E. Dunnington home. Mrs. Mary Spalding is a niece of Mrs. Martha Dunnington, whom she had not seen for over 45 years.

Elmo Spalding is coach for the Menlo Junior college team of work in education under Dr. Henry Sheldon at the U. of O.

MEDFORD WOMAN VISITS JACKSONVILLE RELATIVE

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Melvina Yocum from Medford spent Sunday with her grand-daughter, Mrs. Joe McIntyre of Jacksonville. Mrs. Yocum has just returned from a visit of several months in the Willamette valley. She also called at the S. E. Dunnington home while here.

JACKSONVILLE GRANGE BANQUET IS TONIGHT

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—The Jacksonville Grange will have a get-together meeting Thursday evening, with a 7 o'clock banquet. They hope to have all members present. Mrs. Sims and her committee are very busy this week decorating and preparing the hall and banquet room and making plans for the dinner.

BRIDGE CREW WORKS SAMS VALLEY ROADS

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—The Jacksonville Grange bridge crew is working in Sams Valley where they are doing some repair work and will build a new bridge near the Van Hoveburg ranch as soon as the material arrives.

ASHLAND BIBLE SCHOOL FINANCES ARE PROBLEM

ASHLAND, Ore., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—To solve the financial problem of the Ashland Week Day Bible school, the various churches of the city met in union service on Sunday evening at the Methodist church. The school expense has always been prorated among the churches of the town according to the membership of the organization, and each fall a meeting is held to discuss the finances and other needs of the school. The Daily Bible school in Ashland has been an outstanding success and has been the pattern for many similar organizations.

EAGLE POINT RESIDENTS HEAR ROAD DISCUSSIONS

EAGLE POINT, Ore., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—A delegation of Eagle Point people attended the Grange meeting at Sams Valley Saturday evening to hear the speeches made by the members of the Medford Chamber of Commerce and County Engineer Paul Rynning, relating to the Williams Creek road. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. W. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Barnes and daughter Frances, and Edith Weidman.

In 1922 the first telephone conversation across the Atlantic took place.

MEDFORD STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY WIN HONOR

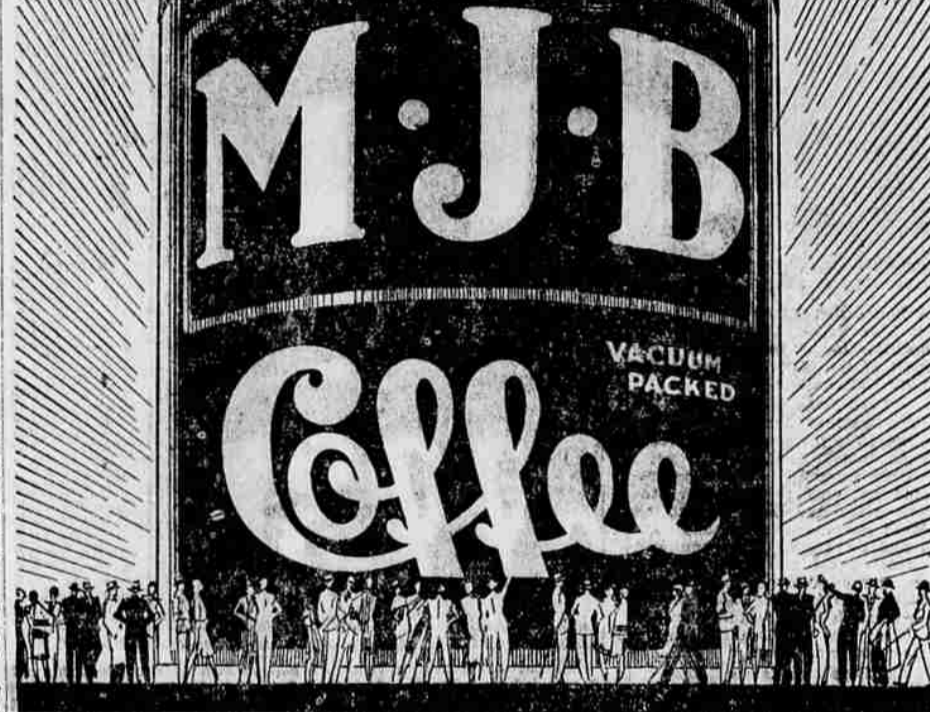
EUGENE, Oct. 24.—(Special.)—Margaret Turner, Evelyn Dew and Harold Fisk, all of Medford have been declared eligible for honors work at the university.

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